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**Town of Arnprior  
Regular Meeting of Council: August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Correspondence Package No. I-25-AUG-14**

**Recommendation:**

**That** the Correspondence Package No. I-25-AUG-14 be received as information and filed accordingly.

**General Information Items:**

**1. Correspondence from the Government of Ontario**

- a) Ontario Investing in Agri-Food Research to Help Farmers and Agribusiness Compete Globally
- b) Ontario Partnering with Indigenous Communities to Advance Economic Development
- c) Province Investing \$10 million to Help Ontario Corps Protect Ontario
- d) Ontario Signs New Free Trade Agreements with British Columbia and Canada's Three Territories
- e) Ontario Investing \$45 Million to Support Community Non-Profit Organizations
- f) Ontario Investing \$260 Million to Protect and Train Workers
- g) Province Investing \$345 Million to Protect Ontario from Human Trafficking
- h) Ontario Investing \$3 Million to Support Cleaner and Healthier Communities
- i) Ontario Investing \$7.7 Million to Support Indian Residential School Survivors
- j) Ontario Releases 2025-26 First Quarter Finances
- k) Ontario Investing \$1.6 Billion in Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program

**2. Correspondence from the County of Renfrew**

- a) [County of Renfrew Launches Regional Incentive Program – HYPE](#)
- b) [Starter Company Plus Spring 2025 Grant Recipients](#)
- c) [Taste of the Valley event in Laurentian Valley August 23](#)
- d) [Construction Update – August 2025](#)
- e) [Construction Update – July 2025](#)

**3. Correspondence from the Renfrew County District Health Unit**

- a) [Helping People Stay Safe: Local Drug Strategy Making Progress – A Harm Reduction Pillar Update](#)
- b) [Bat in Renfrew County and District Tests Positive for Rabies](#)

**4. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario**

- a) [Watch File – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025](#)
- b) [Watch File – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025](#)
- c) [Watch File – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025](#)
- d) [Watch File – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025](#)
- e) [Watch File – August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025](#)
- f) [Watch File – August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025](#)
- g) [Lindsay Jones Appointed AMO Executive Director](#)
- h) [AMO Forum on Trade, Tariffs and the Municipal Role in Long-Term Economic Growth](#)
- i) [Policy Update – Comments on Bill 9, OPP Billing Review, Waste Management and OMA Consultations at the AMO Conference](#)
- j) [Managing Communications through Crisis](#)

**5. Algonquins of Pikwakanagan Newsletter**

- a) [August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Newsletter](#)

**6. Correspondence from MP Cheryl Gallant**

- a) [Farm Credit Canada's AgriSpirit Fund](#)

**7. Correspondence from Other Municipalities**

- a) [Township of West Lincoln: Endorse Development of a Code of Conduct for Human Trafficking Prevention in Niagara Region](#)

- b) Township of West Lincoln: Support H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign
- c) Township of Rideau Lakes: V.O.I.C.E. Coalition – Request for Support and Endorsement
- d) Township of Armour: Mayor’s Report – Governance of Family Health Teams
- e) Municipality of West Nipissing: Approve Resolution Requesting a Moratorium on Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Nipissing Forest
- f) Township of Southgate: Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans
- g) Town of the Blue Mountains: Climate Action Now Network
- h) Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc: Support Blue Box Procedures
- i) Town of Goderich: Opposition to Bill 17
- j) Municipality of Tweed: Follow Up to Premier Ford
- k) Municipality of South Huron: Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 – Firefighter Certification Requirements
- l) Municipality of the Village of Burk’s Falls: Proposed Installation of Battery Energy Storage System
- m) Township of Puslinch: Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions
- n) Town of Aylmer: Advocacy for Increased Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

**8. Correspondence from Arnprior Regional Health Foundation**

- a) Invitation to Attend – A Knight in the Maritimes 2025

**9. Correspondence from Canadian Land Access Systems**

- a) Introduction Letter

## Ontario Investing in Agri-Food Research to Help Farmers and Agribusinesses Compete Globally

\$5.4 million investment in 28 new research projects will help Ontario's agri-food sector grow, innovate and boost competitiveness in the face of U.S. tariffs

July 16, 2025

[Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness](#)

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**TORONTO** — Ontario is investing over \$5.4 million in 28 agri-food projects through the [Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance](#) to help businesses commercialize new, cutting-edge research for Ontario's \$51 billion agri-food industry. As part of the government's plan to protect Ontario, these transformational research projects will lead to new discoveries and innovations that can help businesses grow, create jobs and boost their competitive advantage in the face of economic uncertainty from U.S. tariffs.

"Our government's strategic investments into transformative agri-food research is empowering Ontario's producers and innovators to turn world-class research into real-world solutions," said Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. "By helping our farmers and agribusinesses innovate, create local jobs and compete globally, we're ensuring that our rural communities continue to thrive in the face of economic uncertainty."

Today's \$5.4 million investment is part of government's \$40 million investment over six years into the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance's tier 1 research programming. [Examples of projects supported by the Alliance](#) this year include:

- using economic data to help farmers and businesses respond to market changes and explore new trade opportunities
- developing a battery-powered, AI-driven robot to manage pests in soybean fields
- creating healthier beehives using advanced technology to protect honeybee colonies from Varroa mites
- helping farmers lower costs by developing nutrition and production management strategies for pigs

The Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance supports agri-food research and innovation projects through a competitive process on an annual basis. Today's investment will help achieve the government's [Grow Ontario Strategy](#) goals of increasing agri-food innovation and adoption by working closely with our industry partners, agribusinesses and research organizations.

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#### Quick Facts

- The [Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance](#) is a collaboration between the province, the University of Guelph and [Agricultural Research and Innovation Ontario \(ARIO\)](#), a provincial agency that supports high-impact, transformational agri-food research.
  - Ontario's world-renowned research ecosystem includes 14 agri-food research properties owned by ARIO, which cover 5,600 acres and include over 220 buildings. These facilities allow Ontario researchers to conduct high-impact agri-food research on a wide variety of issues.
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#### Quotes

"As a national leader in agri-food innovation, the University of Guelph is committed to addressing the sector's most pressing and evolving challenges with real-world solutions. This strategic investment in research through the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance will not only drive growth for local producers and agri-businesses, but also build the sector's resilience by equipping the next generation of innovators with the tools and expertise to lead the future of food."

- Dr. Rene Van Acker  
President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Guelph

"Agricultural Research and Innovation Ontario (ARIO) has provided the spaces for agri-food research and innovation in Ontario for over 60 years. This investment through the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance reflects our commitment to enabling research, collaboration, and commercialization to address real-world challenges in the agri-food sector."

- Nevin McDougall  
Chair of the board for ARIO

"Ontario's universities are producing groundbreaking agricultural research that is not only driving our province's economy, but also protecting Ontario's food supply system for decades to come. Through the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance, our government is ensuring that researchers at the University of Guelph are equipped with the tools they need to keep advancing our agricultural sector and position Ontario as a global leader in agrifood and business."

- Nolan Quinn

Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security

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### Additional Resources

[Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance](#)

[Agricultural Research and Innovation Ontario \(ARIO\)](#)

[Grow Ontario Strategy](#)

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### Related Topics

#### Rural and North

Information about the province's Far North and rural communities. Get connected to business improvement organizations and learn more about funding and programs that support rural, northern and Indigenous communities. [Learn more](#)

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# Ontario Partnering with Indigenous Communities to Advance Economic Development

July 11, 2025

[Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation](#)

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As part of the government’s plan to protect Ontario, Ontario recently announced \$9.2 million in grants and funding to support Indigenous-led economic development projects that build lasting prosperity, on and off reserve. The projects are receiving support through three initiatives: the Indigenous Community Capital Grants Program, and the Indigenous Economic Development Fund’s Economic Diversification and Regional Partnership grants.

## Indigenous Community Capital Grants Program

*Community capital projects that contribute to a sustainable social base and support economic participation in Indigenous communities, both on and off reserve. Announced projects include:*

Recipient Name	Maximum Funding Amount	Project Name
Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre	\$600,000	Upgrades to existing friendship centre
Omekanhkay Partnership	\$600,000	Vermilion Bay Development Project
Eagle Lake First Nation	\$150,000	Detailed design for a multi-use building
Webequie First Nation	\$900,000	New recreation centre/arena
Muskrat Dam First Nation	\$74,000	Feasibility study for an arena

Recipient Name	Maximum Funding Amount	Project Name
Hotinohsioni Incorporated (Brantford Native Housing)	\$150,000	Detailed design for a multi-use building
Timmins Native Friendship Centre	\$240,000	Roof repairs to existing friendship centre
Thessalon First Nation	\$72,820	Feasibility study for expansion of existing community centre
Kapuskaing Indian Friendship Centre	\$150,000	Detailed design for a friendship centre
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug	\$697,495	New multi-use facility, includes community programming and wild meat processing
Niisaachewan Anishinabe Nation	\$150,000	Detailed design for a gas station and convenience store
Matawa First Nations Management	\$23,400	Feasibility study to add functional space in existing student facility basement
Ginawaydaganuc	\$150,000	Detailed design for a new community-tourism centre
Zhiibaahaasing First Nation	\$75,000	Feasibility study for a multi-use centre
Whitesand First Nation	\$542,329	New modular meat processing and learning centre
Anishinabe Of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	\$600,000	New community and business centre

Recipient Name	Maximum Funding Amount	Project Name
Shawanaga First Nation	\$354,748	Renovations to existing outdoor rink
Missanabie Cree First Nation	\$600,000	New building to function as an evacuation facility

### Indigenous Economic Development Fund: Economic Diversification Grant

*Initiatives contributing to localized economic diversification, job creation, or training. Announced projects include:*

Recipient Name	Maximum Funding Amount	Project Name
Mattagami First Nation	\$93,125	Mattagami Aki Construction Expansion Partnership with G.R. Roy Construction
Wahkohtowin Development GPI	\$100,000	Building a Circular Indigenous Forestry Economy – Wahkohtowin Development and MFMI
Big Grassy River First Nation	\$100,000	Economic Diversification: Tourism and Destination Development Plan
Sioux Lookout Friendship Accord	\$93,931	Amplifying Indigenous Voices Online
Curve Lake First Nation	\$100,000	Tourism Business Enhancement Project
Wiwemikong Development Commission	\$100,000	Wiwemikong Waterfront Engagement & Planning

Recipient Name	Maximum Funding Amount	Project Name
Temiskaming Native Women's Support Group	\$100,000	Connecting with Indigenous Communities in Northern Ontario to Build Market and Opportunity for Housing Projects
Ojibway Nation of Saugeen	\$100,000	Sustainable Mining Technologies
Niisaachewan Anishinaabe Nation	\$80,000	Economic Leakage Study
Chi Mino Ozhitoowin General Partners Inc.	\$100,000	Chi Mino Ozhitoowin Business Associate on the Waasigan Transmission Line Project
Ginawaydaganuc Village	\$100,000	Economic Development Planning for Ginawaydaganuc Village
Nishnawbe Aski Nation	\$100,000	Economic Growth and Reconciliation Action Framework
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte	\$100,000	Tourism Development
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek First Nation	\$98,000	Papasay Value-Added Wood Products (PVAWP- Sawmill) Marketing Strategy
Aboriginal Experiences, Arts and Culture	\$100,000	Sustainable Agribusiness Development and Indigenous Food Forest at Mādahòkì Farm

### Indigenous Economic Development Fund: Regional Partnership Grant

*Projects that contribute to economic or job growth and training opportunities provincewide. Announced projects include:*

Recipient Name	Maximum Funding Amount	Project Name
Wahkohtowin Development GPI	\$99,725	Wahkohtowin Workforce Training and Entrepreneur Support Program
Anishinabek Employment & Training Services	\$250,000	AETS Multiple Skilled Trades Training for Northwestern Ontario First Nation Citizens
Nawash Utilities Inc	\$100,000	Trade Pathways for Indigenous Futures
Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training	\$250,000	Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training Program
Chi Mino Ozhitoowin LP	\$203,247	Chi Mino Ozhitoowin Waasigan Construction Readiness Project
Treaty 3 Investment Group (T3IG) Limited Partnership	\$250,000	Food Distribution Centre in Large Scale
Aboriginal Experiences, Arts and Culture	\$45,966	IndigenUpcycle: Revitalizing Communities Through Sustainable Furniture Restoration

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## Related Topics

### Business and Economy

Information about Ontario's economy and how to do business here. Includes economic development opportunities, research funding, tax credits for business and the Ontario Budget. [Learn more](#)

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## Province Investing \$10 Million to Help Ontario Corps Protect Ontario

Funding and additional partner organizations will improve province's emergency response capabilities

July 21, 2025

[Emergency Preparedness and Response](#)

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$10 million in emergency preparedness grants to strengthen the response capabilities of Ontario Corps partners around the province and ensure they can get boots on the ground quickly in case of an emergency. This funding is part of the government's plan to protect Ontario by ensuring communities are better prepared to respond to local emergencies and have critical resources like debris removal tools and machinery, flood barriers and drones deployed at a moment's notice.

"Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is protecting Ontario from all threats – from wildland fires to flooding, ice storms or whatever else may come our way," said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response.

"With 13 participating Ontario Corps partners so far, we're investing in made-in-Ontario solutions to support local emergency responders as soon as we're needed."

The province is also welcoming [13 partner organizations](#) to Ontario Corps, with more expected to join. Partners include: Attachment and Trauma Treatment Centre for Healing (ATTCH) Niagara, Feed Ontario, GlobalMedic, Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex, Independent First Nations Alliance, St. John Ambulance, Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres, Kenora Chiefs Advisory – Ogimaawabiitong, Ontario Search and Rescue Volunteer Association (OSARVA), Ontario 211, Radio Amateurs of Canada, The Salvation Army and Team Rubicon Canada.

Ontario Corps brings a province-wide network of skilled professionals and highly trained volunteers that can be mobilized quickly to help communities hit hard by emergencies. Items partners have already used grants to purchase include

emergency food kits, GPS devices, satellite phones, canteen trucks, portable shelters, training volunteers for drone piloting and more.

During the ice storm that left thousands of Ontarians in the dark and cold earlier this year, [Ontario Corps partners were deployed](#), volunteering over 6,000 hours, providing tree-clearing services and supporting evacuation reception centres, providing over 3,700 meals and food hampers, and conducting over 4,100 wellness checks.

To join Ontario Corps, visit: [Become a Volunteer - Ontario Corps Volunteer Registration Portal](#).

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#### Quick Facts

- Premier Ford announced the [launch of Ontario Corps](#) on December 13, 2024.
  - Ontario Corps resources are coordinated and deployed by the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) at the request of a municipality or First Nations community.
  - Through Ontario Corps, the government can deploy specialized equipment and personnel anywhere across Ontario within 24 to 72 hours to help support community response efforts.
  - In May 2025, the government re-introduced the [Emergency Management Modernization Act \(EMMA\)](#) to enhance public safety and disaster response measures, including by making Ontario Corps a key function of emergency responses in the province.
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## Quotes

"Our partnership with the Ontario Government has significantly enhanced The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services' ability to deliver critical emergency social service support across the province. Through the Ontario Corps, we have grown our network of trained volunteers and enhanced our ability to deliver vital support to communities in crisis. Just as importantly, this collaboration has deepened our ties with other emergency response organizations, creating a stronger, more coordinated provincial response that ensures timely, compassionate support for Ontarians when needed most."

**- Major Rick Zelinsky**

**Director of Emergency Disaster Services Ontario Division, The Salvation Army**

"At Habitat for Humanity, our commitment goes beyond building homes—we stand with communities before, during, and after times of crisis. Through our new emergency preparedness and response program, piloted in Windsor-Essex, we're proud to support a province-wide effort to strengthen community resilience. We fully support Ontario's investment in preparedness and are honoured to stand alongside other Ontario Corps partners building a safer, more responsive province."

**- Fiona Coughlin**

**CEO, Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex**

"As an Ontario Corps partner, Feed Ontario can now respond to acute emergencies faster, more efficiently, and better equipped with the training and food supplies needed to make a real difference. In the past two years, we have helped create more than 9,000 emergency food hampers through this incredible partnership that allows us to put our expertise to work alongside trusted allies, ensuring that Ontarians are supported when they need it most."

**- Carolyn Stewart**

**CEO of Feed Ontario**

"Friendship Centre's have been delivering frontline emergency services to Indigenous communities across Ontario for decades. We're glad to see the government of Ontario recognize this longstanding work; and as an Ontario Corps partner, the OFIFC will continue to support the Friendship Centre movement in ensuring Indigenous-led, culturally safe services are available when our communities need them most."

**- Sean Longboat**

**Executive Director, Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres**

"At ATTCH Niagara, we witness how trauma impacts individuals and communities daily, especially in times of crisis. This partnership empowers us to extend our trauma-specialized expertise and support to the province's emergency preparedness and response efforts. Together, we are strengthening the capacity to respond effectively and compassionately, ensuring that those affected by emergencies receive the care they deserve."

**- Lori Gill**

**Clinical Director, Attachment and Trauma Treatment Centre for Healing(ATTCH) Niagara**

"Radio Amateurs of Canada is proud to be a trusted partner in strengthening emergency preparedness and response across Canada. Amateur Radio operators have played a critical role in providing reliable communication during emergencies, both nationally and internationally, ensuring communities stay connected when traditional networks are disrupted. We look forward to continuing our collaboration to support the safety and resilience of Ontarians in times of crisis."

**- Allan Boyd**

**President of Radio Amateurs of/du Canada**

"Ontario Search and Rescue Volunteer Association is honored to be a recipient of funding through Ontario's Emergency Readiness and Capabilities Fund. As a proud Ontario Corps partner, this support significantly enhances the training and capabilities of our dedicated volunteer members, empowering us to respond more effectively to emergencies across Ontario."

**- Emilie Kissler  
Vice-President OSARVA**

"211 is an easy-to-remember and easy-to-access information channel in times of emergency or disaster. Our 211 teams provide a warm voice and reliable information to those impacted – and the use of 211 relieves pressure on frontline responders on the ground. We are very proud to be an Ontario Corps partner, working alongside our NGO partners, municipalities and the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response to help ensure a coordinated and effective response to emergency situations in Ontario."

**- Karen Milligan  
Ontario 211 Services**

"Team Rubicon Canada is proud to work with the Ontario Corps in our shared mission to support Ontarians in times of disaster. Through our combined efforts, we are able to bring rapid and critical aid and relief to those who need it most."

**- Tim Kenney  
COO of Team Rubicon Canada**

"We are proud to support the Ontario Corps initiative and are committed to working collaboratively to strengthen emergency response capacity across the province. Partnerships like this are key to ensuring that communities, especially those most vulnerable, receive the timely and effective support they need in times of crisis."

**- Serena Kenny  
Social Emergency Manager, Kenora Chiefs Advisory**

"St. John Ambulance Ontario is proud to stand alongside the Ontario government as we collectively work to strengthen our capacity to respond to and recover from disasters and emergencies and build resilient communities. We look forward to continuing our collaboration and making significant strides in enhancing emergency preparedness and response efforts across the province."

- Brian Cole  
CEO, St. John Ambulance Ontario

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### Additional Resources

- [Ontario Corps Partners and Grants](#)
- [Ontario Corps](#)
- [Emergency Management in Ontario](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness](#)

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### Related Topics

#### Government

Learn about the government services available to you and how government works. [Learn more](#)

#### Law and Safety

Ontario's laws and related information about our legal system, emergency services, the Ontario Provincial Police and victim services. [Learn more](#)

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## Ontario Signs New Free Trade Agreements with British Columbia and Canada's Three Territories

Memorandums of understanding now in place with 10 provinces and territories to grow Ontario's economy by removing internal trade barriers

July 21, 2025

[Office of the Premier](#)

[Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade](#)

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**HUNTSVILLE** — Today, Ontario Premier Doug Ford was joined by British Columbia Premier David Eby, Yukon Premier Mike Pemberton, Northwest Territories Premier R.J. Simpson and Nunavut Premier P.J. Akeeagok to sign two new Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to boost internal trade, improve labour mobility and tear down long-standing barriers to doing business between provinces and territories. This included an [Ontario-British Columbia MOU](#) and an [MOU between Ontario and the three territories](#).

“With President Trump’s ongoing threats to our economy, there’s never been a more important time to boost internal trade to build a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy,” said Premier Ford. “By signing these MOUs and working together, we’re helping Canada unlock up to \$200 billion in economic potential and standing shoulder to shoulder to protect Canadian workers across the country.”

Through these agreements, premiers are working together to eliminate red tape, cut costs for businesses and open new pathways for skilled workers to move more freely across the country. With the MOUs signed today, Ontario has now secured agreements with 10 provinces and territories, making Ontario the national leader in strengthening interprovincial trade and cooperation.

To support this work, the Ontario government recently passed the [Protect Ontario Through Free Trade Within Canada Act](#), which strengthens Ontario’s ability to pursue cross-Canada commerce, withstand U.S. tariffs and tackle future economic challenges head-on. Ontario also remains the only province or territory to eliminate all party-specific exceptions under the [Canadian Free Trade Agreement](#).

“When Ontario and BC team up to knock down trade barriers, it’s good for workers, it’s good for businesses and it’s good for the people of both provinces,” said Premier David Eby, British Columbia. “Between our provinces, we have more than half of the population of the country. This agreement is key to unlocking one Canadian economy.”

“This agreement between Ontario and the territories is about making it easier for people, goods and ideas to move across the country,” said Premier Mike Pemberton, Yukon. “It’s an important step in reducing barriers and expanding opportunities for workers, businesses and communities in the North — building on progress we’ve already made. By working together, we’re helping ensure that the territories, including the Yukon, can fully participate in and contribute to Canada’s economy.”

“For the North to reach its full economic potential, we need to reduce the barriers that make it harder for our people and businesses to connect with the rest of the country — and for them to connect with us,” said Premier R.J. Simpson, Northwest Territories. “This agreement is a step toward that: supporting labour mobility, streamlining certification and opening up new opportunities for Northerners. It reflects a shared commitment to building a more open, connected and resilient Canadian economy.”

“This MOU is a strategic opportunity for Nunavut to enhance labour mobility, reduce trade barriers and strengthen our economic ties with other jurisdictions,” said Premier P.J. Akeeagok, Nunavut. “It positions Nunavut to be a more connected and competitive player in Canada’s economy.”

Premier Doug Ford will host Canada’s Premiers and their delegations for the [Council of the Federation’s 2025 Summer Meeting](#) from July 21–23.

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#### Quick Facts

- Ontario has now signed MOUs with 10 of 12 other provinces and territories to boost interprovincial trade.
- In 2021 (latest available data):
  - Ontario-British Columbia trade was valued at \$47.9 billion
  - Ontario-Yukon trade: \$800 million
  - Ontario-Northwest Territories trade: \$800 million
  - Ontario-Nunavut trade: \$1.7 billion
- In 2023, Ontario exported \$183.9 billion of goods and services to other provinces and territories and imported \$142.7 billion, resulting in two-way trade of \$326.6 billion and a trade surplus of \$41.2 billion.

- Ontario's \$50 million [Ontario Together Trade Fund](#) will assist local businesses in taking advantage of new interprovincial trade opportunities.
- Thirty-five per cent of Canada's overall trade takes place within its own borders.

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## Quotes

"At a time of global uncertainty, Ontario is proud to be leading a new era of economic cooperation within Canada. By signing agreements with seven provinces and all three territories, our government is taking unprecedented actions towards tearing down trade barriers, opening new pathways for workers and businesses and helping unlock up to \$200 billion in economic potential each year. Together, we will build a more resilient and self-reliant economy, to unlock new opportunities for Ontario industries and strengthen supply chains for generations to come."

- Vic Fedeli

**Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade**

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## Additional Resources

- [Memorandum of Understanding between Ontario and Nova Scotia](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding between Ontario and New Brunswick](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding between Ontario and Manitoba](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding between Ontario and Saskatchewan](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding between Ontario and Alberta](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding between Ontario and Prince Edward Island](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding between Ontario and British Columbia](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding between Ontario and Northwest Territories and Yukon and Nunavut](#)

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## Ontario Investing \$45 Million to Support Community Non-Profit Organizations

Funding will protect Ontario by expanding critical programs and services that build stronger communities

July 23, 2025

[Tourism, Culture and Gaming](#)

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TORONTO – The Ontario government is investing more than \$45 million through the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to support 140 non-profit organizations, Indigenous communities and small municipalities across the province in expanding and improving their programs and services. OTF grants support programs that promote active lifestyles, build engaged communities, enrich lives through arts, culture and heritage and support the development of children and youth.

“Whether it’s helping seniors stay physically active and learn new skills or connecting young people to their communities through the arts, non-profit organizations across Ontario deliver programs and services that make a real difference in people’s lives,” said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. “Now more than ever, it’s vital that we help ensure local non-profit groups can build on their successes in ways that protect and build Ontario and benefit communities across the province.”

The OTF’s [Grow](#) stream grants provide support to non-profit organizations, helping them increase the impact of their community projects. Applicants can apply for grants of \$100,000 to \$600,000 over two to three years to expand, improve or adapt an existing program or service.

This year’s recipients include:

- Huron Women's Shelter Second Stage Housing and Counselling Services, which is receiving a \$599,700 Grow grant over three years to introduce an innovative housing model that provides relationship-centred approaches to support women and children impacted by gender-based violence.
- Durham Youth Housing and Support Services, which is receiving a \$429,800 Grow grant over three years to provide housing support to 190 youth, combining in-school and on-call supports.

- Food for Life, which is receiving a \$345,600 Grow grant over two years to improve food equity access programs by increasing cultural engagement, volunteerism, and food procurement and distribution to reflect diverse community needs in Halton Region.
- YMCA of Three Rivers, which is receiving a \$288,200 Grow grant over three years to expand day camp spaces and programming at Camp Belwood, increasing summer learning opportunities for youth aged 4-15.

“Grow grants provide essential funding that helps to strengthen Ontario's nonprofit sector,” said Katharine Bambrick, CEO of the Ontario Trillium Foundation. “By supporting the expansion of programs and services that matter, these grants help organizations deepen their impact and build more connected, resilient communities.”

Through OTF, Ontario has invested more than \$792 million in over 7,300 projects since 2018. These investments have created more than 9,490 full-time jobs and generated over \$1.1 billion in economic benefits for communities across the province.

For more information and a list of recipients, visit the [Ontario Trillium Foundation's website](#).

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#### Quick Facts

- This is the first round of Grow grants since 2019. During the pandemic, Grow grants were paused, and funding was diverted to the temporary Resilient Communities Fund to help non-profits manage pandemic-related challenges. In 2024-25, OTF has returned to offering its Community Investment Grant programs, through the [Capital](#), [Seed](#) and Grow grant streams.
  - The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. Its mandate is to build healthy and vibrant communities across Ontario by investing in community-based initiatives and strengthening the impact of the province's non-profit sector. OTF programs support the arts, culture, heritage, sports and recreation, human and social services, and environment sectors across the province.
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#### Additional Resources

[2025 Ontario Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario](#)

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## Ontario Investing \$260 Million to Protect and Train Workers

Latest round of funding is part of the province's \$2.5 billion investment in the Skills Development Fund

July 29, 2025

[Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development](#)

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**TORONTO** — The Ontario government is continuing to deliver on its plan to protect workers by launching the sixth round of the [Skills Development Fund](#) (SDF) Training Stream. This round will provide \$260 million for innovative projects that support the hiring, training and upskilling of workers in manufacturing, health care, construction, automotive and other skilled trades. This investment is part of the government's \$2.5 billion investment through SDF to protect Ontario workers by giving them the tools they need to land rewarding, good-paying jobs, while keeping Ontario competitive in the face of U.S. tariffs and global economic uncertainty.

"Our government is protecting Ontario by training the workers we need to keep building, no matter what global challenges come our way," said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "Through this \$260 million investment in the Skills Development Fund, we're funding results-driven training to build the strong workforce we need to support workers and their families and keep building Ontario's economy."

After five successful rounds of the SDF training stream, starting today, a wide range of organizations can now apply for project funding. Employers, employment service and training providers, labour unions, business and industry organizations, hospitals, Indigenous Band offices, Indigenous skills and employment training agreement holders, service system managers and other community organizations eligible for funding can submit their proposals through [Transfer Payment Ontario](#). Applications will close on October 1, 2025.

The announcement was made today in Toronto, where Minister Piccini also announced an investment of over \$20 million through the fifth round of SDF to train 4,825 workers and jobseekers for careers in the skilled trades, hospitality and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in health care. These projects include:

- **Support Ontario Youth:** \$3,750,000 to support 1,325 jobseekers, high school graduates and apprentices across 15 skilled trades through tailored education, hands on training, mentorship and employer matching. People interested in participating can visit <https://toolsinthetrades.ca/>.
- **Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters:** \$1,434,786 to train and upskill 500 individuals, including women, youth and newcomers for careers in manufacturing. People interested in participating can apply through <https://cme-mec.ca/cme-ontario-skills-development-program/>
- **Unite Here Local 75:** \$5,500,000 to train and upskill 1,440 jobseekers and hospitality workers for roles in Ontario's hospitality sector by offering foundational skills, hands-on training and certifications.
- **Finishing Trades Institute of Ontario:** \$3,776,668 to train 120 participants for painting and glazing trades across Toronto, Ottawa and Ancaster through job readiness training and 12-week placements. Additionally, 800 members of the trade will receive critical upskilling. People interested in participating can apply through [Training the Future Workforce: Apprenticeship Readiness Program](#).
- **Ontario Electrical League:** \$2,995,000 to help 500 journeypersons, registered apprentices, people residing in remote/rural communities with financial aid, training and outreach to address labour shortages in the electrical sector. People interested in participating can apply by contacting the Ontario Electrical League at 905-238-1382.
- **Workers First Technologies:** \$2,013,500 to create digital cross training for Personal Support Workers, Registered Practical Nurses, and Registered Nurses in hospitals and long-term care centres to improve patient care. Learn more at [www.workersfirst.io](http://www.workersfirst.io).
- **Youth Employment Services (YES):** \$1,105,125 to provide 140 unemployed youth and other underrepresented groups such as women and people with disabilities with opportunities to learn in-demand skills in Cyber and artificial intelligence (AI). People interested in participating can apply through [www.yes.on.ca/career-jumpstart](http://www.yes.on.ca/career-jumpstart)

Since its launch in 2021, Ontario's SDF has supported over 1,000 training projects across the province that aims to connect over 700,000 people with training for better jobs with bigger paycheques. As announced in the [2025 Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario](#), this next round of funding for the SDF Training Stream is part of the government's nearly \$1 billion expansion of the SDF over the next three years, for a total of \$2.5 billion, to support major industries and sectors while training the workers needed to build and strengthen Ontario's economy to withstand whatever comes our way.

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## Quick Facts

- SDF Training Stream Round 6 applications open today, July 29, 2025. People interested in applying to the SDF Training Stream can visit the [SDF Training Stream website](#) and contact [skillsdevelopmentfund@ontario.ca](mailto:skillsdevelopmentfund@ontario.ca) for more information. People interested in participating in the projects announced today are encouraged to contact the lead organizations of the projects directly.
- The SDF has two streams: the [Training Stream](#) supports hiring, training, and upskilling programs for jobseekers, apprentices, and workers; and the [Capital Stream](#) supports upgrades or construction of training centres to train people for emerging and in-demand jobs in critical sectors of Ontario's economy.
- Since its launch in 2021, Ontario's [SDF Training Stream](#) has aimed to help over 700,000 workers train for in-demand sectors, including over 154,000 construction workers, over 124,000 manufacturing workers and over 52,000 personal support workers and health care workers.
- Today's announcement of Toronto-based funding will deliver necessary training in Ontario's economic hub. In the first quarter of 2025, there were 87,955 (47 per cent) jobs going unfilled in Toronto.
- In Round 5, a total of 816 applications were received. Of these, 246 projects were selected, representing a total investment of \$345 million to support the training of over 121,700 individuals. The projects selected include 105 (43 per cent) that will support the construction of buildings, 63 (26 per cent) that will support specialty trade contractors, and 35 (14 per cent) that will support heavy and civil engineering construction.
- The SDF Training Stream Rounds 1-5 are supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario. SDF Training Round 6 is supported exclusively by the Government of Ontario.

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## Quotes

"Ontario is home to some of the most talented workers anywhere in the world, and it is because of their contributions to our economy and our communities that our government will always be there to support them. In the face of continued economic headwinds, we are leveraging this latest round of funding to hire, train and upskill current and future generations of workers who will empower our province's economic growth, and help us protect Ontario."

- Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Minister of Finance

"Protecting Ontario means investing in the people who keep our communities strong, secure, and moving forward. Through this critical funding, we're building a workforce that can withstand global pressures and economic uncertainty — because when Ontario workers are equipped with the skills they need to succeed, our province is safer, more resilient, and better protected for whatever lies ahead."

**- Michael Kerzner  
Solicitor General of Ontario**

"Support Ontario Youth is grateful for the continued support of Minister Piccini and the Ford government. Today's announcement of another unprecedented investment in the Skills Development Fund demonstrates our government's strong and continued commitment to skills training and closing the skilled trades gap. Investments like this are especially important as we navigate uncertain economic times, and they make a real difference in the lives of Ontario's future tradespeople – those people who are building our communities, supporting our industries, and powering our progress."

**- Melanie Winter  
Executive Director, Support Ontario Youth**

"A resilient workforce starts with engaging people of all backgrounds, ages, and experiences to explore rewarding careers in manufacturing. As Ontario manufacturers adapt to shifting international trade conditions, accessible, industry-driven training from CME – made possible by the Skills Development Fund – provides the stability needed to train and upskill the next generations of workers, helping keep our firms safe, strong, and competitive. The program expansion announced in Budget 2025, along with today's announcement, are important steps forward. These initiatives will provide crucial funding for the training needed to preserve a strong future for Ontario Made talent. Keep calm and keep training."

**- Dennis Darby  
President & CEO, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)**

"UNITE HERE Local 75 welcomes this announcement and the Government of Ontario's continuous investments to address workforce needs amid ongoing economic uncertainty. We recognize this government's role in supporting job seekers and workers across Ontario, especially those in the hospitality industry. Through our training center, we remain focused on providing opportunities to upskill and train for in-demand occupations and creating pathways to employment that meet our industry's talent demands."

**- Guled Warsame  
President, UNITE HERE Local 75**

"On behalf of Finishing Trades Institute of Ontario and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Provincial Government of Ontario, Premier Doug Ford and Minister David Piccini for this outstanding investment in skilled trades training—specifically in support of the Painters, and Glaziers Finishing Trades. The Training the Future Workforce Readiness Program is committed to ensuring that taxpayer dollars are being put to good use by equipping skilled painters and glaziers with the tools they need to succeed. Through this initiative, workers are not only gaining meaningful employment but are also upgrading their skills on the job—contributing to a safer, more prepared workforce across Ontario. This next round will further strengthen our commitment to workforce development by ensuring our apprentices receive the training they need to transition into secure, meaningful employment. We're proud to continue investing in the skills and futures of our apprentices."

**- Antonella Di Caro  
Executive Director, Finishing Trades Institute of Ontario**

"As the voice of Ontario's small-to-medium independent Licensed Electrical Contractors, the Ontario Electrical League welcomes the province's expanded investment through its sixth Skills Development Fund. Rising economic pressures, including U.S. tariff threats, are straining the construction industry and making it harder to meet the demands of Canada's housing crisis. At the same time, Ontario's electrical sector faces an historic labour shortage, with too few new workers to replace the retiring workforce. This investment is a vital support system, helping us build a skilled, mobile, and resilient workforce while positioning the trades as a rewarding career for youth and newcomers. We commend and express our gratitude to Minister Piccini and Premier Ford for their ongoing commitment to strengthening the skilled trades, supporting small businesses, and increasing Ontario's contribution to Canada's Red Seal workforce. Well done!"

**- Beatrice Sharkey**  
**President, Ontario Electrical League**

"We recognize and commend the leadership of the Government of Ontario, Premier Doug Ford, and Minister David Piccini for their strategic investment in healthcare training for workers. Through the Skills Development Fund, we're empowering our team to receive cutting-edge digital training that enhances the skills of frontline healthcare workers and improves the quality of care across the province."

**- Anish Makim**  
**Co-Founder, WorkersFirst Technologies Inc**

"Everyday Youth Employment Services sees firsthand the positive impact on countless lives thanks to the support of the Government of Ontario and Skills Development Fund (SDF). The new SDF investment will help make Ontario even stronger through job creation in future of work areas, including cyber security and AI. SDF will enable YES to create long lasting careers, help thousands of businesses, and change lives forever. Together we are making Ontario stronger every day."

**- Timothy Lang**  
**President & CEO, YES – Youth Employment Services**

"At a time when harmful tariffs threaten local jobs and economic stability, there has never been a more critical moment to invest in our workforce and protect the hardworking men and women who build this province. LiUNA commends Premier Ford and Minister Piccini for their continued leadership through the sixth round of the Skills Development Fund Training Stream — a direct investment in people, potential, and the future of Ontario's labour force. This is how we eliminate barriers, grow opportunity, and build a stronger Ontario, together."

**- Joseph Mancinelli**

**LiUNA International Vice President, Canadian Director and Regional  
Manager of Central and Eastern Canada**

"The foundation of a strong economy begins with better training, more opportunities, and access to good union jobs. Especially in this period of economic uncertainty, Ontario's workforce planning can't be left to chance and this continued investment in the Skills Development Fund is a testament to this government's ongoing commitment to workers and the solutions that support them."

**- Tyler Downey**

**President, SEIU Healthcare**

"The Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario welcomes today's announcement of investing an additional \$260 million towards the Skills Development Fund (SDF). These investments in the skilled trades reinforce the government's ongoing partnerships with industry and the shared goal of securing the best possible training across all disciplines of the construction sector."

**- Marc Arsenault**

**Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer, Provincial Building and  
Construction Trades Council of Ontario**

"During this moment of economic uncertainty in the face of the trade war with the United States, Ontario is taking a critical step to future-proof our workforce by providing access to training programs that will create long-term employment opportunities for in-demand careers in areas like the skilled trades. In its first five rounds, SDF Training has been a resounding success for participants and employers, and the Carpenters' Union applauds the Ontario Government's continued commitment to workers shown by opening the SDF Round 6 intake."

**- Tom Cardinal**  
**President and Chief of Staff, Carpenters' Regional Council**

"Ontario needs a strong, safe and well-trained workforce to deliver the critical infrastructure our province depends on. CLAC is pleased to support today's announcement and proud to continue our partnership with the Government of Ontario through this important fund. Together, we've supported apprentices, trained new and young workers and helped develop leadership across the skilled trades. This new investment will strengthen the workforce and expand access to stable, meaningful employment during a time of economic uncertainty."

**- Ian DeWaard**  
**Provincial Director, Christian Labour Association of Canada (CLAC)**

"Today's investment by the Ontario government through the Skills Development Fund is a crucial step toward building a stronger, more resilient workforce. By supporting training and upskilling opportunities, this initiative not only empowers individuals across the province but also strengthens Ontario's economy for the future. On behalf of Achēv, we applaud the Ontario government for supporting this important work that puts people on a faster path to prosperity."

**- Tonie Chaltas**  
**CEO, Achēv**

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## Province Investing \$345 Million to Protect Ontario from Human Trafficking

Government's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy has supported tens of thousands of survivors as province expands specialized intervention teams to Kenora

July 30, 2025

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KENORA — The Ontario government is protecting young people and vulnerable communities by investing \$345 million to renew its [Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy](#) (AHTS) – the largest investment of its kind in the country. Since its launch in 2020, the strategy has trained more than 1,000 front-line workers and helped tens of thousands of survivors, as well as children who were being or at risk of being trafficked, leading to hundreds of charges and arrests. As part of the strategy, the province is also officially launching a new Children at Risk of Exploitation (CARE) Unit in Kenora to help protect children and youth in the region from sex trafficking and support survivors.

“As we mark World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, it is more important than ever to expand our work with community partners to protect children and youth, support survivors and hold offenders accountable,” said Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. “Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is proud to renew Ontario’s Historic Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy. The launch of the Kenora [CARE \(Children at Risk of Exploitation\)](#) Unit is part of our plan to ensure vulnerable people can get support in every corner of our province.”

Ontario’s [AHTS \(Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy\)](#) – [renewed in the Spring 2025](#) – is centred on four pillars: awareness and prevention, protecting victims, supporting survivors and holding offenders accountable. As part of the [AHTS \(Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy\)](#), Ontario established its first two [CARE \(Children at Risk of Exploitation\)](#) Units in Toronto and Durham Region. These specialized intervention teams of child protection workers, police officers and Indigenous liaisons work collaboratively to identify and locate children and youth who are being sex

trafficked or are at risk, connect them to services, and support investigations to hold offenders accountable, serving more than 200 children ages 12 to 17 every year.

“Today’s launch of the new Kenora CARE (Children at Risk of Exploitation) Unit is a direct response to what communities across Northwestern Ontario have been calling for: targeted, trauma-informed services for youth when and where they need them,” said Greg Rickford, MPP (Member of provincial Parliament) for Kenora—Rainy River and Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation. “Our government’s additional \$6 million investment will strengthen the front-line services that are already making a difference and ensure young people at risk of exploitation have access to the safe spaces and stability they deserve.”

To support the Kenora CARE (Children at Risk of Exploitation) Unit, the Ontario government is providing \$6 million over three years to increase trauma-informed and specialized supports in the region for children and youth who have been sex trafficked. As part of this investment, there will be a new licensed out-of-home care residence for survivors and a new Youth-In-Transition Worker in the region, specialized in anti-human trafficking.

“The Kenora CARE (Children at Risk of Exploitation) Unit will help ensure that those tasked with protecting children and youth have the tools needed to act swiftly to prevent sex trafficking and connect survivors to the supports they deserve,” said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. “This new unit, together with the renewal of the Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy, demonstrates our government’s ongoing work, empowering law enforcement to combat human trafficking in this province.”

Building on the success of the first two units, the Kenora CARE (Children at Risk of Exploitation) Unit will be led by Anishinaabe Abinoojii Family Services and Kenora-Rainy River Districts Child & Family Services, who will work with the Kenora Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the OPP (Ontario Provincial Police)’s Anti-Human Trafficking team assigned to the area. Ontario’s renewed Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy will continue to invest in actions across government to combat human trafficking and child exploitation and protect the province’s most vulnerable people.

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### Quick Facts

- In Ontario, the most common form of human trafficking is sex trafficking. The average age of recruitment into sex trafficking in Canada is 13 years old.

- In the first four years of Ontario's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy, service providers helped more than 29,000 people affected by human trafficking.
- Kenora was selected as the next CARE (Children at Risk of Exploitation) unit location due to its airport, highways, proximity to the provincial border and popularity as a summer vacation destination, which create increased risk of sex trafficking for children and youth living within and around Kenora, as well as those traveling through the area.
- The Kenora CARE (Children at Risk of Exploitation) unit will also receive support from Tikinagan Child and Family Services and Weechi-it-te-win Family Services.

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## Quotes

"We commend the Government of Ontario for its renewed commitment to fighting human trafficking and for recognizing the urgent need for early intervention and youth-focused support. We remain steadfast in our mission to working alongside the province and our partners across Ontario to protect and empower our most vulnerable youth."

**- Deborah Headley**  
**Executive Director, Roberts/Smart Centre**

"We are grateful for the ongoing partnership of the government of Ontario in delivering our survivor-led, trauma-informed outreach and day programs as part of the provincial Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy. Since 2018, these services have supported over 70 women and 24 children annually across the province. We commend Ontario for its leadership in anti-human trafficking and are excited about growing our services to include housing, emergency shelter, and rehabilitation for survivors."

**- Jasmine De Fina**  
**Executive Director, SafeHope Home**

"Since launching the LifeEdge program two years ago, we have provided wraparound support, case management, peer mentorship, and structured classroom programming to 47 youth, and provided education and awareness sessions to many more. Funding through the renewed 2025–2030 Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy will enable us to provide the kind of support that had a participant say, 'You helped save my daughter's life during a time when I felt I had lost her to a mother's worst fears, trafficking.'"

**- Casandra Diamond  
Founder, Bridgenorth**

"We are grateful Kenora was chosen as the third location for this very important initiative. The investment from the Ontario government into the Children At Risk of Exploitation Unit is crucial in our community's ability to respond to those most at risk."

**- Alicia Rogerson  
Executive Director, Kenora-Rainy River Districts Child and Family Services**

"As a child welfare provider responsible for meeting the needs of vulnerable children and youth, we appreciate the commitment from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and the opportunity to develop a Children At Risk of Exploitation Unit. In partnership, we are providing a service that will allow at-risk youth to feel safe, protected, and supported not only in the present, but as they advance on a path to wellness."

**- Sean Spencer  
Interim Associate Director, Anishinaabe Abinoojii Family Services**

"Weechi-it-te-win Family Services is pleased to partner with the new Kenora CARE Unit. We look forward to contributing more to combat this ever-growing issue of human trafficking and will actively help to build a strong safety network across Northwestern Ontario."

**- Dean Wilson  
Executive Director, Weechi-it-te-win Family Services**

"Protecting at-risk children from the serious dangers of human trafficking requires collaboration, which is why we celebrate this partnership with other agencies in the spirit of Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin – 'Everyone working together to raise our children.' At the same time, parents, extended family, Elders, and our community members also play an equal part in keeping our children safe by recognizing, discussing, and preventing exploitation. By working together in mutual co-operation and respect, we will honour our children by educating our First Nations about the dangers and providing accessible services and programs to support healing for survivors so they can rebuild and reclaim their lives."

**- Katherine Machimity**  
**Director of Services, Tikinagan Child and Family Services**

"William W. Creighton Youth Services is honoured to be a partner in the province's coordinated effort to end human trafficking, working alongside the Kenora CARE Unit through a comprehensive wraparound model rooted in safety, connection, and community collaboration. This strategic initiative ensures that youth receive trauma-responsive care, access to education, life skills, mental health and cultural supports, anchored by a consistent, caring team around them."

**- Sheri Norlen**  
**Executive Director, William W. Creighton Youth Services**

"Taproot (formerly WJS Canada) is ready to provide direct support to children and youth identified by the Kenora Children at Risk of Exploitation Unit. We are excited to be part of this program and look forward to working with community partners and at-risk youth as we have been since 2006."

**- Karry Benard**  
**Director, Taproot Community Support Services**

"Ogimaawabiitong is grateful to be a part of an initiative that will support youth at risk and entrenched in human trafficking. Our role of providing wraparound services will help ensure youth are engaged where they are at, and in a culturally safe way."

- Jennifer Dreaver  
Executive Director, Ogimaawabiitong-Kenora Chiefs Advisory

"The creation of the CARE Unit in Kenora represents a critical and long-overdue step toward protecting children and youth who are at risk of sexual exploitation. The Kenora Sexual Assault Centre is proud to support this initiative by providing trauma-informed programming and wraparound services to those impacted. This partnership strengthens our collective ability to intervene early, support healing, and build safer communities for everyone."

- Jaye Wesley  
Executive Director, Kenora Sexual Assault Centre

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### Additional Resources

- [Ontario Protecting Children and Youth from Sex Trafficking in Kenora Region](#)
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## Ontario Investing \$3 Million to Support Cleaner and Healthier Communities

Applications now open for community projects that protect and restore local natural habitats and greenspaces

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**TORONTO** — The Ontario government is making almost \$3 million available to community groups and other non-profit organizations for innovative projects to build cleaner, healthier communities such as shoreline cleanups, habitat restoration and tree planting. As part of the government's plan to protect Ontario, the [Ontario Community Environment Fund](#) (OCEF) uses penalties paid by polluters to fund projects that protect Ontario's land, air, and water – supporting healthy communities and strong local economies.

“We are giving local groups the resources they need to make their communities cleaner and safer places to live, work and raise their families by restoring the natural beauty of these regions for everyone to enjoy,” said Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. “The OCEF program is just one of the ways our government is empowering communities to protect and restore our natural heritage for generations to come.”

Applications are now open and must be [submitted online](#) by 5 p.m. (EDT) on September 24, 2025. Since 2010, the Ontario Community Environment Fund has invested more than \$3.8 million from environmental penalties into 108 projects that have led to planting over 450,000 trees, shrubs and plants, restoring 52 km of shoreline and collecting 1,350 bags of litter.

Recent projects include:

- **Brant County – Parks Enhancement (Paris):** Brant County is planting 5,000 native trees and shrubs, protecting unique Carolinian forest ecosystems by removing invasive species, and enhancing eight kilometres of park trails near historic downtown Paris.

- **Manitoulin Streams – Creek Restoration and Garbage Cleanup (Manitoulin Island):** The Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association led an island-wide garbage cleanup to reduce plastic waste in local watersheds, planted 700 native trees and shrubs to restore riparian zones, enhanced a cold-water stream habitat, and installed 445 metres of fencing to keep livestock out of Grimesthorpe Creek.
  - **Scouts Canada – Oak Savanna Restoration (Lambton Shores):** Scouts Canada removed invasive pine trees and planted native trees to protect a globally rare and environmentally significant Oak Savanna ecosystem, of which only 3 per cent remains in Ontario.
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### Quick Facts

- Eligible projects must demonstrate a direct environmental benefit and be located in a region where funding is available. Indigenous communities and organizations, not-for-profits, academic institutions, and municipalities are encouraged to apply.
  - Applications will be evaluated through a competitive process. Successful applicants will be notified directly in early 2026.
  - In 2025, over \$1,602,000 of funding is available in Southwestern Ontario, over \$721,000 in West Central Ontario, and over \$585,000 in Northern Ontario.
  - Under the Environmental Protection Act, the person or company who spills a pollutant into the environment, is legally responsible for the [cleanup of the spill](#).
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### Quotes

"The Ontario Community Environment Fund (OCEF) has been instrumental in advancing our efforts to protect and enhance two of our community's most cherished natural areas: Barker's Bush and Watt's Pond. With support from OCEF, we are restoring green spaces and natural heritage by managing invasive species, planting native trees and shrubs, creating meadow habitat at Watt's Pond, and rehabilitating trails. This project directly supports our goals of environmental protection, trail connectivity and building livable communities, while making Paris and the County of Brant a destination for nature-based tourism."

- Alison Newton  
Chief Administrative Officer, County of Brant

"Thanks to the Ontario Community Environment Fund (OCEF), we were able to lead a litter clean-up event across Manitoulin Island, install cattle-exclusion fencing and plant 700 native trees and shrubs to create a riparian buffer along Grimesthorpe Creek. This project is another great example of how OCEF is helping grass roots community groups work alongside local agricultural producers to help protect and restore critical cold-water fish habitat and wildlife, using their ecological knowledge of nature-based solutions to make a difference in watershed health."

- Seija Deschenes

**Project Coordinator, Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association**

"The volunteers and Scouts at Camp Attawandaron are proud to celebrate the incredible success of our recent forest restoration project, made possible through the generous support of the Ontario Community Environment Fund (OCEF). Thanks to the OCEF grant, we removed invasive Scot's pine trees, and restored two acres of forest habitat during our annual camporee, where over 450 volunteers planted 1,700 seedlings. We are deeply grateful to OCEF for helping bring our vision to life in just one year, a milestone that would have taken our team more than 25 years to accomplish on our own."

- Diana Jay

**Camp Ranger, Scouts Canada**

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## Ontario Investing \$7.7 Million to Support Indian Residential School Survivors

Applications now open for communities and organizations that provide supports to survivors and their families impacted by burial investigations

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[Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation](#)

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**TORONTO** – The Ontario government is investing \$7.7 million to launch the Indian Residential School Community Engagement Fund (IRSCEF). This funding is available to communities and organizations to provide culturally appropriate mental health and wellness supports to survivors and their families impacted by ongoing burial investigations at former Residential Schools.

“Ontario is continuing its steadfast support for Indigenous communities and organizations to deliver programs that support the healing of Residential School Survivors and their families,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation. “This investment is in direct response to what communities have told us they need – flexible, community-driven resources that address the impacts of this difficult work. We are committed to walking this path with Indigenous partners by supporting healing, truth-telling and education in a way that reflects their priorities and leadership.”

Eligible communities and organizations can receive up to \$250,000 for initiatives such as public education and awareness, survivor engagement, gatherings, commemoration initiatives and research activities that connect community members to ongoing investigations. Applications for funding are open through the Ontario government’s [Transfer Payment Ontario website](#) until September 8, 2025.

The IRSCEF is part of the \$32.1 million included in the [2025 Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario](#) to support burial investigations at former Indian Residential Schools. This includes \$17.1 million for planned and ongoing burial investigations and up to \$15 million in mental health, addictions and trauma supports.

Ontario continues to advance meaningful reconciliation by working with Indigenous partners to explore opportunities that strengthen the collective awareness and understanding of the painful legacy of these institutions. To date,

Ontario has invested \$124.5 million to support the identification, investigation, protection and commemoration of burials at former Residential Schools across the province.

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## Ontario Releases 2025–26 First Quarter Finances

Government remains focused on protecting Ontario and making the province the most competitive economy in the G7

August 13, 2025

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**TORONTO** — Today, the Ontario government released the [2025–26 First Quarter Finances](#), the first update on the province's economic and fiscal outlook since the release of the [2025 Ontario Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario](#).

The report provides updated information about Ontario's finances, reflecting the government's responsible approach to public finances while protecting the economy and keeping costs down for families.

"The government's commitment to fiscal prudence has put Ontario's finances in the strongest position they have been for over a decade," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "In the face of economic uncertainty, our plan will continue to protect Ontario's workers, businesses, and jobs from the impacts of U.S. tariffs while building a more resilient and self-reliant economy to secure long-term prosperity."

In the first calendar quarter of 2025, Ontario's real gross domestic product (GDP) increased by 0.6 per cent, matching growth in the fourth quarter of 2024, supported by higher exports and household spending.

Other key indicators in the report remain unchanged from the projections in the *2025 Ontario Budget*. As of the *2025–26 First Quarter Finances*, the province's 2025–26 deficit is projected to be \$14.6 billion, and projections for government revenues are \$219.9 billion – both in line with the *2025 Ontario Budget* forecast.

The province will retain a path to a balanced budget by 2027-28, and the government will provide a comprehensive multi-year fiscal outlook as part of the *2025 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review* later this year.

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## Quick Facts

- Key measures of government financial health remain some of the strongest seen in over a decade. Ontario's net debt-to-GDP ratio of 37.9 per cent remains close to the lowest level achieved since 2013–14, while net interest costs as a share of revenue are still near the lowest levels since the 1980s.
- Program expense in 2025–26 is projected to be \$216.3 billion, also unchanged from the *2025 Ontario Budget* forecast, as well as the Interest and Other Debt Servicing Charges and the cost of borrowing in 2025–26.
- Interest and Other Debt Servicing Charges is projected to be \$16.2 billion, unchanged from the forecast in the *2025 Ontario Budget*. Ontario's forecasted cost of borrowing remains at 4.0 per cent.
- The *2025 Ontario Budget* included a \$2.0 billion reserve in 2025–26 to protect the fiscal outlook against any unforeseen changes in the province's revenue and expense forecasts, which has been maintained as part of the current fiscal outlook.
- All four major credit rating agencies have affirmed Ontario's double-A credit rating, reflecting Ontario's commitment to maintaining its targets for debt sustainability measures despite the economic and geopolitical uncertainties the province is currently facing.
- Green Bonds remain a core component of Ontario's borrowing program, and the province remains the largest issuer of Canadian dollar Green Bonds totalling \$21.5 billion since 2014–15, with \$16.8 billion outstanding.
- Ontario's borrowing program is well ahead of schedule, as the province has already completed nearly half of the borrowing requirements projected for 2025–26. This helps manage risks related to the uncertain economic and financial market backdrop.
- The government will provide its next financial update as part of the *2025 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review*, also referred to as the Fall Economic Statement, on or before November 15, 2025.

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## Additional Resources

[2025–26 First Quarter Finances](#)

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## Ontario Investing \$1.6 Billion in Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program

Latest investment increases fund to \$4 billion, supporting hundreds of thousands of new homes and keeping workers on the job in the face of tariffs

August 18, 2025

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**OTTAWA** — Today, Premier Doug Ford announced at the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference that the Ontario government is protecting communities, lowering costs and strengthening Ontario's economy by investing an additional \$1.6 billion to speed up construction on homes and critical infrastructure. This investment [nearly doubles the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program \(MHIP\) to \\$4 billion](#), building on the province's most recent \$400 million increase in the 2025 provincial budget and giving municipalities and Indigenous communities the resources to build roads, bridges and water systems that make new housing possible.

"We're making record investments in housing and infrastructure so we can keep workers on the job and help families across the province find a home that meets their needs and their budgets," said Premier Doug Ford. "Working with our municipal partners, we're going to keep lowering costs, investing in infrastructure and cutting red tape so we can keep the dream of homeownership alive in Ontario."

Since its launch in 2024, the MHIP has enabled the construction of 800,000 homes across the province. In conjunction with the province's \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund, which rewards municipalities that meet and exceed their housing targets, these investments give communities the resources they need to keep delivering results.

"This additional \$1.6 billion investment in the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program will help communities across Ontario build the infrastructure they need to unlock more housing and support economic growth," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "In the face of unwarranted U.S. tariffs, our government is doubling

down on our plan to build and investing more than \$200 billion through our capital plan to protect Ontario by getting shovels in the ground faster on the projects that matter most.”

Investing in local infrastructure is part of the government’s more than \$200 billion plan to protect Ontario families by building more transit, highways, hospitals, schools and housing-enabling infrastructure, including over \$33 billion this year alone. This is the most ambitious capital plan in the province’s history.

“For far too long, too many families, first-time home buyers, and seniors have been priced out of the market,” said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “Our government recognizes that this must change. Today’s investment is part of our plan to use every tool in our toolbox to bring costs down and builds upon recent initiatives such as the *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act*.”

“Investments in municipal infrastructure have consistently proven to be the best way to protect local, provincial and national economies,” said Robin Jones, AMO President and Mayor of Westport. “These investments will not just help to build homes, they will provide thousands of jobs in communities across the province and lay the foundation for long-term productivity. We commend Premier Ford for these important investments.”

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### Quick Facts

- The government’s investment follows \$82 million in recent funding announced for agricultural infrastructure projects in Niagara Region and the Municipality of Leamington that will protect Ontario’s agri-food sector, as well as \$400 million to support 50 new water infrastructure projects that will support 86,000 new homes in the region.
- The MHIP is currently comprised of four funding streams, with the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) recently consolidated into the program:
  - [Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund \(HEWSF\)](#)
  - [Housing-Enabling Core Servicing \(HECS\) Stream](#)
  - [Health and Safety Water Stream \(HSWS\)](#)
  - [Agriculture and Irrigation Stream](#)

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### Additional Resources

- [Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program](#)
  - [Ontario Builds: our infrastructure plan](#)
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July 30, 2025

## County of Renfrew Launches Regional Incentive Program - HYPE

The County of Renfrew is now accepting applications from local municipalities for its regional incentive program – **HYPE (Helping Your Place Excel)** – which provides matching grant funding – up to 50% – to stimulate private sector investment, attract and retain businesses, and improve business and community appeal.

Aligned with the County’s strategic priorities, the HYPE Program drives economic development by offering financial incentives that support local municipal Community Improvement Plans (CIPs). The HYPE Program promotes and supports a wide range of economic goals, including affordable housing, tourism, business retention and expansion, and investment readiness. Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to, private sector investment, enhancing tourist accommodations, growing attainable and affordable housing, fostering agriculture development, revitalizing downtowns, expanding trail networks, improving accessibility and energy efficiency, and advancing projects with positive environmental impacts.

As recently amended in the County of Renfrew’s Official Plan, this regional incentive program is an enabling policy that grants the County the ability to offer financial support to local municipalities to implement their Community Improvement Plans. Currently, that includes the Towns of Arnprior, Deep River, Petawawa and Renfrew and the Townships of Admaston/Bromley, Bonnechere Valley, Horton, Laurentian Valley and Whitewater Region.

Community Improvement Plans (CIPs) are a municipal financial tool used to stimulate development and revitalization to enhance the overall quality of life in a community. Through financial incentives like grants or loans, property and business owners can improve buildings and lands within a defined project area. The HYPE Program, in conjunction with local CIPs, can provide up to \$30,000 depending on the project.

“The HYPE program is a valuable initiative that enables the County to support economic development efforts of local municipalities while aligning with regional strategic goals,” says David Wybou, Business Development Officer with the County of Renfrew and HYPE Program Administrator.

Interested applicants are encouraged to explore the local Community Improvement Plan within their municipalities to learn more about how to access financial support, including the HYPE Program.

The County began accepting applications from municipalities for HYPE funding on July 28, 2025 for a two-week intake period. Following notification to municipalities of the approval status, applications will continue to be received and evaluated on a first-come, first-serve basis if funds remain.

For more information, including links to local Community Improvement Plans, visit [www.investrenfrewcounty.ca/HYPE](http://www.investrenfrewcounty.ca/HYPE) or contact David Wybou at 613-735-7288 ext. 432.

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### **RELEASE DATE:**

July 17, 2025

## **Starter Company Plus Spring 2025 Grant Recipients**

Pembroke, (ON): Enterprise Renfrew County is excited to announce the Starter Company Plus Spring 2025 grant award recipients.

The Starter Company Plus program provides three months of business coaching, business plan and cash flow projection development, mentoring and instruction from staff and professional trainers. At the end of the program there is an opportunity for participants to compete, by pitching their business plan, for a grant of up to \$5,000 to be applied to their business operations.

With 20 dedicated entrepreneurs fast-tracking development of their business, marketing, and financial plans during the training, the following individuals successfully earned grant awards totalling \$42,000:

- Aaron DiLella, Grown and Gathered (cut flowers and microgreens farm), Township of McNab/Braeside
- Daniel Stermac-Stein, The Herd's Throne (hand-crafted leather tanner), Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan
- Davis Scheel, Ottawa Valley Sharpening (shear and knife sharpening), Town of Arnprior
- Elizabeth Lepine, Valley Cap (roofing, siding, construction), Township of Madawaska Valley
- Emily Prospero, Snark Coffee (coffee roastery), Township of McNab/Braeside
- James Smith, Bad Dog Bakery (dehydrated dog treats), Town of Deep River
- Jay Renaud, Valley Friends (graphic design and merchandise), Township of Whitewater Region
- Kathryn Weatherbed, Nomadic Smiles (mobile dental hygiene), Town of Laurentian Hills
- Kayla Glenn, pRAWper Pet Treats (freeze dried pet treats and store), Town of Renfrew
- Sheila O'Brien, The Paint With Sheila School of Art (art classes and workshops), City of Pembroke

- Sigrid Geddes, GGs Skincare (luxury skincare line), Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards

Thank you to Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation for sponsoring the Starter Company Plus program in 2025.

"The Starter Company Plus program guided me through the process of dreaming up what the best-case scenario could be for my business, then gave me the tools to get very practical about planning on paper and into spreadsheets," says Daniel Stermac-Stein, owner of The Herd's Throne. "The dream for my business is now a coherent and relatable plan that I can put into action. A big thanks to the Starter Company Plus trainers, who were clear and supportive and immensely helpful throughout the whole process."

Kathryn Weatherbed, owner of new business Nomadic Smiles shares the course was led with so much knowledge, warmth, and real-life experience.

"The guidance, along with insights from the amazing guest speakers, helped turn my scattered thoughts into a clear, focused plan. I walked away with tools, confidence, and direction — and I truly believe I wouldn't have made it this far without this program," she says. "Behind every small business is a mountain of dedication, heart, and hard work, long before a product or service is ever delivered. I now see just how important it is to value and support that."

Information sessions for the fall training program of Starter Company Plus are scheduled for September 9 from 10-11 a.m. and September 11 from 1-2 p.m. Interested entrepreneurs must attend one information session to receive an application. Deadline to apply is Friday, September 19 at 12 p.m. For program guidelines and to register for an information session visit [www.enterpriserenfrewcounty.com/starter-company-plus](http://www.enterpriserenfrewcounty.com/starter-company-plus) or contact [ercinfo@countyofrenfrew.on.ca](mailto:ercinfo@countyofrenfrew.on.ca).

Enterprise Renfrew County is a non-profit organization funded by the Government of Ontario, County of Renfrew, Town of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke. Its mandate is to encourage and contribute to the enterprising spirit and economic development of Renfrew County by assisting entrepreneurs with the development of new or existing companies.

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# Taste of the Valley event in Laurentian Valley August 23

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Posted on Tuesday, August 12, 2025



*Pickling Dixie, which sells high-quality preserves and field-raised meats, will be among the 80 vendors taking part in the Laurentian Valley Taste of the Valley at the Alice and Fraser Recreation Centre on August 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is hosted in partnership with the Township of Laurentian Valley.*

**RELEASE DATE:**

August 12, 2025

The County of Renfrew's Economic Development Division is proud to present the Taste of the Valley event series – an annual celebration of all things grown, made, and created right here in Renfrew County.

Originally launched more than a decade ago to spotlight local food producers in the Ottawa Valley, Taste of the Valley has grown into a vibrant showcase of the region's diverse offerings. Today, the event embraces a broader interpretation of "taste," celebrating not only local food, but also handcrafted products, visual arts, and cultural experiences that reflect the unique spirit of our communities.

The second event of the 2025 Taste of the Valley season is in Laurentian Valley on Saturday, August 23, being held at the Alice and Fraser Recreation Centre (1 Henan Road – just 10 minutes outside of Pembroke) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Laurentian Valley event will feature nearly 80 vendors set up on the ball diamond and in the parking area. This all-outside event runs rain or shine and offers ample parking for visitors. The offerings will include fresh local produce alongside unique handcrafted products from talented artists and artisans, as well as baked goods, prepared hot food, jams and preserves from bakers and food producers across Renfrew County.

“We are thrilled to partner with the County of Renfrew to host Taste of the Valley this August at the Alice and Fraser Recreation Centre,” says Laurentian Valley Mayor Steve Bennett. “This event brings together the Valley’s vendors to celebrate farmers, agri-businesses, makers and creators of all kinds and we are very so excited to be a part of this monumental event which we hope to be one of the greatest on record here in Laurentian Valley!”

Upcoming Taste of the Valley events in 2025 are being held in partnership with the host municipalities:

- Laurentian Valley (August 23 – Alice and Fraser Recreation Centre)
- Greater Madawaska (September 20 – Calabogie Rink and Community Hall)
- Whitewater Region (October 18 – Cobden Fairgrounds and Ag Hall)
- Pembroke (December 13 Holiday Edition – Knights of Columbus Hall)

“Taste of the Valley events are a wonderful way for residents and visitors to experience the richness of Renfrew County,” says Scott Hamilton, Economic Development Coordinator with the County of Renfrew. “Each event brings people together to celebrate and support our local farmers, artisans, and creators, while showcasing the unique flavours and talents that make our region so special.”

For more information about Taste of the Valley, visit [www.TOTV.ca](http://www.TOTV.ca) or follow on social media at @TasteoftheValleyRC.

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# Construction Update - August 2025

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Posted on Friday, August 08, 2025



*C136 (Robertson Twin Pipes), Robertson Line, east of County Road 2 (White Lake Road), Township of McNab/Braeside*

## **Construction Update – August 7, 2025**

The County of Renfrew's Public Works and Engineering Department provides monthly updates on construction in the area. Please visit the link below to sign up to get these updates by email: <https://renfrew-county.civilspace.io/en/projects/2025-county-transportation-infrastructure-projects>

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## **Upcoming Projects**

**County Road 20 (Castleford Road)** – Township of Horton

Construction on Castleford Road, from Highway 17 to Humphries Road, is expected to start August 25, 2025 and finish mid-October. During construction, parts of Castleford Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

**County Road 52 (Burnstown Road) and 508 (Calabogie Road)** – Township of McNab/Braeside

Construction on Burnstown Road, from the Burnstown Bridge to Picket Hill Lane, and on Calabogie Road from Stacey Drive to 1803 Calabogie Road, is expected to start August 11, 2025 and finish early-October. During construction, parts of both Burnstown Road and Calabogie Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

**County Road 512 (Foymount Road)** – Township of Bonnechere Valley

Construction on Foymount Road, from Quadeville Road to McCauley Mount Road, is expected to start August 11, 2025 and finish mid-September. During construction, parts of Foymount Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

**County Structure C014 (Labombard Culvert)** – Township of Admaston/Bromley

Construction on Labombard Culvert, which is on Chris Ruddy Road, about 0.5 km east of Stone Road, is expected to start August 25, 2025 and be completed late-September. During construction, the road in this area will only have one lane open, with lights controlling traffic.

**Ongoing Projects**

**County Road 2 (Daniel Street)** – Town of Arnprior

Construction on Daniel Street, from Madawaska Street to Staye Court Drive, started May 26, 2025 and is expected to finish late-August. During construction, parts of Daniel Street North will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

**County Road 3 (Usborne Street)** – Township of McNab/Braeside

Construction on Usborne Street, from River Road to the Braeside urban limit, started July 21, 2025 and is expected to finish mid-September. During construction, parts of Usborne Street will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

**County Road 26 (Doran Road)** – Town of Petawawa

Construction on Doran Road, from Black Bay Road to Petawawa Boulevard, started July 7, 2025 and is expected to finish late-August. During construction, parts of Doran Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

**County Roads 36 (TV Tower Rd.) and 51 (Pembroke St. West)** – Township of Laurentian Valley

Construction on TV Tower Road, from Jean Avenue to Forest Lea Road, and Pembroke Street West, from Pembroke City limits to Forest Lea Road, started June 9, 2025 and is expected to finish mid-August. During construction, parts of Pembroke Street West and TV Tower Road will only have one lane open, with lights

or workers directing traffic. TV Tower Road was closed for one (1) week, the dates of the closure were posted to Municipal 511.

**County Road 52 (Burnstown Rd.)** – Township of McNab/Braeside

Construction on Burnstown Road, from Waba Creek Bridge (near White Lake) to Burnstown Bridge (near Burnstown), started May 26, 2025 and is expected to finish August 15. The project will include repairs to McLeods Culvert. During construction, parts of Burnstown Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

**County Road 69 (Siberia Rd.)** – Township of Madawaska Valley

Construction on Siberia Road, from River Road to Sunny Hill Road, started start June 5, 2025 and is expected to finish late-August. During construction, areas of Siberia Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

**County Road 70 (Ruby Road)** – Township of Bonnechere Valley

Construction on Ruby Road, from Gorman Road to Wolfe Road, started June 24, 2025 and is expected to finish mid-August. During construction, parts of Ruby Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

**County Road 71 (Matawatchan Rd.)** – Township of Greater Madawaska

Rock removal and widening of the causeway is now finished on Matawatchan Road, about 8.2km south of Highway 41. Utility relocations will start early-July and road construction on Matawatchan Road, from Civic Address 4882 to Centennial Lake Road, is expected to continue into mid-August and to finish mid-September. During construction, areas of Matawatchan Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

**County Structure B122 (Waba Creek Bridge)** – Township of McNab/Braeside

Construction on Waba Creek Bridge, which is on Burnstown Road, about 0.7 km north of White Lake Road, is expected to start July 14, 2025 and finish early-November. During construction, only one lane will be open to cross the bridge, with signals directing traffic. Pedestrians can cross the bridge during construction.

**County Structure B145 (Combermere Bridge)** – Township of Madawaska Valley

Construction on Combermere Bridge, which is on Combermere Road, about 0.5km south of Palmer Road, started April 2, 2025 and is expected to end mid-November. During construction, only one lane will be open to cross the bridge, with signals controlling traffic. Mill Street will be closed at Combermere Road during construction with signs showing the detour route. Pedestrians can cross the bridge during construction.

**County Structure C136 (Robertson Twin Pipes)** – Township of McNab/Braeside

Construction on Robertson Twin Pipes, which is on Robertson Line, about 1.5km east of White Lake Road, started July 21, 2025 and is expected to be completed mid-August. During construction, the road in this area will be closed to all traffic, including pedestrians, with signs showing the detour route.

### **County Structure C201 (Broomes Creek Culvert & Dam) – Township of Whitewater Region**

Construction on Broomes Creek Culvert and Dam, which is on Foresters Falls Road, just east of Foresters Falls, started May 1, 2025 and is expected to finish in 2026, with a stoppage over the winter. During construction, the road in this area will be closed to all traffic, including pedestrians, with signs showing the detour route. The detour will follow Kohlsmith Road and Queens Line. For more details on this project, please visit: <https://renfrew-county.civilspace.io/en/projects/c201-broomes-creek-culvert-dam-reconstruction>

### **Algonquin Trail – Township of Head, Clara and Maria**

Construction on Algonquin Trail, from Wylie Road to Yates Road, started July 21, 2025 and is expected to finish late-August. This section of Algonquin Trail will remain closed until late 2025 once construction, including gate and signage installation is completed.

### **Completed Projects**

#### **County Road 64 (Opeongo Road) – Township of Bonnechere Valley**

Construction on Opeongo Road, from Foymount Road to Wieland Shore Road, started May 26, 2025 and is expected to finish August 8. During construction, parts of Opeongo Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic. The speed limit will continue to be posted to 50 km/h until line painting is completed at a later date.

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# Construction Update - July 2025

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*County Road 64 (Opeongo Road), Township of Bonnechere Valley*

## **Construction Update – July 4, 2025**

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## **Upcoming Projects**

**County Road 3 (Usborne Street)** – Township of McNab/Braeside

Construction on Usborne Street, from River Road to the Braeside urban limit, is expected to start July 7, 2025 and finish early-August. During construction, parts of Usborne Street will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

### **County Structure B122 (Waba Creek Bridge) – Township of McNab/Braeside**

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### **Ongoing Projects**

#### **County Road 2 (Daniel Street North) – Town of Arnprior**

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Construction on Siberia Road, from River Road to Sunny Hill Road, started start June 5, 2025 and is expected to finish late-August. During construction, areas of Siberia Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

#### **County Road 70 (Ruby Road) – Township of Bonnechere Valley**

Construction on Ruby Road, from Gorman Road to Wolfe Road, started June 24, 2025 and is expected to finish late-July. During construction, parts of Ruby Road will

only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

**County Road 71 (Matawatchan Rd.)** – Township of Greater Madawaska

Rock removal and widening of the causeway is now finished on Matawatchan Road, about 8.2km south of Highway 41. Utility relocations will start early-July and road construction on Matawatchan Road, from Civic Address 4882 to Centennial Lake Road, is expected to continue into late-July and to finish mid-August. During construction, areas of Matawatchan Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

**County Structure B145 (Combermere Bridge)** – Township of Madawaska Valley

Construction on Combermere Bridge, which is on Combermere Road, about 0.5km south of Palmer Road, started April 2, 2025 and is expected to end mid-November. During construction, only one lane will be open to cross the bridge, with signals directing traffic. Mill Street will be closed at Combermere Road during construction with signs showing the detour route. Pedestrians can cross the bridge during construction.

**County Structure C201 (Broomes Creek Culvert & Dam)** – Township of Whitewater Region

Construction on Broomes Creek Culvert and Dam, which is on Foresters Falls Road, about 0.1km east of Foresters Falls, started May 1, 2025 and is expected to finish in 2026, with a stoppage over winter. During construction, the road in this area will be closed to all traffic, including pedestrians, with signs showing the detour route. The detour will follow Kohlsmith Road and Queens Line. For more details on this project, please visit: <https://renfrew-county.civilspace.io/en/projects/c201-broomes-creek-culvert-dam-reconstruction>

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*County Road 64 (Opeongo Road), Township of Bonnechere Valley*

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## Renfrew County & District Drug Strategy

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# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Pembroke, Ontario, August 7, 2025)

### **Helping People Stay Safe: Local Drug Strategy Making Progress - A Harm Reduction Pillar Update**

The Renfrew County & District Drug Strategy (RCDDS) is reporting early progress in helping people stay safe and healthy when it comes to substance use. Since over 30 local drug strategy partners began meeting in early 2024, and launching the strategy's report earlier this year, the RCDDS has focused on practical ways to reduce harm and save lives.

Early indicators show cause for cautious optimism that our collective efforts are making a difference. From July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Renfrew County and District saw a 39% reduction in suspect drug-toxicity deaths and a 51% reduction in opioid-overdose visits to local emergency departments, compared to the previous 12 month period. While smaller declines are also being observed across Ontario, and year-to-year numbers can fluctuate significantly, these results suggest we are moving in the right direction.

The *Harm Reduction Pillar* is one of the key parts of this plan. It's all about meeting people where they are, offering support without judgment, and helping reduce the risks that come with drug use.

To date in 2025, the following progress has been made:

#### **Increased Access and Awareness of Remote Spotting Services**

People using drugs alone can get help through a free, 24/7 phone line called the National Overdose Response Service (NORS). It connects them with someone who can call for help if needed. This service was promoted through six social media campaigns, reaching over 45,000 people. To access NORS call 1-888-688-6677.

#### **Community Outreach**

Drug Strategy partners are meeting and serving people in their community. The health unit public health nurse outreach team provides harm reduction and other public health services to people in high need. So far in 2025, they have had over 1,300 interactions through outreach, handed out nearly 700 naloxone kits, and trained over 200 people on



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how to properly administer naloxone. Additionally, the [Mesa Team](#) has assisted 160 people through over 3,300 interactions.

### **Life-Saving Naloxone in Your Community**

Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an opioid overdose. In 2024, the number of local organizations able to provide naloxone as part of the *Ontario Naloxone Program* doubled to 14, and over 4,400 doses were distributed - a 59% increase from the year before. **If you, a family member, or friend are at risk of an opioid overdose you can obtain a naloxone kit at local pharmacies or the Renfrew County and District Health Unit.** Sixteen community partners are currently distributing the life-saving naloxone kits.

“People’s lives and well-being depend on getting this right,” said Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Co-Chair of the RCDDS Steering Committee. “We work side-by-side with frontline teams and people with lived experience to make sure services are welcoming, evidence-based, and delivered with compassion and respect.”

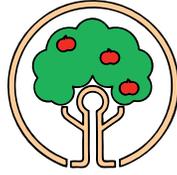
Co-Chair Jama Watt added, “This work is about meeting people where they are and equipping our communities with the tools and information they need to stay safe. By working together, we can reduce preventable deaths and better support those affected by substance use.”

To learn more about the *Harm Reduction Pillar* and the drug strategy for Renfrew County & District, visit [www.rcdhu.com/rcdds](http://www.rcdhu.com/rcdds). You can follow updates, track progress and stay informed about the work that’s being done.

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## For Immediate Release

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(Pembroke, Ontario, August 1, 2025)

### Bat in Renfrew County and District Tests Positive for Rabies

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) has received confirmation that a bat collected in the City of Pembroke has tested positive for the rabies virus. The bat was submitted as part of an investigation into a potential human exposure and RCDHU has followed up with those involved to prevent rabies infection.

Local human-bat exposures have been increasing in recent weeks and RCDHU is advising Renfrew County and District residents to remain vigilant about the risk of rabies. This animal rabies case is the first in Renfrew County and District this year. From 2021-2025, 33 bats have been submitted for rabies testing. Of these 33, four (12%) tested positive for rabies.

Rabies is a viral infection that causes inflammation of the brain and spinal cord, which is almost always fatal. Rabies is transmitted to humans through direct contact with saliva from an infected animal, usually through a bite, but saliva contamination of cuts, scratches, or mucous membrane is also possible. The animals that most commonly have rabies in Ontario are bats, skunks, and raccoons. Human rabies cases in Canada are very rare.

RCDHU advises residents to do the following to protect against rabies:

- Vaccinate your pets against rabies; it is the law in Ontario that all cats, dogs, and ferrets over 3 months of age are vaccinated against rabies.
- Stay away from wild animals and always refrain from feeding, touching, or handling wildlife.
- Do not trap and transport wild animals to a new location.
- Warn children to stay away from wild or stray animals.
- Keep pets away from wild animals and do not let pets roam unsupervised.
- Bat-proof your home or cottage by:
  - Caulking holes in the exterior, even those as small as one-quarter to one-half inch in diameter.

- Tightening screens, capping your chimney, placing draft guards under doors leading to the attic and outside, and filling plumbing fixture holes with steel wool or caulk.
- Keeping doors tightly closed when going outside and coming back indoors.

If you have been bitten or scratched by an animal:

- Collect the contact information of the animal's owner/custodian where applicable (their name, address and phone number).
- Immediately thoroughly wash all bite or scratch wounds with soap and water.
- Seek immediate medical attention to assess the need for post exposure treatment. Rabies vaccines are highly effective at preventing the disease if administered soon after an exposure.
- Report the incident to RCDHU at 613-732-3629 ext 505.

If you find a bat in your home:

- Confine the bat to one room, turn off the light and open a window so that it can fly out on its own.
- If the bat does not leave on its own, contact pest control experts who can humanely capture and release the bat.
- If the bat is found in a bedroom, there has been any direct contact with a child, or you cannot rule out exposure to the bat's saliva, call a healthcare provider or RCDHU at 613-732-3629 ext 505 for advice immediately.
- Bats have tiny teeth and a bite mark from a bat can be difficult to find.

To report a wild animal that you suspect may have rabies, follow the steps at [Rabies in wildlife | ontario.ca](http://Rabies%20in%20wildlife.ontario.ca).

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At this OPBA webinar, AMO staff will present a new tariff impact modelling tool developed by Oxford Economics to support public sector organizations in capital planning and procurement activities. [Register over Zoom](#).

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The webinar: Understanding Ontario's Excess Soil Regulation's Notice Filing Requirements as a Municipality, July 24, developed for municipalities, is co-hosted by the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. [Register here](#).

## Education Opportunities

AMO's 2025 Annual Conference is back in Ottawa. In this unprecedented time, coming together with municipal, provincial and key sector partners is more important than ever. [Register for AMO 2025](#) and book your accommodations today.

AMO strives to provide a full spectrum of learning and engagement at our annual event. The [pre-conference sessions](#) include discussion and insights on infrastructure planning, understanding the threat landscape to municipal leaders and the importance of collaboration across orders of government, emergency preparedness, and municipal revenue generation through sponsorship programs.

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## LAS

The [Canadian Environmental Protection Act](#) prohibiting the continued use of PCB-containing lighting ballasts comes into effect December 31, 2025. Take advantage of [LAS' Facility Lighting Service](#) for an LED upgrade solution to keep your municipality compliant. Don't wait - [contact Christian](#) to get started.

## Municipal Wire\*

AMO's Municipal Workforce Development Project is proud to support the AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Internship Program (MIIP). If you are or know a full-time student looking to build a career in local government, [apply here](#).

## Careers

[Director, Human Resources](#) - Town of Oakville. Closing Date: August 8, 2025.

[Director of Strategic Initiatives & Communications](#) - City of Greater Sudbury. Closing Date: July 23, 2025.

[Senior Project Manager - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#). Closing Date: July 28, 2025.

[Administrator, Government Relations and Advisor](#) - Town of Aurora. Closing Date: July 21, 2025.

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- Nominations for 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Award.
- New EASE grant: Apply by August 14!
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- AMO's Second Annual Healthy Democracy Forum: Registration open.
- Blog: Developing a Successful Bill 194 Compliance Business Case.
- The LAS 2024 Annual Report has been published.
- Identify energy savings in your facilities.
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Help inform AMO's strategy to combat the incivility and harassment experienced by elected officials and municipal staff in Ontario. Join us for a solutions workshop concerning the mistreatment of elected officials and municipal staff. [Register for AMO 2025 today](#). Check out the [conference program](#).

The Who's Safe: Understanding Responsibility and Liability for Health and Safety on Construction Projects workshop will review recent health and safety legal developments when and how owners can be liable for health and safety, breaches of responsibility and so much more. [Register for AMO 2025 today](#). Check out the [conference program](#).

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### **LAS**

Ontario's Bill 194 mandates public sector compliance in privacy, cybersecurity, and AI. Municipalities must build funding cases to meet new requirements. [Read more in our latest blog](#) written by our CIMOM program partner.

LAS continues to provide programs and services, with 90% of Ontario's 444 municipalities leveraging one or more LAS offering in 2024! For more information, please [read our 2024 Annual Report](#).

Proper training is essential to identify energy savings opportunities and reduce cost in your municipal facilities. Take advantage of [LAS's Energy Workshops & Treasure Hunt](#) to build your team and meet your energy conservation goals. [Contact Christian Tham](#) for a free proposal.

Regulations around PCB-containing lighting ballasts come into effect December 31, 2025. The [LAS Facility Lighting Service](#) will help your municipality stay in compliance with this new mandate. Contact [Christian Tham](#) for more information.

### **Municipal Wire\***

The [Climate Ready Infrastructure Service \(CRIS\)](#) is launching a specialized call for projects to support wildfire resilient public buildings across Canada. Local governments and First Nations with populations under or around 30,000 people are [invited to submit public buildings design or retrofit projects](#) to receive up to \$20,000 of free expert consulting service through the CRIS, funded by the Government of Canada. Deadline: August 31, 2025.

Prepare for Circular Economy Month 2025! Join your peers across Canada in Circular Innovation Council's municipalities-only meeting. [Register](#) to get inspired, share ideas, and network at the July 23 webinar.

### **Careers**

[Director/Chief of Paramedic Services](#) - County of Brant. Closing date: July 30, 2025.

[Superintendent Systems Programming \(Systems Integration\)](#) - City of Toronto. Closing date: August 01, 2025.

[General Manager of Community Services](#) - City of Greater Sudbury. Closing date: August 6, 2025.

[Project Manager, Policy Planning](#) - Township of King. Closing Date: July 30, 2025.

[Manager, Homelessness Services](#) - City of Kingston. Closing Date: August 4, 2025.

[Deputy Chief Administrative Officer](#) - City of Guelph. Closing Date: August 5, 2025.

[Chief Administrative Officer](#) - Township of South Stormont. Closing Date: August 25, 2025.

[Finance Coordinator](#) - City of Kawartha Lakes. Closing Date: August 6, 2025.

[Finance Clerk, Tax/Water](#) - King Township. Closing Date: July 31, 2025.

[Strategic Policy Coordinator](#) - King Township. Closing Date: August 6, 2025.

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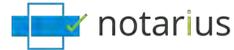
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- Provincial Consultations on Electricity Transmission Planning.
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- Nominations for 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Award.
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If a municipality were shopping for a new group benefits provider or wanted to compare rates, the process isn't a simple 24-hour turnaround. [Read more to understand the process and the value](#).

2024 was a strong year for ONE Investment, with over \$4.3 billion in assets managed for ~190 municipalities and local boards. Learn more about what we offer in our [2024 annual report](#).

## Careers

[Director of Financial Services/City Treasurer](#) - City of St. Thomas. Closing Date: August 6, 2025.

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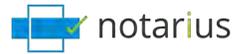
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- All Risk Municipal Grant announcement.
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- Careers.

### AMO Matters

MIDAS - the [Municipal Information & Data Analysis System](#) - provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) data to all Ontario municipalities. MIDAS converts FIR data into meaningful reports and identifies multiple year trends. For access, municipal elected officials and municipal staff can email [MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca](mailto:MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca).

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Now's the time to enhance your understanding of municipal investments. This [new on-demand training](#), which is perfect for municipal finance staff, will review the *Municipal Act* investment regulation, discuss current municipal finance challenges, and overview investment options available to the municipal sector.

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If a municipality were shopping for a new group benefits insurance company or wanted to compare rates, the process isn't a simple 24-hour turnaround. [Read our blog](#) to learn more, and if you have any questions, you could also visit our program partner at the AMO Conference, booth #201.

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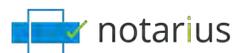
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- Get access to MIDAS!
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We are re-issuing this week's Watchfile with a corrected link to the [Elect Respect Campaign](#) Guest Column. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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### **Guest Column\***

Many elected officials are taking a stand against harassment and toxic behaviour. Learn about [Elect Respect](#), a grassroots initiative calling for a renewed commitment to respect in democracy.

## Provincial Matters

Unlock streamlined and cost-effective procurement with [Supply Ontario's Enterprise-wide VOR Program](#). Ontario municipalities have access to pre-qualified vendors for cost-effective goods and services under standardized terms, conditions, and pricing.

The Ontario government is providing almost \$3 million through the [Ontario Community Environment Fund](#) to support community-based projects that support and restore the environment.

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Stay tuned for the announcement of the three selected recipients of the [LAS IPE All Risk Municipal Grant](#) at the AMO Conference on Monday, August 18.

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[Director of Public Works and Environmental Services](#) - City of Quinte West. Closing Date: September 7, 2025.

[Town Clerk](#) - Town of Innisfil. Closing Date: August 18, 2025.

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## **Lindsay Jones Appointed AMO Executive Director**

### **Message from Robin Jones, AMO President**

On behalf of the AMO Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lindsay Jones as AMO's Executive Director effective September 1, 2025.

For the past three years, Lindsay has served AMO as Director of Policy and Government Relations, leading key policy initiatives including AMO's work on homelessness, growth, and infrastructure investment, tariffs and trade disruptions, and municipal-Indigenous relations.

Lindsay brings 23 years of public policy, program management and executive leadership experience, including in both the provincial and federal governments, and a record of constructive influence and consensus building.

Over the past three years, Lindsay has engaged with AMO's members, key government contacts, municipal political and professional associations, and AMO's partners and allies to advance the interests of AMO and its members in every part of Ontario.

Lindsay will assume the role from Brian Rosborough, who will retire on August 31, 2025, after six years in the role of AMO Executive Director, culminating a distinguished, 34-year career advancing good public policy in Ontario.

Lindsay also becomes President of Local Authority Services (LAS) and the Municipal Employer Pension Center of Ontario (MEPCO).

As a membership organization at the forefront of public policy advocacy in Ontario, AMO is ideally situated for an effective transition in executive leadership and continued success leading and supporting Ontario's strong and unified municipal sector.

Please join me in welcoming Lindsay to her important new role as Executive Director.

The AMO Board looks forward to welcoming you to the AMO Conference.

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## **Join Your Colleagues and Experts in Discussion on Building Ontario's Economic Future**

### **AMO Forum on Trade, Tariffs, and the Municipal Role in Long-Term Economic Growth**

**October 24, 2025**

**Sheraton Centre Hotel Toronto-123 Queen Street West**

The daily headlines about the trade war continue to evolve, while municipal infrastructure projects are already facing cost escalation, local businesses are looking for new markets and supply chains, and the continued sense of national pride has opened doors for increased local investment.

Understanding that the economic and diplomatic consequences will continue for many years. AMO is assembling members and subject matter experts to plan today for a stronger and stable Ontario.

Today we are pleased to share programming information.

#### **Session One: The future of international trade and what it means for municipalities**

Municipalities are grappling with the uncertainty of rapidly changing trade disruption and tariffs. Is the worst behind us or still to come? Are there silver linings to this time of uncertainty? This session will help provide a clear understanding of the current landscape and projections about what might be still to come.

## **Session Two: Building Ontario in Uncertain Times**

Municipal infrastructure construction is critical for economic growth across Ontario but the construction and infrastructure sector are facing cost escalation and supply chain disruption. Hear from experts on the vital role municipalities play in finding solutions and driving continued infrastructure development across Ontario despite current uncertainties.

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## **Session Three: How Municipalities can Advance Provincial and Federal Approaches to Economic Development**

With uncertainty outside our borders, it is increasingly important that all three orders of government are aligned and working together. Hear from senior provincial and federal leaders on how municipalities can support Ontario and pan-Canadian approaches to economic development and procurement.

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## **Session Four: Municipal Tools to Drive Local Economic Development**

While the federal government and province are primarily responsible for foreign relations and international trade, municipalities best know their communities, businesses, and local needs. Here from municipal and business leaders on how municipalities can work with local businesses and business associations and take advantage of local knowledge to increase the longer-term economic resiliency of our communities.

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## **Session five: Popcorn Session**

Open discussion opportunity for attendees to share local experiences and best practices and provide advice on how AMO can best advocate on behalf of municipalities through the continued international uncertainty.

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## **Registration Information**

\$375.00 plus HST. [Click here to register](#).

## **Accommodations**

[Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, 123 Queen Street West](#)

AMO has secured preferred rates of \$349 per night until October 2, 2025. After that date, rooms may be available at the Sheraton at market rate.

[Click Here to book your accommodations](#)

For any questions, feel free to contact us at [events@amo.on.ca](mailto:events@amo.on.ca).

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## **Policy Update - Comments on Bill 9, OPP Billing Review, Waste Management and OMA Consultations at the AMO Conference**

### **AMO Comments on Bill 9, *Municipal Accountability Act, 2025***

The *Municipal Accountability Act, 2025* is a necessary step forward in supporting safe and respectful working environments for members of council and municipal staff. The municipal sector has long advocated for provincial code of conduct legislation and AMO commends Minister Flack for reintroducing this important bill.

Yesterday, AMO President Robin Jones presented to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure, and Cultural Policy. She expressed broad support for many aspects of the legislation, including the enabling of the standardization of municipal codes of conduct and integrity commissioner investigation processes.

In her remarks and [our written submission](#), AMO has advocated for two amendments to the legislation:

- **AMO recommends that the removal from office vote be adjusted from unanimous to a supermajority (a vote by at least 2/3 of Council).** We recognize that a vote to remove an elected municipal official from office is fundamentally different than a regular council vote, but the current proposal sets too high of a threshold. Previously,

AMO had advocated for the removal from office procedure to be in the hands of the judiciary. However, in recognizing that the government is interested in leaving this decision to elected municipal officials, we believe that a council supermajority vote is more appropriate.

- **AMO recommends that the legislation includes a progressive range of discipline options for integrity commissioners, aligned with what was established under the *Education Act* in 2023.** This would provide a standard list of penalties that could be applied apart from removal from office, including censure of a member, barring attendance at meetings, barring a member from sitting on committees, and barring a member from being chair or vice chair of committees.

### **AMO Input on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Billing Model Review**

Earlier this summer, the Ministry of the Solicitor General wrote to all impacted Mayors and CAOs announcing the launch of a review of the OPP billing model. The Ministry has been consulting widely with municipalities over the past month.

On July 11th, AMO [wrote to the Solicitor General](#) to provide input on behalf of the entire municipal sector. AMO appreciates the province's willingness to consider changes to the current OPP billing model. However, increasing police costs are impacting all Ontario municipalities and are only one element of a broader discussion that is needed on reforming the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship.

To that end, AMO made comments on:

- Improving transparency and bill timing
- Addressing municipal police spending on areas of provincial responsibility
- Provincial funding to offset costs associated with police away from work on WSIB approved leaves of absences
- Removing a 2008 cap on provincial funding for uploaded prisoner transport and court security costs
- Addressing the inequitable cost burden faced by service hub municipalities

AMO looks forward to continuing to work with the government to ensure both community safety and fiscal sustainability for our members.

## **AMO Advocacy on Waste Management**

AMO has sent two letters to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding waste management practices in Ontario. AMO continues to support exploring new approaches to supporting priority projects and meeting the waste management needs of Ontario's growing communities.

AMO [wrote to the Minister on July 7](#) expressing concerns about proposed amendments to the Blue Box Regulation that would delay recovery targets, reverse producer responsibility for away-from-home public space blue bin collection, and remove the planned expansion of blue box services for multi-residential buildings, schools, long-term care, and retirement homes. These changes would likely reduce waste diversion rates, increase municipal waste management costs, and leave residents without blue box service.

On July 15, [AMO wrote to the Minister](#) about the use of Bill 5 to remove environmental assessment (EA) requirements for the Dresden Waste Disposal Site (a landfill). While we recognize that the EA process can be onerous and create delays in advancing landfills, this decision sets a precedent that could see any of the over 600 active and inactive landfills across Ontario expanded without reviewing impacts to the environment or nearby communities. AMO recommends the Province establish a modernized approval process for landfills, balancing the need to expedite waste management infrastructure with strong environmental and community protection.

## **OMA Healthcare Meetings with Municipalities at the AMO Conference**

Across Ontario, communities continue to face serious challenges in our health-care system, including: long wait times for surgeries and specialist care, difficulty finding a family doctor and increasing demands for mental health services. These are not just medical issues; they are economic and community challenges that affect every resident and municipality.

Building on last year's successful collaboration with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) will again host one-on-one meetings at the Fairmont Château Laurier, across the road from the Conference venue, on August 18 and 19. These 15-minute sessions are an opportunity to share your community's health-care concerns directly with our senior leadership and discuss how the OMA can partner more closely going forward.

To schedule a 15-minute meeting with the OMA, please contact Tarun Saroya at [Tarun.Saroya@oma.org](mailto:Tarun.Saroya@oma.org). Due to limited availability, meetings will be scheduled on a first come first served basis.

The OMA looks forward to your participation and partnership at AMO and beyond.

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## **Managing Communications through Crisis**

Municipally elected officials are always at the front lines of their community. And during crisis, even more so.

Crisis can come in many shapes and sizes: fire, flood and the unforeseen, and they can happen at any time. Knowing how and when to respond is critical.

AMO has partnered with [The Loomex Group](#) on an interactive, two-day course focusing on teaching participants to manage all aspects of crisis communications during an emergency. This training provides attendees with techniques to effectively and proactively communicate with community and media. Participants will learn how to be comfortable with managing local, national, digital and social media to get messages heard.

This workshop includes analyzing and learning from current events including developing, mastering and delivering your own messages.

Here are some of the things offered through this important, practical workshop:

- Engage in strategic communications with the media and public with confidence
- Knowledge of how to use social and traditional media to monitor and respond to public inquiries
- Understand the importance of communications during an emergency
- Learn how to prepare spokespeople for media inquiries and interviews
- Learn how to organize press conferences
- Demonstrate how to prepare organized and concise communications during a crisis.

For a full description of this workshop, click [here](#).

**Limited to 20 participants**

**Date: October 8-9, 2025** (This is a two day workshop running from 11:00am - 3:00pm)

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FRIDAY AUGUST 1ST, 2025

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## Community Notice: Staff Update



On behalf of the Executive Director of Operations, we would like to share that Kassandra Tiegs has transitioned from her role with Lands, Estates & Membership to a new position within the Consultation Department.

We thank Kassandra for her dedication and contributions during her time with Lands, Estates, and Membership and wish her continued success and fulfillment in her new role. Please join us in congratulating Kassandra on this exciting next chapter.

Miigwetch,  
Lisa Meness  
Executive Director of Operations



Algonquins of Pikwakanagan  
First Nation

# Community MEETING

Join Chief and Council for discussions and updates on community issues.

### WHEN

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 FROM 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

### WHERE

MAKWA COMMUNITY CENTRE  
83 Kagagimin Inamo, Pikwakanagan

Topics will include :

Water Treatment Plant, Community Preparedness,  
Harvest, LEM Second Generation Cut Off,  
Algonquin Dedicated Space and other topics.



*Light Refreshments Provided*



# CHIEF & COUNCIL UPDATE

August 8th, 2025



Construction on Pikwakanagan's new water treatment plant and the work to supply good water to all our houses continues, now going into our third year. This is a really big job and it seems like it is taking forever, but now the end of construction is in sight and we are asking the community to be patient for a little while longer.

We have been informed that the mechanical and electrical works in the plant will be completed by September 30 this year and security fencing around the plant will be completed by October 31. Outside the plant, the installation of all water mains are planned to be complete by the end of September this year and the waterlines to all houses and other buildings are planned to be completed by October 31, this year also.

Water service connections to our houses and buildings are planned to begin in the spring of 2026 and completed by the end of June 2026. There are 242 houses and buildings to be hooked up, and when the plant produces potable water, the water distribution system can be brought online. After 38 years of trying, we will finally have good water to all of our houses and then, after all of that, repaving of our roads can occur.

"The construction of this water treatment plant is more than just infrastructure – it is a long-overdue promise to our people. This project reflects the strength of our Nation, the persistence of our leadership, and our unwavering commitment to future generations. Water is life, and today, we are building hope." – Chief Greg Sarazin



## COMMUNITY UPDATE

### Ontario Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act 2025 and Federal Bill C-5 - One Canadian Economy Legislation

Both legislations were developed without AOPFN's free, prior and informed consent (FPIC), which violates our rights under Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

#### BACKGROUND - Ontario Bill 5:

- April 27, 2025 - Bill 5 was **tabled** in the House of Commons
- June 4, 2025 – Bill 5 was **passed** by the Legislature
  - Bill 5 supports **faster development** by significantly accelerating provincial permitting and approvals, and would give the government the authority to designate special **economic zones**, where projects of provincial importance and security that are ready to advance and be led by trusted proponents, can benefit from streamlined requirements.
  - **Bill 5 changes impact the following Acts for all First Nations in Ontario:**
    - Endangered Species Conservation Act, Mining Act, Ontario Heritage Act, Special Economic Zones Act, and the Species Conservation Act.
- May 16, 2025 - AOPFN submitted our 'opposed response' online and by the deadline of May 17th.
- May 30, 2025 - AOPFN Community Update #1 was posted in the Newsletter & Facebook page
- June 2, 2025 - Chiefs of Ontario rallied at Queen's Park in TO, AOPFN unable to attend unfortunately
- June 6, 2025 - AOPFN Community Update #2 was posted in the Newsletter & Facebook page

#### BACKGROUND - Federal Bill C-5:

- May 26, 2025 - Bill C-5 was **tabled** in the House of Commons
- June 26, 2025 – Bill C-5 was **passed** by the Senate
  - Bill C-5 is an Act that enacts the Free Trade and Labor Mobility in Canada Act and the Building Canada Act, which allows the Canadian Government to **fast-track major projects** that are **deemed to be of national interest**.
  - Bill C-5 significantly weakens environmental protections and allows the Government to **bypass critical processes** that safeguard species at risk, cultural heritage, and treaty rights.
  - It concentrates decision-making power in the hands of Ministers and the Lieutenant Governor without mandating First Nation involvement, threatening sovereignty, and stewardship, and ongoing reconciliation efforts.
  - The speed of its formulation and implementation will make it impossible for the Government to uphold their commitments on the UNDRIP and Duty to Consult.
- June 17, 2025 - AOPFN Chief & Council sent our opposition letter to the Prime Minister of Canada.
- June 17, 2025 - the Chiefs of Ontario protested at Parliament Hill in Ottawa, in which AOPFN Chief & Council attended and Chief Sarazin spoke at.
- July 8, 2025 – AOPFN Chief & Council received an email reply on behalf of the Prime Minister of Canada, acknowledging receipt of AOPFN's opposition letter to Bill C-5 dated June 17, 2025.



## KEY DATES & EVENTS:

- July 15, 2025 - AOPFN Consultation Department held a **Community Meeting** to provide updates on Bill 5 & Bill C-5 and to share AOPFN's initial comments. Roughly 15 members attended and had the following questions:

### 1. Based on Bill 5 changes, does that mean they won't consult with First Nations?

- It could, but we don't know yet.

### 2. When UNDRIP was created in Canada, AOPFN was one of the last ones to sign it. How or will that amend the Bill 5 legislation?

- We can share more, once when we have an opportunity to engage with the Government of Canada.

### 3. Who can attend the Bill C-5 Summit on July 16 & 17 in Gatineau?

- Only one leadership member from each First Nation was allowed to attend.
- AOPFN thought there was a Rally being organized but realized there wasn't

### 4. Members asked why AOPFN has been so reactive vs proactive?

- Both Legislations appeared and passed very quickly by Parliament, not giving AOPFN enough time to be proactive.
- AOPFN is working on being more prepared for all actions in relation to both Bills moving forward



### 5. What is the reason why we need to slow these [projects] down even more?

- AOPFN wants to make sure that proper consultation takes place on each project, which takes time.

### 6. How long do we think it will take to get proper resources?

- It can take a very long time, 6 months just for staffing and 6 months to a year for training. Look at a year and a half potentially

### 7. Are we creating a committee for this? It might be better than community meetings

- We will certainly take this suggestion into consideration.

### 8. Was Bill C-5 created as a streamline process to counter Trump's annexing Canada?

- The short answer is yes, but that's not the only reason.

### 9. Has any university or organization ever done a study on how effective Rallies are in creating change?

- a famous protest called the 'Oka crisis' in 1990. In that protest, the Government rolled out RCAP docs. Also mentioned was the 'Standing Rock' pipeline protest in the USA

- July 16 & 17, 2025 – a **Bill C-5 Summit** was held in Gatineau, QC by the Prime Minister of Canada with Ontario First Nation Leaders:

- As per the PM - today is about our economies and how we can build a new economy together, respecting rights is about our economies and how we can build a new economy together, respecting right is fundamental, and they will offer consultation process for feedback.
- **The One Economy Act can:** create careers, provide resources to health and social services, build Canadian's projects to build the nation's economy, and will build with First Nations and projects will be built with First Nations as partners.
- Projects will honour the rights, and new Indigenous Offices will have a council. This council will have a mix of Indigenous, Metis, and other groups.

- July 27, 2025 - **National Chief's Press Conference** held on by day two of the **Bill C-5 Summit:**

- A land recognition statement was made by the National Chief in regard to Algonquin Anishinabeg Territory.
- First Nations and Canada are at a critical point in nation-to-nation relationships.
- Historically, First Nations have stood up for Canada and are doing so again in Canada's stand against Trump's illegal tariffs.
- First Nations have always supported economic growth and prosperity, but not at the expense of our rights and the environment

- July 27, 2025 - **Chief Sarazin addresses on behalf of AOPFN**, on day two of the **Bill C-5 Summit:**

- In recent decades Indigenous Peoples and the Government of Canada have made incredible progress in building a vision of Canada that works for all of us.
- These Bills give Cabinet Ministers the ability to create Special Economic Zones (SEZ), something AOPFN is not overly familiar with. These SEZ can be anywhere in Ontario, and companies can get exemptions from Provincial and Federal laws within the SEZ.
- The only safety valve that appears to be build into Bill C-5, is that it will simply go away in five years. if it doesn't work out. My people believe that this is not enough, and we do not like any government directives where the backup plan involves sweeping it under the rug, and pretending it never happened.

## Chief Sarazin's address con't:

- If the Canadian Government does not make this right, if it does not give all Indigenous Peoples the tools to participate in the One Canadian Economy legislation, this will be yet another occasion where it has robbed Indigenous people of their voices, and of their natural wealth and their sacred lands would otherwise provide
- The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan do not need to be taught how to protect our lands and waters we need the time to teach others how to protect our lands and waters – and if you insist that we only have half of that time, then it sounds like we need double the resources. We need capacity, we need tools, and we need the trust from governments, proponents, and partners that what our people want, need, and demand is what's best for all Canadians.
- We are demanding to keep comprehensive and effective consultations going. We are demanding our place as an integral part of if and when a proponent gains access to our unceded unsurrendered territory.
- Together we can prosper; and if we do it the right way, the way our ancestors have done since time immemorial, our descendants can do the same seven generations from now.

## AOPFN NEXT STEPS:

- The Consultation Team will:
  - Continue to monitor all media coverage on both legislations and will provide on-going updates to Chief & Council as required.
  - Keep members informed of any potential Rallies held by any indigenous organizations.
  - Will prioritize and finalize existing Consultation Department Protocols and Policies
  - Will conduct an analysis of Bill 5 and Bill C-5 in regard to our existing FPIC approach, and where these laws have impact on AOPFN's FPIC approach.
- AOPFN will continue to stay in close contact with the Chief of Ontario, as AOPFN will need to have an action plan from the Chief when things potentially go wrong.
- AOPFN is currently waiting on funding, as PIK has already incurred costs in doing work on these Bills to date.
- **July 23, 2025 - Consultation Bill 5 was initiated with AOPFN**, from the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade, and the Office of the Deputy Minister. The title of the email was: **Proposed Regulation Criteria under Bill 5 Special Economic Zones Act, the Ontario Heritage Act, and Archaeology Exemptions**.
  - The Ontario ministries are seeking input from all First Nations, as they work to develop regulations under each Act above, and the Assistant Deputy Ministers and Directors have invited AOPFN to participate in upcoming Consultation Session(s), to discuss the proposals and provide an opportunity for Ontario to hear from AOPFN about any question/or concerns AOPFN may have about the potential impacts to our Aboriginal or treaty rights.
- July 24, 2025-AOPFN requested a one-on-one consultation **Meeting** with the Province too.
- July 30, 2025-AOPFN will attend a virtual Consultation **Session** in August, hosted by the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade and the Office of the Deputy Minister.
- August 28, 2025-is the deadline for AOPFN to provide initial feedback and AOPFN will also identify Indigenous-led projects that would fit within the 'Special Economic Zones' framework within our territory as well.



## RECENT MEDIA HEADLINES:

- July 15, 2025 - nine First Nations in Ontario filed a constitutional challenge against the Provincial and Federal Governments, to kill parts of Bill 5 and Bill C-5.
  - Note that AOPFN is not part of the nine First Nations above, but AOPFN has been consulting with our Legal Team since both Bills were passed in June, to ensure that we are prepared to take legal action if necessary

## CLOSING:

- AOPFN does not, and never has, claimed to speak for all Algonquins on this or any other matter and that we respect the rights of other Algonquin nations, Canada's duty to consult, and Canada's responsibility to uphold the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and Indigenous Rights to free, prior, and informed consent.
- Protection of the lands, waters and wildlife is always our top concern. The AOPFN will continue to inform proponents in respect to our Consultation & Engagement Protocols & Requirements in relation to projects in AOPFN's unceded Algonquin traditional territory.

# ADIYTAĞÀOMIN- KÌZIS AUGUST 2025

MANÀDJITÀGANIWAN SUNDAY	METISOWINÌ-KIJID MONDAY	ÀNJENÌ-KIJIGAD TUESDAY	SÒZEP-KIJIGAD WEDNESDAY	ISHPINIGANIWAN THURSDAY	CHÌBAYÀTIGO - KIJIGAD FRIDAY	MÀNÌ-KIJIGAD SATURDAY
3	4 Civic Holiday	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Algonquin Park Fisheries and Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring	14 Estelle Amikons Retirement Celebration	15 Elk and Moose Application Deadline	16 Traditional Pow wow
17	18	19 Community meeting Renfrew County Legal Clinic	20	21	22 Elk and Moose Draw Date	23 Cultural Night Market
Traditional Pow wow	24	25	26	27	28	29
						30

# Community Health August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office closed at 12:00pm	2 <b>LONG WEEKEND</b>
3	4 Holiday Monday Office Closed	5 Chair Exercises at Manor with Taylor 1:15pm-2:15pm	6	7 Chair Exercises at Manor with Taylor 1:15pm-2:15pm	8	9
10	11	12 Chair Exercises at Manor with Taylor 1:15pm-2:15pm	13	14 No exercise today	15	16 Pow Wow Weekendi 
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24	25	26 Chair Exercises at Manor with Taylor 1:15pm-2:15pm	27	28 Chair Exercises at Manor with Taylor 1:15pm-2:15pm	29 Office closed at 12:00pm	30 <b>LONG WEEKEND</b>
31						



Algonquins of  
Pikwakanagan  
Health Services



**Happy August!**  
May this month  
be filled with  
sunny days, laughter,  
and lots of love.





# Kids, Cops & Canadian Tire *Fishing Days*



## FISHING DERBY

Saturday

August 9th, 2025

Pembroke Waterfront Park

8:30a.m. until Noon

Registration 8:30a.m.  
(no pre-registration)



Free Derby

**Entries capped at 100 Youth**  
(for children 12 and under)



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# Graduation Photos are ready!

Please reach out to  
Keesha Mirault by  
email for the link to  
access the photos



Education Services would  
like to have one portrait  
printed per graduating  
student and mailed to you

[ea.education@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:ea.education@pikwakanagan.ca)



## Bus Registration

If you have not sent in or filled out your child's bus registration forms, please come into the Admin Office to see Keesha Mirault, Executive Assistant, Education Services. If your child is not registered for 2025-2026 school year they will not be picked up. Bus stop notice letters will be mailed out mid August.

[ea.education@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:ea.education@pikwakanagan.ca)



# YARD SALE

August 9th

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Household items	Clothes
Toys	Shoes
Coats/jackets	2 ex-large gravity chairs
Xmas décor	Camp cots (low to the floor)
Décor items	Antique dresser (sm)

Many more items, too numerous to list

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# New Eagle Staff

Chief and Council invite all community members to a Blessing Ceremony for our new Pikwakanagan Eagle Staff. Our current Eagle Staff has become fragile and needs to be honored and protected and it is time to take it out of service.

Our current Eagle Staff was created in 1996 by elders Dorothy Commanda and Reggie Meness to replace the previous Eagle Staff.

The Blessing Ceremony for the new Staff will take place on Friday August 15, 2025 at 6pm at the Pow Wow grounds.

Meegwetch

## Start the Conversation: What Everyone Needs to Know About Heart Disease

**WE WELCOME MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL AGES AND ALL CULTURES.**



Call Taylor at Health Services 613-625-2259 ext 209 to sign up.  
Men and Women of all ages welcome!

- Explore how Canada is working to improve heart care for women and diverse communities, and understand the impact of heart disease on Canadians.
- Learn what heart disease is and how it affects men and women differently, including the key signs, symptoms, and treatments.
- Discover simple ways to keep your heart healthy and prevent heart disease.

**Date:** Friday September 12th, 2025 **Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Free Lunch and beverages provided** **Location:** The Elders Lodge  
**Presented by:** Marion Martell, Women@Heart Program Ambassador, Canadian Women's Heart Health Center University of Ottawa Heart Institute Also with our Chronic Disease Management Nurse Taylor and Dietician Jenna Walsh

# News & Events:



## STAY ACTIVE & SAFE THIS SUMMER!



### Why Move?

Staying active keeps your heart strong, joints limber, and mind sharp—even small movements matter!

### Top Tips for Safe Summer Exercise



#### Avoid the Heat

Exercise in the early morning or late evening when it's cooler.



#### Seek Shade

Choose shaded walking paths or take breaks under a tree.



#### Stay Hydrated

Bring water and stay hydrated.



#### Listen to Your Body

Stop if you feel dizzy, tired, or overheated.

### Everyday Activities That Count as Exercise!



Light gardening or pulling weeds



A walk to the mailbox or around the block



Doing laundry or carrying groceries



Chair stretches or leg lifts while watching TV

**Remember:** Movement doesn't have to be intense to be beneficial. A little each day adds up to a stronger, you!

Talk to your healthcare provider before starting new routines.

## Estelle Amikons is booked for retirement!

Come and celebrate with us

THURSDAY | AUGUST | 14

1:00 PM - 4:00PM



Elders Lodge  
96 Chibekana Inamo  
Pikwakanagan  
K0J 2A0



## AOPFN Limited Partnership

We're getting ready and we want you to be the first to know!

### Stay tuned for opportunities to:

- Get involved in community programs and information sessions
- Apply for new employment and training opportunities
- Help with bidding on contracts and procurement opportunities
- Grow or launch your own business with our support

We're building for Pikwakanagan's future and you're a part of it!

Watch the newsletter for updates as we get up and running. Find funding opportunities, loans and grants. Next we will be updating our Skills Proficiency Index and our Business Registry!!!

Grant Summers [procurement.officer@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:procurement.officer@pikwakanagan.ca)

Crystal Benoit [bdo@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:bdo@pikwakanagan.ca)

THE TRADITIONAL POW WOW COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

# PIKWAKANAGAN'S

36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

## TRADITIONAL POW WOW

AUGUST  
16 & 17  
2025

GRAND ENTRY (SAT.) 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM, / (SUN.) 12:00 PM

ALL ARE  
WELCOME!

### Head Dancers

- Keysha Two-Axe  
McMullin
- Awema Tendes

### Host Drum

- Spirit Wolf

### Featuring

- Pàpàse

### M.C.

- Kevin Lamarr
- Fred McGregor

Limited camping  
available for  
participants and  
vendors only

Pikwakanagan  
Cultural Grounds  
109 Pakwanagemag  
Inamo, KOJ 1X0

Absolutely no  
alcohol, drugs, or pets  
allowed on Cultural  
Grounds





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## *Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation*

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### **TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ALGONQUINS OF PIKWAKANAGAN FIRST NATION:**

Adult Moose & Elk draw, and calf tag application forms are available through the Natural Resources Department or call 613-625-2800 ext. 249 should you require an electronic copy or a mail out. Draw will take place at the Administration Office and the results will be posted immediately following posted in office and available online.

### **ELK DRAW:**

- Application Deadline:** Aug 15, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.
- Draw Date:** Aug22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
- Season:** September 1, 2025 – December 21, 2025

### **MOOSE DRAW:**

- Application Deadline:** Aug 15, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.
- Draw Date:** Aug22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
- Cow Season:** October 11, 2025 – December 21, 2025
- Bull Season:** October 11, 2025 – January 15, 2026

### **SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS:**

- Harvest tags will be available at the administration office. If you cannot pick it up, you can arrange to have someone from your group sign for it.
- Pick-up:** Monday to Friday from 9:00am - 4:00pm. \* **Office Closure: 12:00pm-1:00pm.**

### **UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS:**

**Note:** If your group is unsuccessful in the draw, you can obtain a moose calf tag at the administration office.

### **BOW HARVEST SEASON OUTSIDE WMU 51 & 54 - ALGONQUIN PARK:**

- Cow Season: September 1, 2025 – December 21, 2025
- Bull Season: September 1, 2025 – January 15, 2026
- Calf Season: September 1, 2025 – January 15, 2026

If you require any additional information, please contact the Natural Resources Department at (613) 625-2800 ext. 249 or [field.admin@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:field.admin@pikwakanagan.ca)



# Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation

## ALGONQUIN ANNUAL HARVEST 2025-2026 Application for the Adult Moose & Adult Elk Draw For (1) One Adult Moose Tag And/or For One (1) Adult Elk Tag

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Six (6) adult Pikwakanagan members must be listed with their information to be eligible for the draw for one (1) Adult moose tag and (1) Adult elk tag. Group members must be **16** years of age or older by the draw date.
- The main applicant must provide their contact information. Ensure you have obtained the member's permission to have their name on your tag.
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 15, 2025 @ 4:30 pm** Any application will not be accepted if any information is missing, incomplete, or passed the deadline.

**Please check the box beside which draw you want to enter (one or both)  ADULT MOOSE  ADULT ELK**

	MAIN APPLICANT NAME	REGISTRY NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH
1.			

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	GROUP NAMES	REGISTRY NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

### SUBMIT APPLICATION BY:

- **MAIL/IN PERSON:** Natural Resources Department  
1657A Mishomis Inamo, Pikwakanagan, ON K0J 1X0
- **FAX:** (613)-625-2332
- **EMAIL(s):** [field.admin@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:field.admin@pikwakanagan.ca)

**DRAW DATE:  
August 22, 2025**

# CALL OUT FOR ELDERERS:

HELP PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY'S HISTORY

WE ARE REACHING OUT TO THE  
RESPECTED ELDERERS OF OUR  
COMMUNITY TO HELP US  
GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT  
OUR COMMUNITY'S HISTORY  
FOR OUR WEBSITE.

Stories about  
our community's  
past and  
present

Important  
events or  
milestones

Changes you've  
witnessed

Traditions

Any photos  
you are able  
to share

We would be honoured to hear from you

Contact Sasha Sarazin 613-625-2800 or  
email

[generalgov.assistant@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:generalgov.assistant@pikwakanagan.ca)

## Upcoming Virtual Events through Indigenous Diabetes Health Circle

Intentions give you purpose, as well as the inspiration and motivation to achieve your purpose.

Setting wellness intentions periodically allows you to choose how you want your well-being to unfold. Setting, and living your intentions, allows you to focus on who you are in the moment, to recognize and live your values. Raise your energy on the levels of body, emotion, mind and spirit.

Join this event and be a part of a circle that will imagine together, focus on the best outcome, set a specific future goal and practice gratitude for a good outcome.

# Setting Your Intentions

ACTIONS STEPS FOR WELLNESS

**Date:** August 13, 2025

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST

**Registration Link:** <https://soadi.wufoo.com/forms/s5ixgjo08ossec/>

For more information  
contact [traininglead@idhc.life](mailto:traininglead@idhc.life).





# Meal Preparation **BUDGETING**

Meal prep allows you to make whole meals or dishes ahead of schedule. It is a very popular way to plan out our meals for the week and enjoy ready-made meals during busy work weeks on schedule.

Meal prepping can also help with our grocery budget. Some of what you will learn during this session is how to:

- Stick to a consistent schedule
- Pick the right combination of recipes
- Organize your prep and cook times
- Make a shopping List

**Date:** Wednesday, August 27, 2025

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST

**Registration Link:** <https://soadi.wufoo.com/forms/s1xdqxnk1c6rt5a/>

For more information contact  
Crystal Bomberry at [traininglead@idhc.life](mailto:traininglead@idhc.life).



**Be a part of our communities' groundwork for the future!**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL,**  
**HOUSING/PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**What is the SCCPW?**

The Committee has the authority and the responsibility to make recommendations on all aspects of the Housing Programs.

**This includes: -Housing, RRAP, AOPFN ERP... etc**

By joining the Standing Committee, you will have a direct voice in developing our policies and programs!

If you're interested in joining the Standing Committee of Council for Housing and making a difference in YOUR community call, text, or email:

**Kreed Knox**

**Call- (613) 625-2800 ext.247**

**Call/Text- (613) 639-3309**

**housing@pikwakanagan.ca**

***Have you ever looked around and thought you could improve our community?***

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***Have an idea that should be heard?***

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***Have an opinion you really want to voice?***

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***We want to hear from you!***



# CULTURAL NIGHT MARKET

August 23, 2025 | 4-9 pm  
Downtown Arnprior

Live Performers  
Visual Artists  
Various Vendors

[arnprior.ca/nightmarket](http://arnprior.ca/nightmarket)



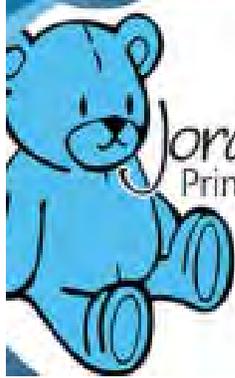
# News & Events:

Ensuring First Nations Children (0-17)  
Have Access to Educational, Social  
and Medical Supports



### Examples of Supports Available

- Mental Health Services
- Speech Therapy
- Dental and Vision Care
- Assessments and Screenings
- Medical Equipment
- Assistive Technology
- Respite Care
- Tutoring
- Land Based Activities



Jordan's  
Principle

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## RENFREW COUNTY LEGAL CLINIC IS COMING HERE TO AOPFN!

**New Dates**

### THINGS TO KNOW:

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- No appointment needed.
- First come, first serve basis.
- The hours will run from 4:30pm till 6:00pm.



RENFREW COUNTY LEGAL CLINIC

### THE RENFREW COUNTY LEGAL CLINIC WILL BE HERE:

February 18, 2025 4:30-6:00pm

March 25, 2025 4:30-6:00pm

April 15, 2025 4:30-6:00pm

May 13, 2025 4:30-6:00pm

June 17, 2025 4:30-6:00pm

July 8, 2025 4:30-6:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL EMMA; THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WORKER AT AOPFN

(613) 625-2259 Ext 245

1643 Mishomis Inamo, Pikakanagan, ON

## RENFREW COUNTY LEGAL CLINIC IS ATTENDING AOPFN!



RENFREW COUNTY LEGAL CLINIC

**New Hours for month of August!**

### What the RCLC can assist with:

- Ontario Works (OW)
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- Housing Law (for tenants only)
- Canada Pension Plan
- Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)
- Human Rights
- Employment Law (non-union matters)
- Debt and Collection Agencies
- Services for Victims of Crime
- Seniors Law
- Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

### THINGS TO KNOW:

- Renfrew County Legal Clinic will be attending the Health Services Building once a month to offer free legal advice and support.
- No appointment needed.
- First come, first serve basis.
- The hours will run from 4:30pm till 6:00pm.

### THE RENFREW COUNTY LEGAL CLINIC WILL BE HERE:

August 19, 2025 2:30-4:30

Please stay tuned for more dates.

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## BINGO HALL RENTAL

Email Karen Brethour at  
ea.lp@pikwakanagan.ca

or

Call Karen at AOPFN Limited Partnership to arrange  
Bingo Hall rentals

613-625-1551 ext : 1

Please leave a message if you reach voicemail so we  
can return your call in a timely manner

Keys will be available for pick up  
8:30 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 3:00



# INTERIOR SYSTEMS CARPENTRY JOB READINESS PROGRAM FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

START DATE:

**OCT. 27<sup>TH</sup>**

## 8 WEEK PROGRAM

1-4TH week: Learn theory & Practical Skills

5-8TH week: Job Placement

Application Deadline:

Tuesday, September 30th

DRYWALL

FRAMING

SAFETY CERTIFICATIONS

+ MUCH MORE



TO APPLY:  
Contact Ross Holden at  
Mobile Resources  
Group

• (613) 276-8375

• ross.holden@mobileresources.ca.

@local\_2041

Carpenters' Union Local 2041

This Employment Ontario Program is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.



# **Know Your Risk: Free Online Health Assessments**

## **Take charge of your health — Assess yourself today!**

### **Heart Disease & Stroke**

Website: Heart & Stroke Foundation - Risk Assessment Tool

Tool: Cardiovascular Risk Calculator

- ✓ Estimates risk of heart disease & stroke
- ✓ Personalized lifestyle tips
- ✓ Based on Canadian health data

### **Diabetes Risk**

Website: Diabetes Canada - CANRISK Questionnaire

Tool: CANRISK Type 2 Diabetes Risk Assessment

- ✓ Quick online quiz
- ✓ Identifies risk of developing type 2 diabetes
- ✓ Recommended by Health Canada

### **Cancer Screening & Risk**

Website: My CancerIQ (Ontario Health)

Tool: Multiple Cancer Risk Assessments

- ✓ Covers breast, cervical, colon, lung, and prostate cancer
- ✓ Personalized risk reports
- ✓ Action plans for prevention

### **Mental Health & Mood Disorders**

Website: CAMH - Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Tool: Mental Health Assessment Tools

- ✓ Covers depression, anxiety, substance use
- ✓ Free self-assessment quizzes
- ✓ Trusted Ontario mental health resource

### **Osteoporosis & Bone Health**

Website: Osteoporosis Canada - Know Your Risk

Tool: Online Risk Assessment

- ✓ Check your fracture risk
- ✓ Easy-to-use for men & women
- ✓ Education on prevention

### **Why Take a Risk Assessment?**

- ✓ Catch early warning signs
- ✓ Get personalized health tips
- ✓ Improve long-term health outcomes
- ✓ Know when to talk to your doctor



For more information about risk assessments reach out to our  
Chronic Disease Management Nurse Taylor  
at 613-65-2259 ext 209

# Women's Heart Health Lunch and Learn Friday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>: Meet



Marion Martell



Marion has been involved working within a community setting throughout her career. Her focus has been in areas of health, management, business development, sales, coaching, training, communications, and charity work.

In 2007 Marion became involved with fundraising for the University of Ottawa Heart Institute Foundation and served as co-chair to a charity fund raising event. This was an all female golf charity tournament raising awareness of heart disease in women and raised over \$1,000,000 for the Canadian Women' Heart Health Centre( CWHHC) at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute.

Marion herself is a Heart Patient Survivor. In 2008 Marion was diagnosed with Complete Heart Block requiring a Permanent Pacemaker. Thanks to the Heart Institute and all the staff for their great care. She feels great today.

She is involved with Canadian Women's Heart Health Alliance on the Community Presentation Project. Come join her in a Women's Heart Health Presentation at The Elders Lodge Friday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. See flyer for sign up information.



## Supporting You To Take Control Of Your Health



### **Living A Healthy Life With Chronic Conditions Online Wednesdays, August 27th-October 1st 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM**

“Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions is a six week workshop for anyone with a chronic health condition as well as their family members and/or caregivers. This could include diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, lung disease, and other chronic health issues. Anyone can register themselves for a workshop; no referral from a health care professional is needed. Workshops are highly interactive.”

“You will be in a group of 6-12 people with two peer leaders. You can choose whether or not to be seen on camera.”

Visit [www.livinghealthychamplain.ca](http://www.livinghealthychamplain.ca) to register or contact our Chronic Disease Management Nurse Taylor for assistance registering at 613-625-2259 ext. 209

# Resource Numbers:

## ADDICTION *Resources*

### Addictions Counsellors:

Gillian McKay  
&  
Sabrina  
Laframboise

613-625-2259

After Hours: Drug  
Alcohol, Gambling  
Hotline:

1-866-531-2600

### Renfrew County Community Withdrawal Management:

613-432-7620

After Hours:  
National Overdose  
Prevention Line:

1-888-688-6677

## Medical & Foodbank *Resources*

### VTAC:

1-844-727-6404

Telahealth

1-866-797-0000

Poison Control

1-800-268-9017

The Sharing Place  
Golden Lake  
(11185 Hwy 60)

613-625-2600

Food Vouchers  
(Pikwakanagan Social  
Services)

613-639-1633

## Pikwakanagan Drug Tip Line

OPP Community Street Crime Unit in Renfrew County have established a drug tip line for Pikwakanagan First Nation. The number is:  
**613-689-0805.**

The tip line will be monitored by Detectives within the Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU). Messages will be checked regularly. If the caller wishes to be called back, an investigator will return the call.

This line is only intended for drug-related information.

Any emergency requests for police assistance or other call for service should go through normal channels.

Renfrew County Crimestoppers is still available for drug and non-drug related tips.

- Pikwakanagan Drug Tip Line: 613-639-0805
- Renfrew County Crimestoppers: 1-800-222-8477
- Any Emergency call: 911
- OPP non-emergency line: 1-888-310-1122



## Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation Community Support Personnel

### Who are the CSP

A group of trained individuals who support the community by assisting local Ambulance and Police services, engaging in community crisis support and actively ensuring the safety and well-being of the community members.



- Operates 7 days a week
- Wellness Checks
- Assist with special events & recreation
- Assist where they are needed
- Providing support to the community
- Ensuring the safety & well-being of the residents

Your privacy matters to us. Any contact information you provide will remain strictly confidential and never be shared with any third parties without your consent.



613-401-7446



csp@pikwakanagan.ca



**AOPFN Limited Partnership**

# MURAL PROJECT

**CALLING ALL AOPFN ARTISTS!**

AOPFN Limited Partnership is facilitating a mural to be created by one of our own members. If you're an aspiring artist, this is your chance to make your mark!

- PAID opportunity**
- Celebrate Algonquin identity**
- Leave a legacy for future generations**

Theme: Culture • Land • Community • Future

Location: National Capital Region

Apply by: 4:30 PM August 31st 2025

## HOW TO APPLY:

**Send your name and contact info:**

Crystal Benoit [bdo@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:bdo@pikwakanagan.ca)

Grant Summers [procurement.officer@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:procurement.officer@pikwakanagan.ca)



# AOPFN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

## Project Coordinator (Community Energy)

**Department: Consultation**

**Supervisor: Manager, Consultation**

**35 hr/week - Fulltime - 1 yr Contract - Possibility of permanency  
\$51,122 - \$58,686 annually/ Based on Experience & Education**

**Deadline to Apply: Friday, August 22, 2025 at 4:00PM**

The Project Coordinator is responsible for supporting project management, overseeing project functions, reporting, and budgeting for assigned projects. Manage assigned projects and working groups and coordinate necessary administrative functions associated with working group activities; implement assigned consultation projects that will include researching, planning, budgeting, and documenting all aspects of the work projects; will be responsible for supervision of delegated staff.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

#### Program Support and Implementation

- Support and guide the Community Energy Coordinator in project execution, including construction, management, and maintenance of renewable energy projects.
- Assist in project planning and coordination, including resource allocation and contractor liaison.
- Validate and refine the CEC's project analyses and proposals, identifying and addressing any gaps.
- Conduct operations and maintenance on AOPFN's current solar infrastructures.
- Conduct research and provide recommendations to update the AOPFN Community Energy Plan (CEP).
- Explore renewable energy projects and funding opportunities for the community.
- Provide logistical and documentation support for consultation processes with external proponents, as assigned by the Lead Energy Project Coordinator.

**For full Job Description please email [hr@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:hr@pikwakanagan.ca)**

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Post-secondary education is considered an asset but not required.
- We welcome candidates who demonstrate a passion for community energy, a readiness to learn, and strong public engagement skills.
- Relevant volunteer work, lived experience, or professional experience will be recognized as equivalent qualifications.

## How to Apply

- Cover Letter
- Current Resume
- Three (3) professional/work-related references that include name, phone number and email address.

### Submit to:

Human Resources Department  
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation  
1657A Mishomis Inamo, Pikwakanagan, Ontario, KOJ 1X0

hr@pikwakanagan.ca

### Subject Line: Project Coordinator

Please allow for 24 hours to receive a 'Confirmed Receipt' of your application submission should you apply via email.

**Application Procedure:** Interested persons must submit a resume demonstrating that they meet the requirements outlined and the names and day contact telephone numbers of three (3) professional references.

**Screening Procedure:** Applicant must not be a member of the supervisor's immediate family. The best qualified candidate will be defined and determined so as to include the following: Provided the candidate meets the basic requirements of the position and is deemed qualified following the interview process, preference will be given to:

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- b) the qualified indigenous person; then to,
- c) the qualified non-indigenous candidate.

**Interviews:** Interviews will be conducted in-person or virtually by Teams Meeting. AOPFN has the right to shortlist for interview/assessment purposes of the five (5) most qualified persons and typically establishes an eligibility list.

## What Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation Offers

### Employee Benefits:

Pension Plan

Paid Sick Days

4% Vacation

Holiday Shutdown

- 14 Provincial and Federal Statutory Holidays
- Half days on Fridays prior to holiday Mondays
- Health Spending Account (Dental, Vision, Prescriptions, etc.)
- Milestone Recognitions & Rewards

We are committed to achieving employment equity and developing a highly capable workforce that is representative of Canadian Society. We therefore encourage women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minority groups to apply and declare themselves as part of one or more of the above mentioned Employment Equity Designated Groups.

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# AOPFN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

## Early Childhood Educator

**Department: Mindiwin Manido Day Care**

**Supervisor: Daycare Supervisor**

**\$49,628/ annually - 40 hours a week - Full -Time Permanent**

**Deadline to Apply: Posting will continue until roles are filled.**

The Early Childhood Educator is responsible for the overall daily supervision, monitoring, care and nurturing of children enrolled in the Mindiwin Manido Day Care programs; The Early Childhood Educator is responsible for the delivering of a children's educational and developmental program that encompasses a wholistic and interdisciplinary team approach. The Early Childhood Educator will interact and communicate with parents/guardians for the overall benefit for the child and/or children.

- Assists children with nutritional and personal care needs including but not limited to toilet, diapering
- Procedures, personal hygiene and medical.
- Interacts with children and builds positive relationships.
- Ensures an inclusive environment for all children.
- Assists with the development, implementation, evaluation and modification of a children's educational and cultural program.
- Provide activities and opportunities i.e. learning through play that encourage curiosity, exploration, and problem-solving appropriate to the development levels of the children.
- Creates an environment conducive to the learning of Algonquin culture and language development and appropriate to the physical, social, intellectual, and emotional development of the children.
- Observes, guides and facilitates the development and positive behaviour of children.
- Maintains daily journals and/or portfolios of each Childs' progress, including samples of their artwork, writing, etc.

**For full Job Description please email [hr@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:hr@pikwakanagan.ca)**

### **REQUIREMENETS:**

- Successful completion of Post Secondary Education diploma in Early Childhood Education
- 1-year experience working in a licensed child care group setting as an Early Childhood Educator.
- Registered and in "good standing" with the College of Childhood Educators of Ontario (CECE)

### **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

- An acceptable Criminal Records Check and Vulnerable Sector Check; annually.
- Certificate of medical health by a physician and complete record of immunization; annually.
- Current First Aid and CPR "Level C" AED certification; annually
- In professional 'Good Standing' with the College of Early Childhood Educators, on an ongoing basis.
- Maintain 'Registration' with the College of Early Childhood Educators on an annual basis.

## How to Apply

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- Current Resume
- Three (3) professional/work-related references that include name, phone number and email address.

### Submit to:

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hr@pikwakanagan.ca

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## What Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation Offers

### Employee Benefits:

Pension Plan

Paid Sick Days

4% Vacation

Holiday Shutdown

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- Health Spending Account (Dental, Vision, Prescriptions, etc.)
- Milestone Recognitions & Rewards

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# AOPFN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

## Personal Support Workers & Homemakers

**Department: Health Services**

**Supervisor: Client Care Coordinator**

**PSW: \$22.63 hourly + wage enhancement as applicable/ Casual**

**HOMEMAKER: \$20.00 hourly/ Casual**

**Deadline to Apply: Until positions are filled.**

The Personal Support Worker and Homemaker assists clients in a variety of ways with daily routines such as meal preparation, housekeeping, laundry, medical services, and more, while promoting their well-being and sense of belonging through supportive interaction. They are required to maintain strict confidentiality to protect clients' privacy and are expected to build and maintain positive relationships with agencies, Indigenous organizations, and business partners associated with the AOPFN.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Completes client data sheets and other documents required for reports and performance indicators.
- Recognizes, reports and records safety, health risks and security needs for clients.
- Reports incidents and completes reports as required.
- Contacts next of kin or families if required of client's condition or needs.
- Arranges client's health appointments when required.
- Recognizes, reports and records safety, health risks and security needs for clients.
- Assists with personal care.
- Meal preparation planning, preparing and sanitizing
- Housekeeping maintaining bedroom, common areas and etc.

**For full Job Description please email [hr@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:hr@pikwakanagan.ca)**

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Demonstrated good written communication skills.
- Possess certification as a Personal Support Worker(asset)
- or Health Care Aid with at least one year of experience in working with seniors or providing personal care.

### **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

- Acceptable Vulnerable Sector Check and CPIC must be provided as a condition of employment.
- First Aide and CPR Certification or willingness to complete within 3 months of employment
- Cultural awareness training or willingness to complete within 3 months of employment

## How to Apply

- Cover Letter
- Current Resume
- Three (3) professional/work-related references that include name, phone number and email address.

### Submit to:

Human Resources Department  
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation  
1657A Mishomis Inamo, Pikwakanagan, Ontario, KOJ 1X0

hr@pikwakanagan.ca

### Subject Line: Resource Teacher

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## What Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation Offers

### Employee Benefits:

- Pension Plan
- Paid Sick Days
- 4% Vacation
- Holiday Shutdown
- 14 Provincial and Federal Statutory Holidays
- Half days on Fridays prior to holiday Mondays
- Health Spending Account (Dental, Vision, Prescriptions, etc.)
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Nigig Nibi Ki-win Gamik Society

# WE ARE HIRING

View our job postings on:  
[www.nigignibi.com](http://www.nigignibi.com)

- **Child Well-Being Worker**
- **Outreach and Communications Lead**
- **Outreach and Communications Assistant**

Send your resume to Amy Desrochers at  
[employment@nigignibi.com](mailto:employment@nigignibi.com)

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GAMIK SOCIETY



# ALGONQUINS OF PIKWAKANAGAN FIRST NATION MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS



Name	Family Line	Date Posted	Appeal Period Ends
McIntyre, Rhonda	Tenesco	11 Mar 25	11 Aug 25
Larocque, Nathan	Lavalley	13 Mar 25	13 Aug 25
Larocque, Makayla	Lavalley	13 Mar 25	13 Aug 25
Cousineau, Jayden	Lavalley	13 Mar 25	13 Aug 25
Muraca, Antonnia	Lavallee	13 Mar 25	13 Aug 25
Olsen, Dakota	Lamure	13 Mar 25	13 Sept 25
Leblanc, Soren	Lavalley	19 Mar 25	19 Sept 25
Lablanc, Jaylin	Lavalley	19 Mar 25	19 Sept 25
Engelsdorfer, Rheanna	Whiteduck	19 Mar 25	19 Sept 25
Endelsdorfer, Elijah	Whiteduck	19 Mar 25	19 Sept 25
Rudy, Darlene	Lavalley/Chabot	20 Mar 25	20 Sept 25
Rainone, Stephanie	Lamure	20 Mar 25	20 Sept 25
Williams, Riah	Meness	20 Mar 25	20 Sept 25
Pascoe, Kayla	Sharbot	25 Mar 25	25 Sept 25
Atkins, Cameron	Tenascon	25 Mar 25	25 Sept 25
Cordone, Brittany	Tenascon	26 Mar 25	26 Sept 25
Decaire, Robert	Francois	26 Mar 25	26 Sept 25
Knights, Reanna	Benoit	01 Apr 25	01 Oct 25
Lamour, Olivia	Sharbot	01 Apr 25	01 Oct 25
Cordone, Jordan	Tenascon	01 Apr 25	01 Oct 25
Bertrand, Tracy	Tenesco	07 Apr 25	07 Oct 25
Lavoie, Roger	Pesanawatch	07 Apr 25	07 Oct 25
Denomme, Alexis	Ignace	08 Apr 25	08 Oct 25
Reynolds, Caitlyn	Pisandawatch	17 Apr 25	17 Oct 25
Minnie, Robert	Lavallee	17 Apr 25	17 Oct 25
Sherbert, Talen	Sharbot	17 Apr 25	17 Oct 25
Snippe, Mackenzie	Lavallee	23 Apr 25	23 Oct 25
Cordone, Benjamin	Tenascon	23 Apr 25	23 Oct 25
Lamure, Sierra	Commandant/Lamure	01 May 25	01 Nov 25
Lamure, Raymi	Commandant/Lamure	01 May 25	01 Nov 25

Lamour, Cameron	Sharbot	01 May 25	01 Nov 25
Sherbert, Ocean	Sharbot	09 May 25	09 Nov 25
Sherbert, Tristin	Sharbot	09 May 25	09 Nov 25
Sherbert, Kane	Sharbot	09 May 25	09 Nov 25
Lamure, Benjamin	Lamure	12 May 25	12 Nov 25
Cehade-Sherbert, Elijah	Sharbot	12 May 25	12 Nov 25
Kapitanchunk, Walker	Protected	14 May 25	14 Nov 25
Switzer, Lakota	Lavallee	15 May 25	15 Nov 25
Swan, Madeline	Benoit/Baptist	21 May 25	21 Nov 25
Ellis, Emery	Protected	22 May 25	22 Nov 25
Bujold, Susan	Lamure	11 Jun 25	11 Dec 25
Harnum, Ben	Lavalley	12 Jun 25	12 Dec 25
Harnum, Alexis	Lavalley	12 Jun 25	12 Dec 25
Harnum, Ty	Lavalley	12 Jun 25	12 Dec 25
Witherspoon, Rebecca	Lavalley	16 Jun 25	16 Dec 25
Witherspoon, Ryan	Lavalley	16 Jun 25	16 Dec 25
Magee, Kathleen	Meness	19 Jun 25	19 Dec 25
Evans, Wren	Meness/Jocko	27 Jun 25	27 Dec 25
Evans, Lochlan	Meness/Jocko	27 Jun 25	27 Dec 25
Burns, Jennifer	Aird	3 July 25	3 Jan 26
Waiser, Amanda	Lamure	8 July 25	8 Jan 26
Alexander, Jordan	Tenesco	8 July 25	8 Jan 26
Witherspoon, Donald	Lavalley	17 July 25	17 Jan 26
Mills, Nichole	Lavalley	17 July 25	17 Jan 26
Bernard, Lilly	Bernard	18 July 25	18 Jan 26
Bernard, Harper	Bernard	18 July 25	18 Jan 26
Gravelle, Gregory	Tenesco	18 July 25	18 Jan 26
Bujold, Mary	Pesindewate/Lamure	21 July 25	21 Jan 26
Hallick, Brian	Lavalley	28 July 25	28 Jan 26
Lepine, Brian	Sharbot	28 July 25	28 Jan 26
Heron, Tylor	Lavallee	28 July 25	28 Jan 26

To appeal the addition of one of the persons above becoming a Member of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, please refer to your Membership Code, available on our website or in the Lands, Estates & Membership Department, or email at [mgr.lem@pikwakanagan.ca](mailto:mgr.lem@pikwakanagan.ca)

# Community Information



## Regular Council Meetings

Every second and last Tuesday of the month  
Beginning at 9 AM

Available to view online in the  
members-only section of  
[www.algonquinsopikwakanagan.com](http://www.algonquinsopikwakanagan.com)

### Not Online?

Phone 613-625-2800 EXT 228  
to request information on how to join.

## Conways Pharmacy Remote Dispensing Location

### BUSINESS HOURS

Monday	9 am - 12 pm 1 pm - 4 pm
Tuesday	9 am - 12 pm 1 pm - 4 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 1 pm
Thursday	9 am - 12 pm 1 pm - 4 pm
Friday	9 am - 12 pm 1 pm - 4 pm

We are closed weekends and Holidays  
Delivery available Friday  
Phone : 613-625-9974  
Fax: 613-625-2068

Thank you  
Natalie Commanda, Pharmacy  
Technician  
Joseph Conway, Pharmacist



## HOURS

OPEN the second Thursday of each month, unless indicated

**10 AM TO 12 PM**

JANUARY 9	FEBRUARY 13	MARCH 13 (EASTER)
APRIL 10	MAY 8	JUNE 12
JULY 11	AUGUST 14	SEPTEMBER 11
OCTOBER 9 (THANKSGIVING)	NOVEMBER 13	DECEMBER 18 (XMAS)

For information or emergency and after hour  
needs phone and leave a message at:

**613-625-2600**

email for information or to e-transfer donations at  
[thesharingplacefb@gmail.com](mailto:thesharingplacefb@gmail.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/emmthesharingplace](http://www.facebook.com/emmthesharingplace)

## ALGONQUINS OF PIKWAKANAGAN ELDERS LODGE

For Rentals contact Rose  
Yankoo at

[elderslodgepik@gmail.com](mailto:elderslodgepik@gmail.com)

**Reminder - for sanitary  
purposes individual  
hosting meals & catering  
will require to supply  
their own dish cloths and  
towels**

# Community Information

**THERE IS A SELECTION OF BOOKS  
FOR FREE AT THE AOPFN  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE FOR  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CHOOSE  
FROM. PLEASE HELP YOURSELF**

**FREE**



While the library is undergoing downsizing, Estelle Amikons, Librarian can be reached at (613) 625-2800 during the following hours

**Mondays and Tuesdays 8:30-12:00  
and 1:00-4:30  
and Wednesdays 12:30-4:30.**

**WE APPRICATE YOUR COOPERATION DURING THIS TIME**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CANADIAN POLICE RECORD CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ANYONE WHO IS APPLYING FOR:

- MEMBERSHIP (APPLICANTS WHO ARE 18 YEARS OR OLDER)
- RESIDENCY ( APPLICANTS WHO ARE 18 YEARS OR OLDER)

APPLICATIONS, LAWS, AND CODES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

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# Community Information

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3. Click on "Log in as member of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation"
4. You will be brought to the "Member Login" section
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Field	Example	Explanation
Family Name	Bird	must be as it appears on Certificate of Indian Status card
Given Names	Thunder Bolt	must be as it appears on Certificate of Indian Status card
Registry Number	1630301001	10 digits starting with 1630 on Certificate of Indian Status card
Date of Birth	2006/01/01	enter as per format
Email Address	<a href="mailto:thunderbird@gmail.com">thunderbird@gmail.com</a>	Every member must have their own email address. This address with the password will be used to log in once membership has been verified.
Password	Tbirds	make up a password – note: it will be case sensitive
Confirm Password	Tbirds	re-enter password – note: it will be case sensitive
Address 1	10 Cloud Street	street address
Address 2	P.O. Box 100	apartment #, box # or rural route #
City	Blue Skies	community/town/city
Province	ON	province/state
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Country	Canada	country
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# CHERYL GALLANT

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**  
**ALGONQUIN-RENFREW-PEMBROKE**



Town of Arnprior  
105 Elgin St W  
Arnprior ON K7S 0A8

July 10, 2025

Dear Town of Arnprior,

Farm Credit Canada's FCC AgriSpirit Fund is now accepting applications for grants to support projects to enrich rural life in communities of less than 150,000 people. Eligible applicants can apply for \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Examples of projects which may be considered:

- Projects to support food recovery or reduction of food waste
- Initiatives that support agriculture and food
- Projects that reduce your environmental footprint
- Projects that improve accessibility
- Construction of or upgrades to community buildings

Eligible applicants include:

- Charities
- Municipalities

Organizations which have received Agri Spirit Funding in the past 5 years are ineligible.

**The deadline to apply is July 30, 2025.**

For more information visit: [cherylgallant.com/programs/agri-spirit-fund](http://cherylgallant.com/programs/agri-spirit-fund)

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gallant, M.P.  
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Aug 12, 2025

Niagara Region

Dear Ann-Marie Norio:

Re: Endorse the Development of a Code of Conduct for Human Trafficking Prevention in Niagara Region

This is to confirm that at the Aug 11, 2025 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

WHEREAS human trafficking in Niagara is currently a persistent challenge impacting the hospitality and tourism sectors;

WHEREAS human trafficking is a critical issue due to the region's proximity to the U.S. border and the thriving tourism and hospitality sectors, which create environments where sexual and labour exploitation can go unnoticed;

WHEREAS women, newcomers, racially-marginalized people, people experiencing poverty, people living with disabilities, and children in the child welfare system are disproportionately targeted and impacted by the harms perpetuated by traffickers;

WHEREAS 60% of human trafficking cases in Ontario occur along the corridor linking Toronto and Niagara;

WHEREAS data from the Niagara Regional Police Service comparing 2023 to 2024 indicates the number of human trafficking investigations increased by 61%; the number of victims identified increased by 700%; the number of accused charged increased by 190%; the number of criminal charges laid increased by 75%; and the number of referrals from NRPS' Human Trafficking Unit to Victim Services Niagara increased by 133%;

WHEREAS human trafficking thrives in secrecy, but with leadership and commitment, local government can be on the front line of prevention and protection;

WHEREAS local businesses and organizations are key to preventing human trafficking through proactive measures such as The 4 Ps: prevention, protection, partnership, and prosecution;

WHEREAS local area municipalities have already begun to assist in making the Niagara region inhospitable to human traffickers;

WHEREAS Tools of Empowerment for Success (TOES) Niagara and Brock University have undertaken work funded by Women and Gender Equality Canada to develop a Code of Conduct to Prevent Human Trafficking in the Niagara Region through education, increasing awareness, and providing resources, including prevention strategies; and

WHEREAS TOES Niagara and Brock University created a Steering Committee of representatives from across tourism, business, education, law enforcement, government, and non-profit sectors to engage in broad community collaboration through focus groups, surveys, and feedback sessions to develop the Code of Conduct for Human Trafficking Prevention in the Niagara Region.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That Township of West Lincoln **RECOGNIZE** that human trafficking in Niagara has serious impacts on the health and wellness of local residents and their families, as well as negative economic impacts on local businesses and communities;
2. That Township of West Lincoln **ENDORSE** the work of TOES Niagara and Brock University in developing a Code of Conduct for the Prevention of Human Trafficking in the Niagara Region;
3. That Township of West Lincoln **COMMIT** to reviewing and assessing the applicable local government sectoral guidelines and responsibilities outlined in The Code upon its finalization, with the intent to implement measures that align with Regional priorities and capacity;
4. That Township of West Lincoln **WRITE** letters to all of Niagara's 12

Local Area Municipalities encouraging them to also endorse the work of TOES Niagara and Brock University in the development of the Code of Conduct for the Prevention of Human Trafficking in the Niagara Region and commit to reviewing and assessing the applicable local government sectoral guidelines and responsibilities outlined in The Code upon its finalization, with the intent to implement measures that align with municipal priorities and capacity; and

5. That a copy of this motion **BE SENT** to Niagara's four MPs; Niagara's four MPPs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO); Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM); and the Ontario and Canadian Associations of Chiefs of Police.

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,



Justin J. Paylove  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk  
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Wayne Gates, MPP  
Jeff Burch, MPP  
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Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO)  
Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)  
Ontario and Canadian Associations of Chiefs of Police

Aug 12, 2025

City of Orangeville  
87 Broadway  
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Dear Clerk

Re: Support of H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign

This is to confirm that at the Aug 11, 2025 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

Whereas democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

AND WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

AND WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

AND WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan “Parliamentary Civility Pledge” to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT Township of West Lincoln Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

AND THAT the Township of West Lincoln Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at [www.electrespect.ca](http://www.electrespect.ca)

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario’s Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,



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**TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU LAKES  
Regular Council Meeting**

**RESOLUTION** 189-2025  
**Title:** Councillor P. Banks - V.O.I.C.E. Coalition - Request for Support and Endorsement  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 5, 2025

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**Moved by** Councillor P. Banks  
**Seconded by** Councillor J. Banks

**WHEREAS Strong Mayor Powers have been extended to 216 Ontario municipalities, with more expected by fall 2025;**  
**AND WHEREAS over 130 municipalities have formally opposed these powers due to concerns over democratic accountability and local governance;**  
**AND WHEREAS the V.O.I.C.E. coalition is hosting an open advocacy session at the 2025 AMO Conference on Monday, August 18, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. at Joey Rideau in Ottawa;**  
**NOW THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Township of Rideau Lakes endorses and supports this V.O.I.C.E. event and encourages all Ontario municipalities to attend;**  
**AND FURTHER that the attached invitation be sent along with this resolution to all 444 Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.**

**Carried**



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**DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND**

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***Mayor's Report – Governance of Family Health Teams***

To: Members of Council  
From: Rod Ward, Mayor  
Date: August 12, 2025

**Subject: Support for Standardized Governance Models for Family Health Teams**

Family Health Teams are a vital part of Ontario's healthcare system, particularly in rural and underserved communities like ours. These teams provide collaborative, team-based care that improves patient outcomes and relieves pressure on hospitals and emergency services.

Our municipality, like many others across the province, continues to invest local taxpayer dollars to support healthcare delivery — through physician recruitment efforts, infrastructure, and other community health initiatives. However, despite this investment and our community's reliance on these services, municipal and community voices are often underrepresented on the boards that govern Family Health Teams.

Currently, there is no mandatory governance framework for these boards, which has led to inconsistent representation and, in some cases, governance structures that do not reflect the communities they serve. This can lead to decisions being made without sufficient local input, oversight, or accountability.

The attached resolution calls on the Province of Ontario to implement a standardized and mandatory governance model for Family Health Teams, requiring that at least 50% of board members be community representatives. This would help ensure local interests are considered in decision-making, and strengthen transparency and trust in our healthcare system.

I recommend Council's support for this resolution and the forwarding of it to the appropriate provincial bodies and municipal partners.

Sincerely,

*Rod Ward*

Rod Ward  
Mayor



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

## RESOLUTION

Date: **August 12, 2025**

Motion # 248

WHEREAS Ontario's Family Health Teams provide team-based healthcare which is critical to our communities;

AND WHEREAS healthcare in Ontario is publicly funded;

AND WHEREAS municipalities invest significant additional public/taxpayer money in support of Family Health Teams and other healthcare-related organizations, including supports for primary care recruitment, healthcare facilities, and additional community healthcare needs;

AND WHEREAS the governance models for Family Health Teams in Ontario do not follow mandatory standards;

AND WHEREAS governance models are designed to ensure appropriate representation, transparency, and guardrails with respect to potential conflicts of interest for the organizations they represent;

AND WHEREAS many boards of Family Health Teams are not balanced in terms of representation from the communities and municipalities that they cover;

AND WHEREAS the lack of a standard and balanced governance model means that the needs of the local communities are not necessarily fully represented;

AND WHEREAS the province is directing the Primary Care Action Team (PCAT), through Dr. Jane Philpott, to ensure connected and convenient healthcare across the province;

AND WHEREAS Family Health Teams are crucial in the delivery of the mandate of PCAT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Township of Armour urges the Province of Ontario to implement a standard and mandatory governance model for the boards of Family Health Teams across the province, which ensures that community members make up 50% of the overall board membership to ensure appropriate representation for the communities which use and support healthcare in their local area;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Dr. Jane Philpott, Chair of the Primary Care Action Team; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario (AFHTO); and all municipalities in Ontario.

<b>Moved by:</b>	Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>		Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>		Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Carried / Defeated 

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Recorded vote requested by:** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	For	Opposed
Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sincerely,

*Rod Ward*

Rod Ward  
Mayor



Council - Committee of the Whole

**Resolution #** 2025-263  
**Title:** Approve Resolution Requesting a Moratorium on Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Nipissing Forest  
**Date:** August 12, 2025

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**Moved by:** Councillor Fern Pellerin  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Kaitlynn Nicol

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, is planning to begin aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides in late August 2025 in the Nipissing Forest; and

**WHEREAS** the Nipissing Forest covers a significant portion, if not all, of the Municipality of West Nipissing, and residents and ecosystems may be impacted by this activity; and

**WHEREAS** new scientific evidence published since Health Canada's last assessment of glyphosate in 2017 has linked glyphosate-based end-use products to cancer, metabolic and neurological diseases, reproductive toxicity, and ecosystem harm; and

**WHEREAS** the Province of Quebec banned the use of glyphosate for forestry purposes in 2001 and replaced aerial herbicide spraying with manual forest thinning as a safer alternative forest management method; and

**WHEREAS** many residents have expressed concern regarding the potential environmental and public health risks associated with aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of West Nipissing formally request that the Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Nipissing Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and updated risk assessments are completed and reviewed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be forwarded to:

The Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming–Cochrane

AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities)

All municipalities within Northeastern Ontario

**CARRIED**

**Township of Southgate**  
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August 11, 2025

**Re: Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans**

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At their regular Council meeting held on August 6, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate adopted the following:

No. 2025-396

**Moved By** Councillor John

**Seconded By** Councillor Ferguson

**Be it resolved that** the Township of Southgate formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single person household; and

**That** the Township of Southgate Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada; and

**That** this motion be formally endorsed and sent to The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs, The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition, Bruce Grey Owen Sound MP Alex Ruff, Bruce Grey Owen Sound MPP Paul Vickers, all 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement.

**Carried**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

*Lindsey Green*

Lindsey Green, Clerk  
Township of Southgate

cc: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada  
The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs  
The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition  
Alex Ruff, MP Bruce Grey Owen Sound  
Paul Vickers, MPP Bruce Grey Owen Sound  
The Federation of Municipalities of Ontario (FCM)  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



## The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

**Title:** Sally Leppard, Co-Lead, Climate Action Now Network TBM (CANN)  
**Date:** Monday, July 14, 2025  
**Time:** 6:34 PM

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**Moved by:** Councillor Hope  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 19, 2025, correspondence from Sally Leppard, CANN regarding Bill 5, Special Economic Zones and T.C. Energy's Pumped Storage Proposal;

AND THAT Council requests Grey County Council and the Municipality of Meaford to request the Province to exclude TC Energy's proposed battery storage project from designation as a Special Economic Zone under the regulations to be developed in Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025;

AND THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains welcomes enquiries from any municipalities or Indigenous Nations interested in making similar motions to the Town of The Blue Mountains

**YES: 7**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**The motion is Carried**

**YES: 7**

Mayor Matrosovs  
Councillor Maxwell

Deputy Mayor Bordignon  
Councillor McKinlay

Councillor Ardiel  
Councillor Porter

Councillor Hope

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**



## The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

**Title:** Sally Leppard, Co-Lead, Climate Action Now Network TBM (CANN)  
**Date:** Monday, July 14, 2025  
**Time:** 6:28 PM

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**Moved by:** Councillor Hope  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 19, 2025, correspondence from Sally Leppard, CANN regarding Bill 5, Special Economic Zones and T.C. Energy's Pumped Storage Proposal;

AND THAT Council communicate to the Province that the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that TC Energy's proposed battery storage project is excluded from designation as a Special Economic Zone under the regulations to be developed in Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act 2025;

**YES: 7**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**The motion is Carried**

**YES: 7**

Mayor Matrosovs  
Councillor Maxwell

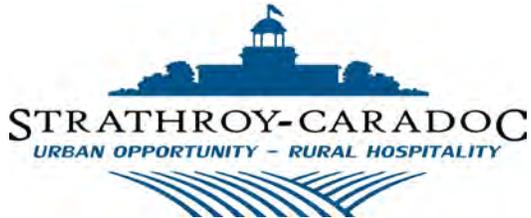
Deputy Mayor Bordignon  
Councillor McKinlay

Councillor Ardiel  
Councillor Porter

Councillor Hope

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**



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August 7, 2025

To: All Ontario Municipalities, AMO

Moved: Councillor Frank Kennes  
Seconded: Councillor Greg Willsie

**THAT:** Council send a letter of support for this resolution to AMO along with all the other entities that the original motion was circulated to, excluding all other municipalities.  
Result: Carried

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**WHEREAS** under Ontario Regulation 391/21 :Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

**AND WHEREAS** 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

**AND WHEREAS** failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources;

**AND WHEREAS** should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the cost which amounts to yet another provincial municipal download;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling product from all sources;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ric Bresse, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack and all Ontario Municipalities

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Friday, August 1, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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[rob.flack@ontario.ca](mailto:rob.flack@ontario.ca)

RE: Town of Goderich's Opposition to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Flack:

The Council of the Town of Goderich passed the following resolution at their July 28, 2025, Council meeting regarding the Opposition to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025:

Moved By: Councilor Petrie

Seconded By: Councilor Thompson

Whereas on May 12, 2025, the Government of Ontario (hereafter, the "Province"), enacted Bill 17, also known as the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 (hereafter, the "Act"), which will defer Development Charges (hereafter, "DCs") and their associated revenues, and increase collection efforts and costs;

And Whereas the DCs collected from developers are necessary to help municipalities fund the capital costs of infrastructure and services required to support new housing;

Now Therefore be it resolved that The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich:

- Requests that the Province of Ontario provide municipalities with clarity on how they should fund the capital costs of infrastructure and services required to support new growth, given the impacts to overall DC revenue;
- Wishes it to be known that the constant change to the Province's planning and development framework is creating uncertainty and is ultimately reducing the construction of housing; and,

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- Directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Huron-Bruce MPP, Huron-Bruce MP, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A Banting".

Amanda Banting  
Deputy Clerk  
/js

Cc: The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Member of Provincial Parliament – Huron-Bruce, [lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org)  
Ben Lobb, Member of Parliament – Huron-Bruce, [ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca)  
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All Municipalities in Ontario

July 21, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

It has now been four months since the Municipality of Tweed submitted two detailed proposals for your consideration, both aimed at addressing pressing challenges facing small rural and northern communities. Despite our sincere efforts and outreach, we have yet to receive an acknowledgment or response from your office, your ministers, our local MPP, or the leaders of the opposition parties. This silence is deeply disheartening.

Please know that the Municipality of Tweed is grateful for your commitment to investing billions to protect Ontarians as promised in this year's provincial election. We look forward to the opportunity to capitalize on those investments.

The first proposal, sent directly to your office on March 25, 2025, addressed the *Repatriation of OPP Costs for Small Rural and Northern Communities During this Period of Uncertainty*. Our proposal suggested a temporary repatriation of OPP policing costs as a meaningful way to demonstrate that this government understands and supports the needs of small municipalities.

The proposal included two important conditions: first, that OPP costs be repatriated to the province during this time of economic instability and global uncertainty triggered by U.S. policies; second, that the municipalities benefiting from this relief reinvest those savings directly into community infrastructure projects. In Tweed's case, the annual savings of \$1.2 million would allow us to undertake long-overdue infrastructure upgrades that we simply cannot afford under the current burden of provincial policing costs.

The second proposal, submitted March 27, 2025, focused on *Supporting Small Rural and Northern Ontario Housing Developers* and aligns with your government's own priority to reduce barriers to housing development. This proposal was presented to Minister Surma, AMO President Robin Jones, and MPP Ric Bresee at the 2025 ROMA Conference. During our January 19, 2025 ROMA delegation, Minister Surma expressed interest and committed to raising it with then-Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra. We revisited the proposal with MPP Bresee during a March 13th meeting and have since

shared it with ROMA President Christa Lowry, Federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Minister Robertson, and Prime Minister Carney.

We have copied the leaders of Ontario's three main political parties on this letter, as we did when the proposals were originally submitted. We respectfully ask all parties—regardless of political affiliation to consider their merit and potential, and to speak to them in the Legislature. We are eager to work with any partner committed to helping rural and northern Ontario succeed.

Both proposals offered practical, shovel-ready ideas grounded in lived rural experience. And while we remain grateful for ongoing provincial support through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF: \$2,058,700) and the Ontario Critical Infrastructure Fund (OCIF: \$340,000), it must be acknowledged that these funds are no longer sufficient to meet the growing financial and infrastructure burdens faced by communities like ours. To manage persistent shortfalls, Tweed Council has had to implement tax increases of 7.3% in 2023, 17.8% in 2024, and 15% in 2025. The burden this places on our residents is both significant and unsustainable.

Given that four months have passed without acknowledgment, I am resubmitting both proposals for renewed consideration. It is deeply concerning that when a small rural municipality—operating with limited resources and under significant financial strain—takes the initiative to present tangible and constructive solutions, those efforts are met with silence. We expect such outreach to be met with dialogue. The absence of even basic acknowledgment sends a troubling message: that rural and northern municipalities are to be seen but not heard. Furthermore, I have reached out to AMO and ROMA and unfortunately my faith in both organizations as effective advocates in this regard is waning.

As I have made clear to all parties, I remain more than willing to serve as an engaged and constructive member of any committee or working group convened to address the challenges before us. The situation is serious. Many of us are teetering on the brink. The time to act was yesterday.

I respectfully request your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

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cc. Minister Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

Minister Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Minister Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Minister Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs  
MPP Ric Bresee

MPP M. Stiles, Leader of the NDP and Leader of the Opposition  
Ms. B. Crombie, Leader of the Liberal Party  
MPP M. Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party

Robin Jones, President, AMO  
Christa Lowry, President, ROMA  
Warden Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus  
Bob Mullin, Warden Hastings County

A copy of this letter has also been sent to all rural and northern Ontario Mayors.

## **Proposal to Repatriate OPP Costs for Small Rural and Northern Communities During this Period of Uncertainty**

July 21, 2025 (Originally submitted March 25, 2025)

As Mayor of the Municipality of Tweed, I am representative of many small rural and northern Ontario communities that face growing financial pressures. Even in the best of times, we operate with limited resources, and now, the threat of President Trump's tariffs only intensifies our financial stress. Municipalities with populations of 10,000 or less are particularly vulnerable. We grapple with the same issues as larger cities—housing shortages, food insecurity, homelessness, healthcare concerns, inflation, and an overwhelming infrastructure funding deficit—but with far fewer financial resources and staffing capabilities. Unlike urban centres, which have access to additional funding streams and economies of scale, small rural and northern communities struggle to provide essential services with minimal support. Moreover, we are disproportionately affected by extreme weather events, further straining our already fragile infrastructure and emergency response capabilities. Without immediate and targeted assistance, many of our communities risk falling into economic and social decline.

With that in mind, we propose a temporary solution that would demonstrate your government's support for small rural and northern Ontario. Premier Ford, has stated that securing a strong majority was essential to investing billions in response to the Trump tariffs. Repatriating OPP policing costs for small rural and northern communities during this period of economic uncertainty would be a swift and impactful show of support. This initiative would immediately benefit 330 municipalities at a cost of less than \$600 million. In the context of multi-billion-dollar expenditures, a \$600 million investment is a meaningful way to show small municipalities that they matter.

This initiative could be structured with two key conditions: it would remain in place while Ontario remains vulnerable to economic pressures, and the funds saved by municipalities would be reinvested into critical infrastructure projects. For example, such a measure for the Municipality of Tweed would free up approximately \$1.2 million, allowing us to address urgent infrastructure needs and support our local economy.

We need all levels of government to recognize that small rural and northern municipalities are extremely vulnerable and now more than ever we need governments so show that they stand with small municipalities. We look forward to discussing our proposal with you.

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## **Proposal to Support Small Rural and Northern Housing Developers**

July 21, 2025 (Originally submitted March 27, 2025)

The Municipality of Tweed supports all efforts to remove barriers to housing development. To demonstrate our commitment, we have proactively revised our zoning bylaws to encourage housing densification and affordability. We now permit tiny homes (400–600 sq. ft.), smaller homes (900–1200 sq. ft.), mobile homes on rural lots, reduced lot sizes and setbacks, and fewer parking space requirements. Additionally, we do not impose development fees. These measures aim to diversify our housing stock, enhance affordability, and minimize environmental impact.

Our commitment to housing expansion is already delivering results. We are collaborating with builders to develop a 80-unit retirement community and a retirement home, complementing our existing 120-bed extended care facility. In 2024, the Municipality of Tweed led Hastings County in housing starts, issuing 122 building permits, including 38 new homes and a 25-unit geared-to-income apartment complex. Last year, we hosted a Developers Forum, where local developers presented subdivision plans that could bring over 600 new homes to our community within the next five years.

We made a \$4 million+ investment in our lagoon that will allow us to accommodate another 1500 homes. Our current well enhancements allow us to service an additional 750 homes. We are investigating future new water sources to allow us to reach our target of 1500 homes.

However, infrastructure costs for new subdivisions remain a significant barrier. Unlike large urban developers, small rural developers lack the financial backing of major investors and must independently finance subdivision infrastructure, making projects cost-prohibitive. There is a growing perception that federal and provincial housing investments are disproportionately focused on large urban centers, despite billions of dollars being allocated to housing initiatives.

Our proposal seeks financial assistance through interest-free loans for small rural and northern developers to cover infrastructure costs. These loans would be repaid as homes are sold, ensuring the government recoups its investment with the only cost being interest. Unlike current urban housing initiatives—where both principal and interest fall entirely on the province and federal government—this model ensures fiscal responsibility. Additionally, rather than the standard 25–30-year amortization period, our proposal anticipates repayment within five years, making it a practical and innovative solution to the housing crisis in small rural and northern communities.

The demand for housing in regions similar to ours remains strong. Seniors want to age in place, staying close to friends, family, and their established healthcare providers. When seniors relocate to urban centers, they leave behind a gap in healthcare continuity at a critical stage in their lives. Conversely, when seniors transition to retirement communities within rural areas, they free up existing housing stock for younger families. Additionally, the influx of urban retirees to rural communities has further driven demand which in turn increases the housing stock in those urban areas. Housing in small communities like Tweed can be built at a fraction of the cost compared to large urban centers, offering a cost-effective solution to Ontario's housing crisis. The Municipality of Tweed's absence of development fees provides yet another financial incentive for homebuyers and developers alike.

Premier Ford, we have answered your call for municipalities to facilitate housing growth. We urge you to give serious consideration to this proposal, recognizing Tweed as a model for how rural communities can be part of the solution to Ontario's housing crisis. We need all levels of government to recognize that small rural and northern municipalities are key to helping this country and province resolve our housing crisis. We look forward to discussing our proposal with you.

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June 17, 2025

Via email: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

Premier's Office  
Room 281  
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Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 - Firefighter Certification Requirements**

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their June 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

**Motion:** 265-2025

**Moved:** A. Neeb

**Seconded:** T. Oke

**That South Huron Council supports the Township of Black-River Matheson's June 10, 2025 correspondence and resolution regarding Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 - Firefighter Certification Requirements; and  
That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Solicitor General, MPP Thompson, Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, Township of Black River-Matheson and all Ontario municipalities.**

**Result:** Carried

The originating correspondence is also attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Sue Johnson  
Administrative Assistant  
Municipality of South Huron  
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cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General – [michael.kerzner@ontario.ca](mailto:michael.kerzner@ontario.ca)  
MPP Lisa Thompson - [lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org);  
Jon Pegg, Fire Marshal of Ontario – [Jon.Pegg@Ontario.ca](mailto:Jon.Pegg@Ontario.ca)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario; [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – [admin@fonom.org](mailto:admin@fonom.org)  
Township of Black River-Matheson - Hong Ji Lei [hlei@twpbrm.ca](mailto:hlei@twpbrm.ca)  
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**Jon Pegg**  
**Fire Marshal of Ontario**  
**Office of the Fire Marshal**  
**25 Morton Shulman Avenue**  
**Toronto, ON M3M 0B1**

**June 10, 2025**

Via Email: [Jon.Pegg@ontario.ca](mailto:Jon.Pegg@ontario.ca)

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg:

**Subject: Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22)**

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the mandatory firefighter certification requirements under Ontario Regulation 343/22.

At its meeting held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Council passed the attached resolution formally opposing the implementation of these requirements. While we recognize and support the importance of firefighter training and safety, the regulation as it stands does not adequately reflect the operational realities of small, rural, and northern municipalities.

Communities such as ours rely heavily on volunteer and composite fire departments that already face critical challenges in recruitment, training accessibility, and financial capacity.

Specifically, we are burdened by:

- Geographic barriers and long travel distances to accredited training centres,
- Inconsistent access to instructors and scheduling options,
- Limited budgets and competing capital demands,
- Difficulty in retaining and replacing volunteers due to increased regulatory pressures.

Without additional support, flexibility, or exemption mechanisms, the implementation of O. Reg. 343/22 will severely compromise our ability to provide consistent, timely, and effective fire protection to our residents.

Accordingly, the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson respectfully requests that the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Ministry of the Solicitor General:

1. Defer full implementation of the certification regulation for rural and northern municipalities,
2. Provide exemptions or alternative compliance pathways tailored to the needs and limitations of small, remote fire services,
3. Increase funding and training supports for municipalities outside major urban centres.

We believe that a one-size-fits-all regulatory model will disproportionately and unfairly affect communities like ours. A more flexible, consultative approach is urgently needed. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would welcome further discussion and are open to participating in any future consultations or working groups aimed at resolving these challenges collaboratively.

**Sincerely,**

**Dave Dymont, Mayor**

/hjl

On behalf of the Council of Black River-Matheson

**Encl.:** Resolution No.2025-214 – Council Opposition to O. Reg. 343/22

**CC:**

The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General – michael.kerzner@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario – premier@ontario.ca

John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming—Cochrane – jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca

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**ITEM # 2025-10.b)  
 RESOLUTION**

DATE: June 10, 2025

2025-214

Moved by Councillor Steve Campsall  
 Seconded by Councillor Alain Bouchard

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Black River-Matheson acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighter training and safety;

AND WHEREAS these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Black River-Matheson formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP John Vanthof, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, and all Ontario municipalities

CARRIED       DEFEATED

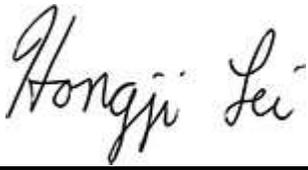
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**CHAIR SIGNATURE**

Original     Amendment     Refer     Defer     Reconsider     Withdrawn

**Recorded Vote-TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK ONLY**

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Mayor Dave Dymant		
Councillor Allen		
Councillor Charbonneau		
Councillor Campsall		

Councillor McCutcheon		
Councillor Gadoury		
Councillor Bouchard		



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Hong Ji Lei  
Town Manager/Clerk



The Municipality of the  
**VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS**

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Moved By: Ashley Brandt Date: July 15, 2025

Seconded By: Ryan Baptiste Resolution # 2025-244

Be it resolved;

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls, together with residents from surrounding municipalities, has expressed strong and united opposition to the proposed installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility, citing significant concerns regarding public safety, environmental risk, land use compatibility, and insufficient local economic benefit; and

**WHEREAS** the perceived risk associated with BESS installations significantly outweighs any demonstrated local advantage, and further, the lack of established, province-wide planning policies has led to avoidable conflict and uncertainty for municipalities and residents alike;

**Now therefore be it resolved that:**

1. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario immediately suspend the approval and development of all new BESS installations until a comprehensive, science-based study is completed. Such a study should result in the development of robust, province-wide policies and regulations governing the operation, and risk mitigation of BESS facilities.
2. The Province of Ontario be urged to provide clear policy guidance to municipalities and industry stakeholders recommending that BESS installations be permitted only on lands currently zoned for industrial use, recognizing that:
  - a) such lands have been previously evaluated and approved for industrial development; and
  - b) the limited economic return provided by BESS projects does not justify rezoning lands designated for other uses.

3. The Province of Ontario be further requested to disseminate the results of this study and any associated policy or regulatory recommendations to all Ontario municipalities, thereby preventing unnecessary and costly legal challenges, public opposition, and community division related to the siting of future BESS projects.
  
4. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls calls upon Solar Bank Corporation to immediately withdraw its application for the proposed BESS facility at Pegg's Mountain, in the interest of fostering constructive community relations and acknowledging that this situation closely parallels the circumstances in Gravenhurst, where similar concerns led to widespread opposition and rejection of a comparable project.
  
5. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to members of parliament (MPP's) and all municipalities in the province of Ontario.

Recorded Vote requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

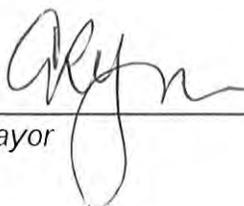
Ryan Baptiste	for / opposed
Ashley Brandt	for / opposed
Sean Cotton	for / opposed
Chris Hope	for / opposed
Nancy Kyte	for / opposed

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Pecuniary Interest declared by:

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 Mayor



Hon. Mark Carney  
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July 17, 2025

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Hon. Rob Flack  
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RE: Correspondence from Northumberland County dated June 25, 2025, regarding “Township of Mulmur 'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions”

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on July 9, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2025-226:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.17 be received for information; and,**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch is in receipt of correspondence from Northumberland County dated June 25, 2025, regarding “Correspondence, Township of Mulmur 'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions”; and**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch also recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;**

**And whereas the Township of Puslinch also recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;**



**And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;**

**And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch also commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds:**

**And that the Township of Puslinch also commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.**

**And that the Township of Puslinch also calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.**

**And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:**

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Leader of the Opposition
- MP Michael Chong
- MPP Joseph Racinsky
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities

**CARRIED**



As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: The Leader of the Opposition, MP Michael Chong, MPP Joseph Racinsky, AMO, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) & All Ontario Municipalities



# Northumberland County Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**June 25, 2025**

Right Honourable Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)  
Honourable Philip Lawrence (MP for Northumberland-Clarke)  
Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)  
Honourable Victor Fedeli (Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade)  
Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)  
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities  
All Ontario municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Township of Mulmur  
'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions'**

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At a meeting held on June 18, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508, adopting the below recommendation from the June 3, 2025 Finance and Audit Committee meeting:

**Moved by:** Councillor John Logel  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

**Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

# Council Resolution

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Moved By J. Logel [Redacted]  
Seconded By S. Dibb [Redacted]

Agenda Item 10      Resolution Number  
2025-06-18- 508

**Council Date: June 18, 2025**

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 2, 3 and 4, 2025).

Recorded Vote Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Carried [Redacted]  
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

## Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

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Committee Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2025-06-03- 444

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

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"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Carried 

Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair's Signature



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April 11, 2025

## **Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions**

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At the meeting held on April 2, 2025, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution:

### **Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham**

Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Mulmur commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds:

And that the Township of Mulmur commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.

And that the Township of Mulmur calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

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Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



July 10, 2025

VIA EMAIL

**Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans**

At their Regular Meeting of Council on July 9, 2025, the Council of the Town of Aylmer passed the below resolution:

WHEREAS the Town of Aylmer recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

WHEREAS the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

WHEREAS Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

WHEREAS the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019 – set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household – fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

WHEREAS such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

THAT Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition;



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- Andrew Lawton, Member of Parliament for Elgin-St. Thomas-London South;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement; and,

Regards,

Owen Jaggard  
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CC: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada  
Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs  
Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting leader of the Official Opposition  
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July 30, 2025

## **Formal Invitation to The Town of Arnprior Council**

To: Mayor McGee and Town of Arnprior Council Members  
From: Arnprior Regional Health Foundation  
Subject: Invitation to Attend – A Knight in the Maritimes 2025

On behalf of the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation, it is our pleasure to formally invite you to attend our annual signature fundraising event:

- Event: A Knight in the Maritimes, Presented by Pilon Family Funeral Home
- Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025
- Time: Doors open at 4:30 PM
- Location: St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall, 295 Albert Street, Arnprior
- Ticket Price: \$125 per person

This year's event promises to bring all the charm of the East Coast with a fresh new twist. Guests will enjoy a gourmet surf and turf dinner prepared by Krave Bistro, grilled delights courtesy of the Knights of Columbus, a selection of hors d'oeuvres, live music by Spencer Scharf, and an exciting live auction.

Proceeds from this event will directly support the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation's \*Scope For Hope Endoscopy Campaign\*, helping to provide essential diagnostic care to our local community.

Your presence as members of Town Council plays a meaningful role in demonstrating community support and celebrating the partnership between municipal leadership and local healthcare advancement. We would be honoured to welcome you to the event.

To register, please visit: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2025KnightInTheMaritimes>

If you have any questions or require assistance with registration, feel free to contact us directly at [foundation@arnpriorhealth.ca](mailto:foundation@arnpriorhealth.ca) or 613-623-3166 ext. 362.

We look forward to the opportunity to welcome you!

Sincerely,



Ben Gardiner  
Executive Director  
Arnprior Regional Health Foundation



Good day,

We at Canadian Land Access Systems (CLAS) are pleased to introduce a technology-driven solution designed to address long-standing challenges in land access management for Indigenous Nations, private landowners, public land managers, and a broad range of land users across Canada.

CLAS is a centralized platform that simplifies, secures, and supports responsible land access—whether for recreation, stewardship, cultural practice, conservation, research, or regulated development.

Key benefits of CLAS include:

- Streamlined Access Management: CLAS enables users to request permission to access thousands of public and private locations across Canada—conveniently from a mobile device. This helps eliminate time-consuming phone calls and unplanned visits.
- Improved Communication: The platform fosters dialogue between landowners and guests, ensuring all communication around land use is clear, concise, and digitally recorded for transparency and future reference.
- Enhanced Oversight and Control: Landowners retain full control—knowing who is on their land, when, and why—without disruptions to their lifestyle or operations.
- Support for Environmental and Administrative Goals: CLAS is built to complement environmental stewardship, Indigenous self-determination, and the needs of major infrastructure and economic projects across Canada.
- Protection of Lands and Relationships: By enabling controlled, permission-based access, CLAS helps reduce unauthorized use and fosters respectful, mutually beneficial relationships between land stewards and land users.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with your organization to provide a full demonstration of CLAS, explore how it aligns and supports your objectives.

Let us know some times that might work with you for a demonstration of CLAS.app. We look forward to the possibility of working together to support responsible, respectful, and efficient land access in Canada.

Warm regards,

*James Maxim*

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