



Correspondence Items Presented for Information September 23, 2024

- 1) Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Re: AMO Policy Update – Energy Procurements, AMO Community and Supportive Housing Event.
- 2) Correspondence from the Chair, Owen Sound Police Services Board Re: Owen Sound Police Service 2023 Annual Report.
- 3) Correspondence from the County of Grey Re: Investigating a model for planning efficiencies and shared service delivery.
- 4) Correspondence from Bruce Power Re: Comment period extended for Bruce C Impact Assessment.
- 5) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Request for the Province to support family physicians.
 - a) City of Orillia
 - b) City of Stratford
- 6) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Municipality of West Nipissing Re: Physician shortage across Ontario.
- 7) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Support for AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act.
 - a) Township of Russell
 - b) City of Quinte West
 - c) Township of Lake of Bays
- 8) Correspondence from the City Clerk, City of Brantford Re: Legislative amendments to improve municipal codes of conduct and enforcement.
- 9) Correspondence from the Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk, Town of Plympton-Wyoming Re: Canada Community-Building Fund.
- 10) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Tay Valley Township Re:
 - a) Wetlands protection for eastern Ontario.
 - b) Jurisdiction of the Ontario Ombudsman.
- 11) Correspondence from the Mayor, Township of Springwater Re: Request for communications relating to the Standing Committee on Heritage,

Infrastructure, and Cultural Policy regarding the study on regional governance.

- 12) Correspondence from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Re:
 - a) Immediate action needed to support Ontario's forest sector.
 - b) AMO-OMA joint health resolution campaign.
 - c) Sustainable funding for Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in small rural municipalities
 - d) Regulations required for the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.
- 13) Correspondence from the Clerk-Treasurer, Township of McGarry Re: Phase out of free well water testing.
- 14) Correspondence from Donald Anderson Re: Guide Dog Etiquette 101.
- 15) Correspondence from the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses Re: Monthly femicide in Ontario factsheet – August 2024.



AMO Policy Update – Energy Procurements, AMO Community and Supportive Housing Event

Ontario Launches Next Round of Energy Procurements

On August 28, 2024, the province announced the next round of long-term energy procurements (called “LT2”) under which Ontario will see 5,000 megawatts of additional energy added to the electrical grid – crucial to power houses and businesses as our province grows. AMO President Robin Jones attended [the announcement](#), thanking the province for investing in clean, reliable, and affordable energy.

The ministry [has asked](#) the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to report back on the design of the LT2 procurement by September 20, 2024, and to include the following considerations:

- Only moving forward with projects where municipalities have indicated they are willing hosts through a municipal support resolution
- Adopting a technology-agnostic approach that includes all types of generation and storage, including natural gas
- Incentivizing projects in Northern Ontario and those that avoid prime agricultural lands
- Creating a plan to “unlock Crown lands” for renewable energy
- Finalizing the completion of LT2 procurements by February 28, 2026

This approach [responds](#) to AMO [advocacy](#) regarding the need to protect agricultural lands by: 1) banning ground-mounted solar projects in specialty crop areas and 2) requiring

companies proposing projects on prime farmland to prepare and secure municipal approval on an agricultural impact assessment (AIA).

AMO has been working with municipalities, IESO and the province to ensure that the lessons learned from previous long-term energy procurements are incorporated into LT2 and future procurement processes. AMO is working with IESO and the Ministry of Energy to put new supports in place for municipal governments to help them make informed energy decisions that benefit their communities. AMO is urging the IESO and the Ministry to put new supports in place by winter 2025 to maximize their usefulness to municipalities.

As energy partners pursue new projects, clear provincial guidelines and municipal-specific resources are essential to enable municipalities to play their leadership role in shaping the future of energy in Ontario.

AMO Knowledge Exchange on Community and Supportive Housing – Program Now Available

October 1-2, 2024

AMO is excited to convene elected officials, municipal staff, federal and provincial representatives, academics, Indigenous partners, and other sector partners for networking, knowledge sharing, and collaboration on how we can collectively advance community and supportive housing solutions in communities across Ontario. The event will showcase what municipalities are and could be doing to find solutions to the housing and homelessness challenges in our communities, including innovative financing solutions, how to engage with community members to overcome NIMBYism, and other tangible take-aways.

Register today and look forward to discussions on the following topics and others:

- How municipal governments are using solutions across the housing spectrum to address homelessness
- Innovative approaches to funding and financing community and social housing outside the traditional government grant and loan programs
- How to leverage municipal tools to encourage and enable affordable housing development in your community

- Overcoming barriers, including NIMBYism, to expand supportive housing

Please see the AMO [website](#) for the full program, location information, and to register.

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE SERVICES BOARD CHAIR



On behalf of the Owen Sound Police Service Board (the Board) I am pleased to join Chief Ambrose in introducing the Owen Sound Police Service's 2023 Annual Report.

Police service boards are governance bodies that are responsible for oversight and maintaining a police service to ensure adequate and effective policing by meeting the needs of the population of the area that it serves. As part of board governance and in preparation for the new Community Safety and Policing Act that was enacted April 1, 2024, the Board reviewed, updated and approved ninety-six board policies and twenty-five bylaws during 2023.

In 2023 the Board, in conjunction with OSPS command staff, held extensive consultation with the community and our members to develop a strategic plan for 2023-2026 which contains four Strategic Priorities - Community Safety, Community Wellbeing, Our Members, and Sustainability. This year's Annual Report provides an opportunity to share with the community the successes of year one's progress of our Operations Plan.

The Owen Sound Emergency Communications Centre (OSECC) is one of only two in the province that provides unique dispatching services to a number of other police services as well as fire and county operations.

Year over year your police service continues to see a significant rise in drug, alcohol, mental health issues, and property crime within the city limits. The rise in violent crime was exacerbated in 2023 by three homicides taking place within the span of six weeks, which created an enormous impact on our investigative resources and will continue to draw on resources through the court process. Continued increases in local crime serve to place additional impact on our limited resources.

I would like to thank the members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board for their continued service to the community. In addition to attending board meetings, members of the Board participate in service events and engage in professional development. I am thankful to have a committed team who have a shared vision for police governance.

Our Chief reminds us that policing is a 24/7 operation. While we engage in our daily routines, we can be assured that the members of the Owen Sound Police Service are working around the clock to keep our community safe and well. For this I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Chief Ambrose, his command staff, sworn and civilian members, special constables and our auxiliary members who continue to display a substantial level of dedication and loyalty to safeguard the citizens of Owen Sound. It is through their combined efforts and coordinated support that we are able to accomplish the objectives and goals set out in our Operations Plan.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

It is my privilege as Chief of the Owen Sound Police Service to present the 2023 Annual Report. This is our opportunity as a police service to provide insight and information that summarizes the significant events, demands on resources and milestones of the past year. It is also an opportunity to provide an update on the implementation of the Board's Strategic Priorities.



One highlight early in the year was gathering input from the public and our community partners in the form of a community survey. That feedback, along with a members survey, was very informative and assisted the Board in identifying the Strategic Priorities of the Service - Community Safety, Community Wellbeing, Our Members, and Sustainability. With these Strategic Priorities, the Service then took the information and created an actionable and measurable Operations Plan and assigned the various actions to members of the Service. The 2023-2026 Operations Plan creates a path to achieve the desired results of the Board and community and holds the Service accountable to meeting those priorities. You can look forward to regular updates and milestones as we move forward in the implementation over the coming years. I encourage everyone to read the Operations Plan, monitor the progress, and hold the Service accountable to the implementation. I also encourage you to provide input throughout the life of the plan to properly address the ever-changing issues that we face in providing community policing to our citizens.

Looking back on 2023, there has never been a busier time for our Police Service. The calls for service from the community, the level of violence of those calls and the complexities of the investigations were staggering. Never in the past has there been a year involving so many deaths as a result of criminal acts. Those deaths included the senseless death of Sharif Rahman, a local resident and restaurateur who died tragically after an altercation outside his restaurant. The Service continues to focus attention on these matters as investigations continue and other investigations progress and work their way through the challenges of the judicial system.

It is important to highlight the work of our dedicated members who investigated these incidents and the hours spent seeking justice for the victims who no longer have their voice. Many members of the service, both uniformed and civilian, sacrificed time with their families, to meet the demands of the service in 2023 and that dedication has not gone unnoticed.

The Owen Sound Emergency Communications Centre (OSECC) continues to provide outstanding service to not only the citizens of Owen Sound, but to the other communities across Ontario. Whether it be the professional Communicators answering a frantic call to 911 or the IT professionals who keep our systems running across the province, these dedicated members were called on to meet the demands of the service despite staffing shortages, and never failed to fulfill our commitment. Thank you to all of our members who make the Service run effectively day in and day out. Your hard work and dedication are invaluable to the citizens we serve.

To all of the members of our community, thank you for your cooperation and support and your role in community safety and wellbeing. Without your support and assistance, we cannot provide you the policing services that you deserve and expect.

VISION

MISSION

VALUES

OUR VISION

To be a trusted partner in advancing the safety and wellbeing of a vibrant, inclusive, and healthy community.

OUR MISSION

To deliver high quality policing services while fostering collaborative partnerships and community engagement that strengthen public safety and community wellbeing.

OUR VALUES

We value our community and our people through:

- INTEGRITY** By serving with respect, honesty, and accountability
- DEDICATION** By fostering a commitment to wellbeing, growth, and inclusivity
- LEADERSHIP** By motivating and inspiring a vision for the future
- TEAMWORK** By empowering the contributions and opinions of others
- INNOVATION** By encouraging progressive ideas and solutions

OPERATIONS PLAN 2023-2026

Owen Sound Police Service's 2023-2026 Operations Plan is a collective result of much time and effort from the Police Service Board, OSPS members, and the community in thoughtfully and constructively sharing feedback, acknowledging successes, and identifying challenges with public safety and delivery of police services in the City of Owen Sound.

In March 2023 the Owen Sound Police Services Board approved the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan. The Plan includes 14 goals and 50 specific actions within the Board's Strategic Priorities of:



Owen Sound Police Service
2023-2026
Operations Plan



- COMMUNITY SAFETY
- COMMUNITY WELLBEING
- OUR MEMBERS
- SUSTAINABILITY

The full Plan can be viewed on the OSPS website **Publications and Reports | Owen Sound Police Service**

<https://www.owensoundpolice.com/learn-about-us/publications-and-reports/>

OPERATIONS PLAN 2023-2026

YEAR ONE PROGRESS

At the end of the Plan’s first year, two actions have been completed; three actions are not started and designed to begin in 2024; and of the other 45 actions 90% are in progress.

Sustainability goal 1, to promote and plan for long term succession, includes one action that has been completed (S1c): by developing a long-term facility plan that anticipates future growth and updates. With the City Facilities Assessment completed in June 2023, short- and long-term facility needs up to the next 10 years can now be aligned and help support long term budgeting, staffing, and IT requirements which are also included within the Sustainability priority.

The other completed action is part of Our Members goal 1, to promote OSPS members’ mental and physical wellbeing, by evaluating the shift schedule rotation pattern to maximize member wellness (OM1b).



In partnership with the Owen Sound Police Association, an evaluation was conducted of the 12-hour schedule being piloted. Analysis found overtime and sick time were not significantly influenced and the majority of members agree the new schedule has improved their overall wellness.

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Platoon 1				D	D	N	N	N					D	D
Platoon 2		D	D	N	N						D	D	N	N
Platoon 3	D	N	N						D	D	N	N		
Platoon 4	N					D	D	D	N	N				
January	1/29	2/30	3/31	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
February	26	27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
March	26	27	28	1/29	2/30	3/31	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

YEAR END REPORTING



- **2,306** – Incidents cleared by charge
- **605** Adult males charged
- **198** Adult females charged
- **19** Young Offender males charged
- **9** Young Offender females charged

Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) Program

- **282** RIDE Programs
- **12,591** Vehicles Stopped
- **2** Impaired Drivers (from RIDE program)



YEAR END REPORTING

Report Type	2023	2022
Crown Briefs	725	804
Missing Person	76	64
Sudden Death	49	56
Freedom of Information	65	45
Criminal Record Checks	1,738	1,608
Warrants Processed	627	611
Police Reports	4,305	4,494

Collison Reporting	2023	2022
Total Collisions	489	558
Total Collisions Involving Injury	42	60
Fatal Collisions	0	0
Investigated By OSPS	240	300
Investigated by Collision Reporting Centre	249	258
Collisions with Pedestrians	7	9
Collisions Involving Cyclists	8	5

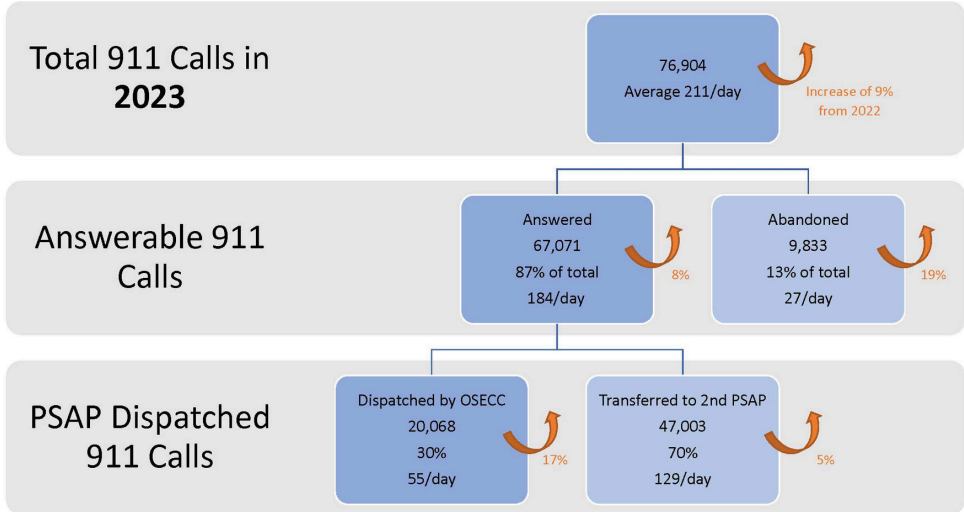
OWEN SOUND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE (OSECC)



The OSECC is the primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for Owen Sound Police Service, five other police services, more than 50 fire stations and Grey County Transportation. The OSECC PSAP serves 35 municipalities with an estimated population of 372,000.

EMERGENCY 9-1-1 CALLS

There were 76,904 calls received from the emergency 911 line in 2023, an increase of 9% compared to 2022. Of the answerable 911 calls, 30% are dispatched by Communicators, and 70% are transferred to a secondary PSAP.



Source: Bell Flex Reports.

OWEN SOUND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE (OSECC)

COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD)

Calls that are dispatched by the OSECC Communicators come from a variety of sources, such as:

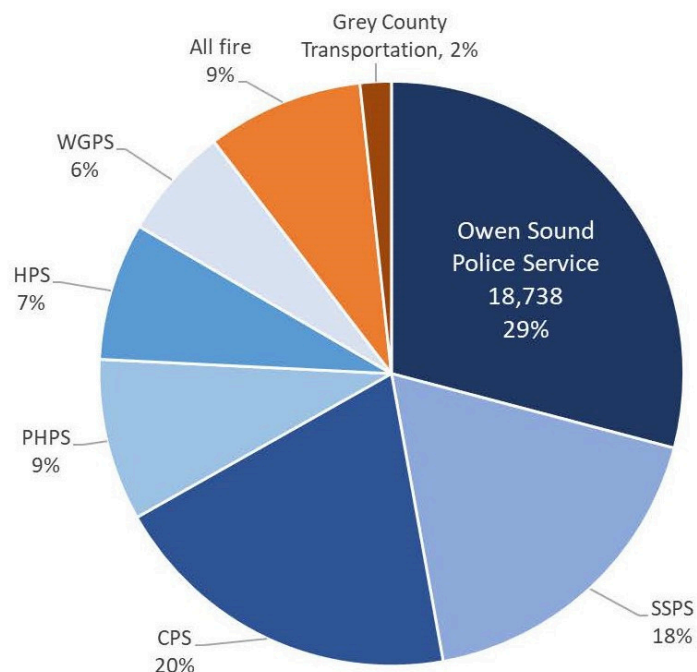
- **the emergency 9-1-1 line**
- **the non-emergency phone line**
- **walk-ins**
- **officer generated**

There were 64,397 calls dispatched by the OSECC in 2023, an 8% increase from 2022. Owen Sound Police Service accounts for the largest volume of dispatched calls in the OSECC: 29% or 18,738 in 2023. The volume of dispatched calls varies by day of week, and by hour of day.

Top Most Frequent OSPS Call Types in 2023:

1. Traffic enforcement
2. Police assistance
3. 911 Call – Admin/Dropped
4. Community services
5. Suspicious person
6. Person welfare check
7. Theft
8. Unwanted person
9. Execute warrant
10. Police information
11. Motor vehicle collision
12. Property related
13. Domestic dispute
14. Alarm
15. Disturb the peace
16. RIDE
17. Harassment
18. Complaint
19. Shoplift
20. Fraud

OSECC Dispatched CAD Events, by Agency, 2023

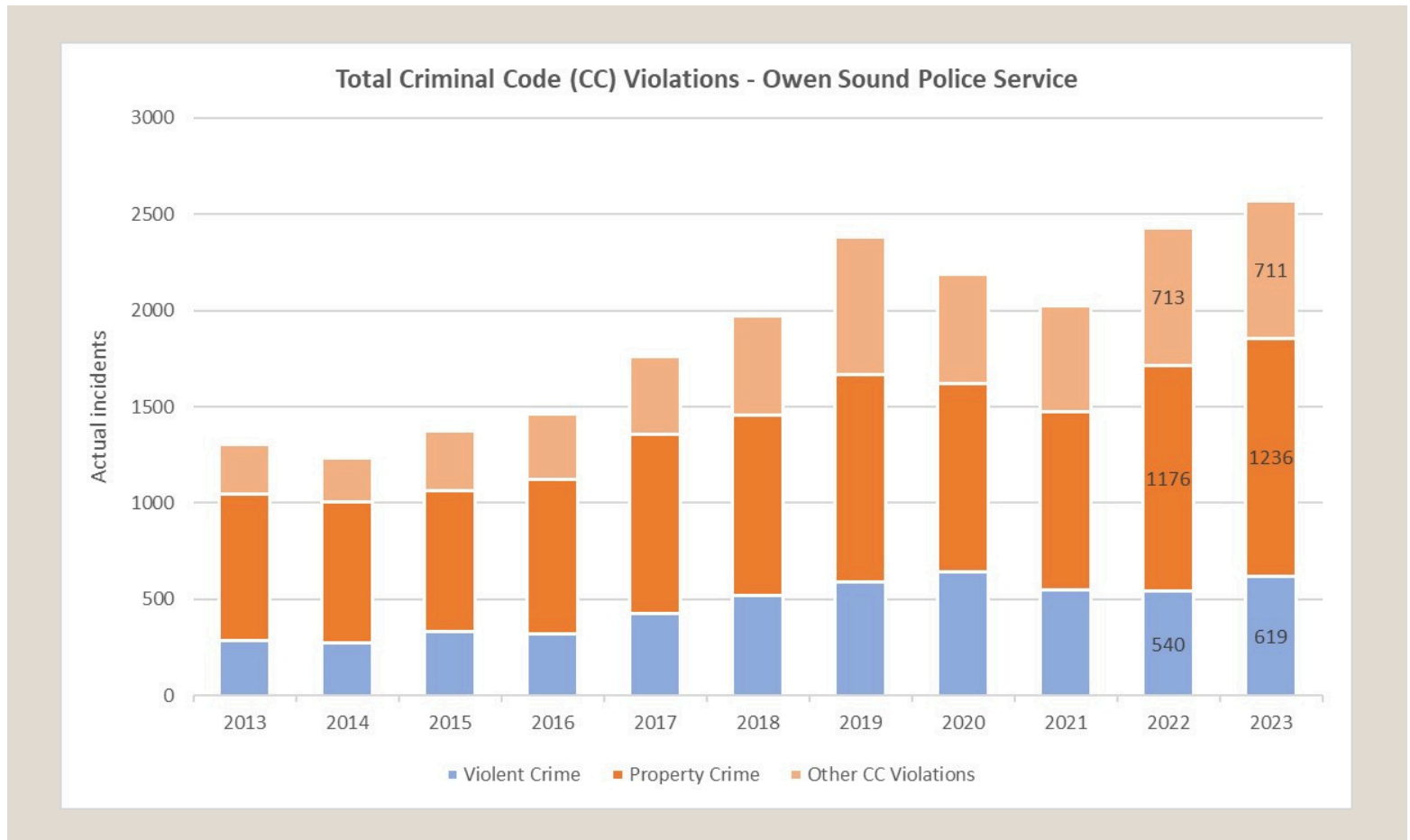


Source: OPTIC On Call Analytics, CAD

POLICE-REPORTED CRIME, OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE 2023

Police-reported crime is measured by a count of the most serious violation within an incident. In 2023, there was a total of 2,566 Criminal Code (CC) violations (excluding traffic) reported to OSPS. This was a 5.6% increase in volume compared to 2022, as a combined result of:

- Violent Crime or Crimes Against Persons increasing **+14.6%**;
- Crimes Against Property increasing **+5.1%**; and
- Other Criminal Code Violations decreasing **-0.3%**.



Source: Statistics Canada

POLICE-REPORTED CRIME, OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE 2023

Most numerous violent offences in 2023

186 Assault, level 1

↓ 2%

125 Uttering threats

↑ 6%

89 Criminal harassment

↑ 13%

58 Sexual assault, level 1

↑ 29%

52 Assault, level 2

↑ 21%

Most numerous non-violent (property and other CC) offences:

708 Total thefts under \$5000

↑ 13%

531 Total Administration of Justice violations (fail to comply with order, fail to appear, breach of probation)

↓ 7%

230 Fraud

↑ 11%

186 Mischief

↓ 13%

116 Disturb the peace

↑ 29%

Percent Change from 2022

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OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW DIRECTOR (OIPRD)

In 2023, a total of 16 OSPS complaints were received by the OIPRD. Fourteen of the complaints were in relation to officer conduct with one additional complaint split into two separate complaints, one being in relation to conduct of officers and one being services provided by the OSPS, however both originating from the same set of circumstances.

One of the complainants filed five individual complaints, the remaining 10 complaints were individual, unique complainants (with one complaint split into 2 totalling 16).

The single service complaint was recently received and remains under investigation. The conduct component of this complaint has been deemed by the OIPRD to be not in the public interest to investigate.

Of the 15 officer conduct complaints, 11 were screened out by the OIPRD who deemed them to be not in the public interest to investigate. A further one was screened out by the OIPRD due to a lack of information to proceed. One was resolved informally between the complainant and subject officer. Another was withdrawn by the complainant prior to the OIPRD making a screening decision. One remains under investigation.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Information Technology (IT) branch actively develops and deploys solutions for the Owen Sound Police Service, and other police and fire agencies served by the Owen Sound Emergency Communications Centre. Along with day-to-day help and support, IT maintains the 911 and administrative phone lines, radios, Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, custom applications and ever evolving data analytics.

OSPS's IT branch was the first agency in Canada to transfer Emergency Incident Data Objects (EIDO) and is leading the Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 call hosted solution development which will be live in 2024. The IT branch's growing portfolio is responsible for systems covering approximately 500,000 residents in 8 counties across the Province.



YOUTH IN POLICING INITIATIVE (YIPI)

The Owen Sound Police Service's Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) is a program designed to build and strengthen relationships between police and the citizens of Owen Sound. The program, funded by the Ministry of Children and Community Services, provides employment opportunities for youth 13-18 years old. Throughout the year YIPI students develop skills in delivering information on such topics as crime prevention, social media awareness and bike safety as well as supporting local special events and festivals.

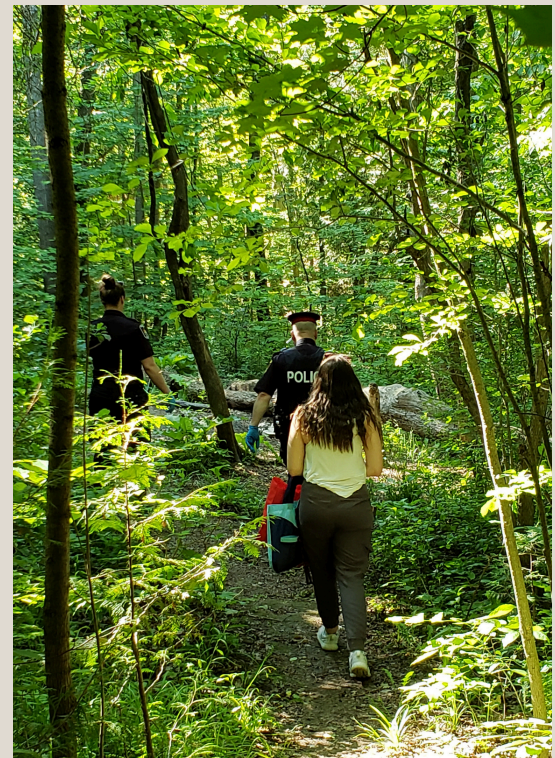


MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (MHCRT)

The Owen Sound Police Service and Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Grey Bruce enhanced their partnership in 2023 by adding a full-time crisis worker dedicated to the Owen Sound Police Service.

MHCRT is comprised of a plain-clothed police officer and a CMHA crisis worker who respond as a team to calls for service where mental health or addictions concerns are present.

The main goal of MHCRT is to ensure an individual dealing with mental health or addictions is provided with the most timely and best care possible. MHCRT act as advocates for the individual by making referrals to the appropriate community supports. MHCRT also conducts training with OSPS officers. By providing officers with additional knowledge and tools, OSPS officers are able to better recognize possible alternatives to apprehensions under the Mental Health Act.



MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (MHCRT)



In 2023, OSPS responded to **1,388** mental health related calls for service. During these calls, MHCRT provided support to officers on - scene by providing timely assessments, resources and supports. This immediate MHCRT response led to a 36% decrease in

the number of individuals apprehended under the Mental Health Act compared to 2022.

Placing individuals in timely contact with the appropriate supports alleviates unnecessary admissions to the hospital Emergency Department, provides a better short and long-term support plan and a more dignified outcome for the individual. MHCRT continues to grow “the circle of care” by working closely with other mental health, addictions, housing, poverty and other community organizations striving to provide the best care for those in our community.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED RESPONSE UNIT (CORE)

The CORE unit provides the opportunity for the Owen Sound Police Service to proactively address community issues and concerns, and to alleviate police calls for service. CORE works in partnership with many community agencies to address issues relating to criminal activity, by-law complaints, homelessness, addictions and mental health concerns. CORE also works closely with business owners in the River District, as well as throughout the city, to address specific concerns they may have. Dedicating time to proactively deal with concerns and fostering partnerships within the community helps provide creative responses to problems, helps prevent calls for service and provides more suitable assistance to those who need it most.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Criminal Investigations Branch investigates incidents that are more serious in nature and are often more complex. As a result, Detectives complete comprehensive investigations which include identifying and obtaining evidence from victims, witnesses, forensics, video surveillance, electronic devices, as well as other investigative actions, which often include judicial applications. Some of the major investigations that Detectives investigated in 2023 are summarized below.

Aggravated Assault

A male was stabbed multiple times by another male that was known to him, in the 1900 block of 6th Avenue East in May 2023. The male required surgery and was expected to make a full recovery. After a complete investigation, an Owen Sound male was charged with Aggravated Assault, two counts of Assault with a Weapon and Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose. The male was convicted in August and remains incarcerated.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Criminal Negligence Causing Death

Police attended the sudden and unexpected death of a 22-month-old child that occurred in a residence in the 400 block of 10th Street West in July 2023.

Detectives became involved as it was believed that the child died as a result of a fentanyl overdose. As a result of the full investigation into the circumstances of the death, Detectives charged the child's parents, an Owen Sound man and woman with Criminal Negligence Causing Death and Failure to Provide the Necessities of Life. The child's cause of death was determined to be fentanyl toxicity. The charges are still before the courts.

Second Degree Murder

In July 2023, a 47-year-old male from Toronto was murdered, with the investigation commencing at a residence in the 500 block of 2nd Avenue East. After a thorough investigation into the circumstances of the death, Detectives charged an Owen Sound man with Second Degree Murder as well as other offences, and an Owen Sound woman was charged with Accessory After the Fact to Murder as well as other offences. Both remain in custody with the charges still being before the courts.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

First Degree Murder

A 17-year-old male from the Greater Toronto Area was murdered, as a result of what Detectives believe to be a targeted shooting, in an apartment complex on 6th Avenue West in July 2023. After an in-depth investigation, males from North York, Brampton and Owen Sound were all charged with First Degree murder. These charges are still before the courts.

Manslaughter

As a result of a serious assault which occurred in the 900 block of 2nd Avenue East, a criminal investigation commenced based on the level of injury. On August 24th the victim died from his injuries and as a result, the active investigation transitioned into a homicide investigation. This complex and comprehensive investigation continues and remains a priority, with investigators being dedicated to this incident.

DRUGS ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

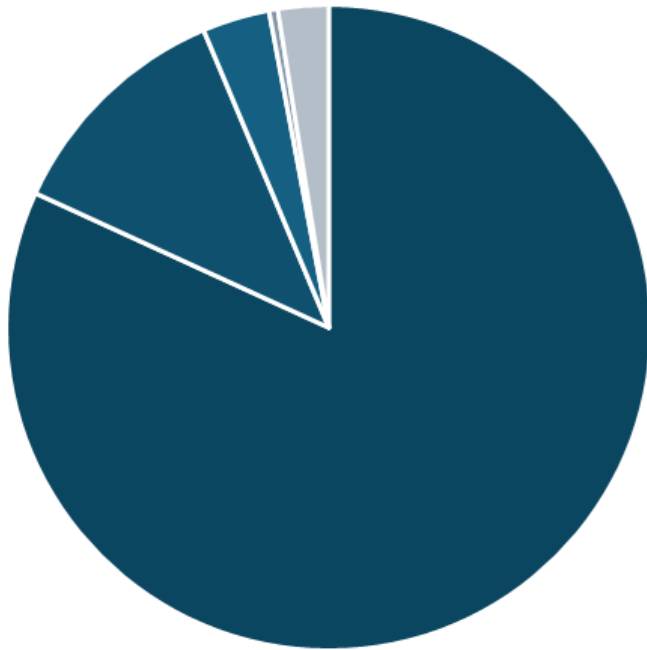
Drug Project Conclusion January/February

Members of the Drug Enforcement and Criminal Intelligence Unit concluded an extensive project, “Project Winter”, which began in 2022 and focused on targeting drug trafficking on the streets of Owen Sound. The project resulted in five individuals from Owen Sound being arrested and charged with a total of 23 drug related offences and \$8000 worth of illegal drugs being seized, including Fentanyl, Methamphetamine and Cocaine.

Joint Force Operation March

In March, the Drug Enforcement and Criminal Intelligence Unit participated in a Joint Forces Investigation with the OPP Street Crime Unit. The investigation resulted in three search warrants being executed: two at Owen Sound residences; as well as one at a residence in Georgian Bluffs. Large quantities of Cocaine and Canadian currency were seized from all three residences and five individuals were charged in relation to Trafficking Cocaine and Possession of Proceeds of Crime.

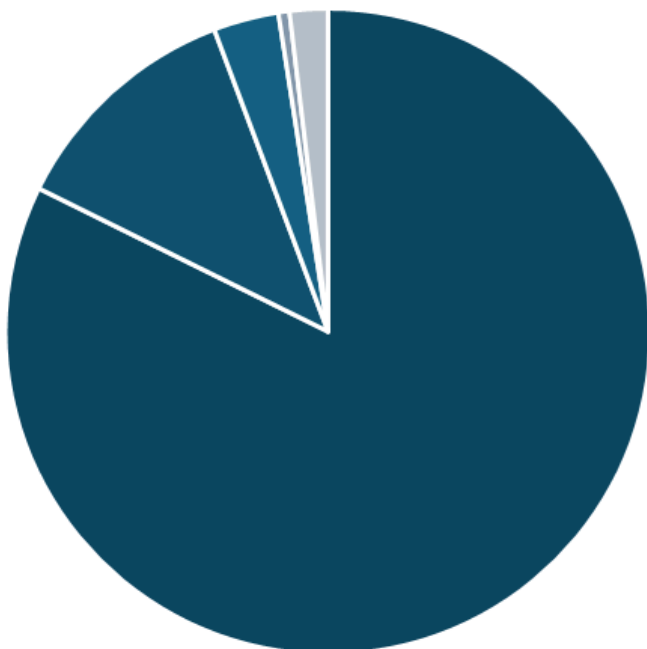
BUDGET BREAKDOWN



- Police Officers
- Police Civilians
- Court Security
- Police Services Board
- Capital Projects

2023

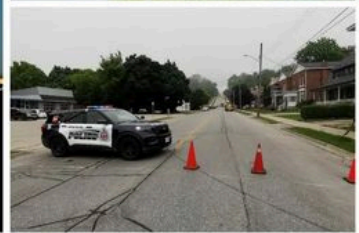
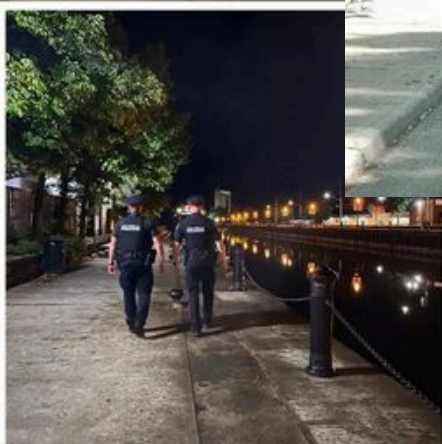
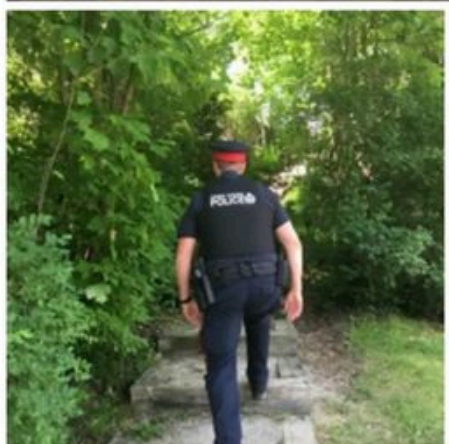
Police Officers - \$6,845,581
Police Civilians - \$988,516
Court Security - \$281,616
Police Services Board - \$37,337
Capital Projects - \$212,000

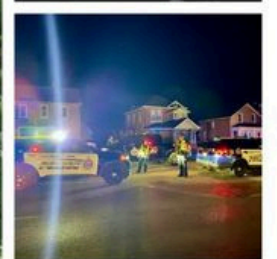
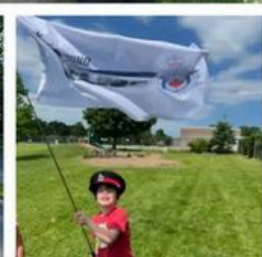
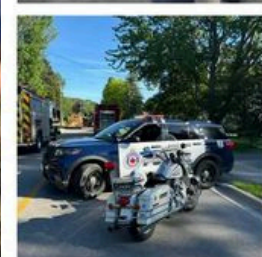
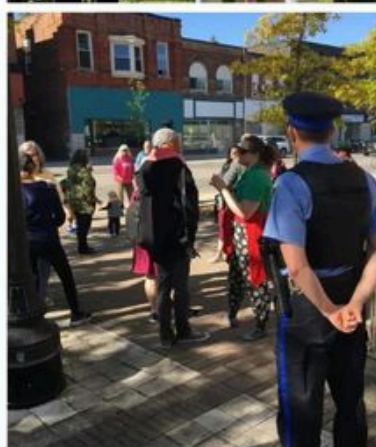


- Police Officers
- Police Civilians
- Court Security
- Police Services Board
- Capital Projects

2022

Police Officers - \$ 6,701,777
Police Civilians - \$973,003
Court Security - \$266,743
Police Services Board - \$44,836
Capital Projects - \$156,000





THANK YOU



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SENT VIA EMAIL

Dear Grey County Area Clerks,

Please be advised that at the meeting held on September 12, 2024, the Committee of the Whole of the County of Grey adopted the following resolution for your municipality’s information and consideration:

CW98-24

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That report PDR-CW-52-24 regarding a shared services model for planning services be received; and

That correspondence be sent to each member municipality in Grey County, requesting feedback on the potential centralized planning service model by October 18, 2024.

Carried

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SG' with a stylized flourish.

Sarah Goldrup
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To:	Warden Milne and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	September 12, 2024
Subject / Report No:	PDR-CW-52-24
Title:	Investigating a Model for Planning Efficiencies and Shared Service Delivery
Prepared by:	Randy Scherzer and Scott Taylor
Reviewed by:	Kim Wingrove
Lower Tier(s) Affected:	All member municipalities

Recommendation

1. That report PDR-CW-52-24 regarding a shared services model for planning services be received; and
2. That correspondence be sent to each member municipality in Grey County, requesting feedback on the potential centralized planning service model by October 18, 2024.

Executive Summary

This report recommends that correspondence be sent to each member municipality in Grey County seeking their feedback by October 18, 2024 on a proposed planning services model centralized at Grey County and identifies next steps in investigating this potential model.

Background and Discussion

On Thursday, August 8th, the nine Grey County member municipalities met in a joint meeting to discuss a proposal for shared planning services centralized at Grey County. Direction was provided to staff in the closed portion of the meeting to further investigate the centralized planning service model option. A media release was issued on August 21st, 2024 which provided information that the potential servicing model was being investigated.

The County is seeking comments and questions on the centralized planning service delivery model. A municipal decision is not required at this stage, but rather the County is seeking input on the following from member municipalities:

- Questions about service delivery and customer service,
- In person office hours and location of staff,

- Impact on other municipal departments and staff (i.e., building, by-law, engineering, etc.),
- Commentary on other roles served by municipal planners, beyond development application processing and policy review (e.g., heritage permits, community improvement plan applications intake, etc.),
- Questions on the development application process, and reporting to municipal councils and committees,
- Financial, IT (software), legal, or human resources matters,
- Municipal record-keeping,
- Municipal agreements (e.g., site plan, subdivision agreements),
- Timelines or transitional considerations,
- Communications and reporting between County and municipal staff,
- Future memorandum of understanding considerations, or
- Any other feedback or questions that municipal councils might have.

The above-noted feedback, along with comments received from municipal staff, will help inform the follow-up staff report from County staff. In the next report staff will respond to the comments and questions received, as well as providing more detail on the financial, human resources, IT, and transitional considerations regarding how a centralized planning service delivery model could be implemented. In preparation for the next report, county staff are collecting and assessing information regarding planning department application fees, staff salary and benefits, municipal planning application processes, examples of other county-municipal service delivery memorandums of understanding, and planning department software. This follow-up staff report will be shared with both County and municipal Councils, and it is at that stage that the County will be seeking formal direction on the model.

This proposal is being brought forward in an effort to explore potential opportunities to enhance and improve the efficiency of planning services being provided by the County and member municipalities. It should be noted that local municipal decision-making authority regarding planning decisions would be unchanged under this proposed model. Operational efficiencies would be expected at the administrative level.

Legal Considerations

None at this time.

Financial and Resource Implications

Any financial and resource implications will be explored as part of the future staff report.

Relevant Consultation

- Internal: Clerks
 - AODA Compliance (describe)
 - Contribution to Climate Change Action Plan Targets (describe)

External (list)

Appendices and Attachments

None

From: Leona Cunningham [Corporate Affairs & Market Development]
<Leona.Cunningham@brucepower.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 5:42 PM
Subject: RE: Bruce C - Notice of Commencement of Impact Assessment

Dear Mayor Boddy, Council and Clerk:

We want to advise you that Bruce Power requested and has received a 45-day extension to the Planning Phase of the Bruce C Project Impact Assessment to ensure that the public, municipalities, and Indigenous Nations and Communities have additional time to engage on the Initial Project Description.

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to review the Bruce C Initial Project Description [here](#) and submit comments to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. Public comments will continue to be accepted on the [Canadian Impact Assessment Registry](#) website until October 28, 2024.

Learn more about the project in this [overview document](#).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Leona

Leona Cunningham | **Sr. Strategist, Corporate Affairs** | Bruce Power | Cell: 519.386.0448
Public Engagement – Bruce C Project

From: Leona Cunningham [Corporate Affairs & Market Development]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 10:11 PM
Subject: Bruce C - Notice of Commencement of Impact Assessment

Dear Mayor Boddy, Council and Clerk,

We are pleased to inform you that Bruce Power has submitted an Initial Project Description to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada for the Bruce C Project. Please find attached correspondence from James Scongack, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice-President, Bruce Power.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

Leona

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August 30, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier
Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Resolution regarding a request for the Province to support family physicians

Orillia City Council at its meeting held August 12, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

“THAT, further to the correspondence dated July 31, 2024 from the City of Toronto regarding a resolution with respect to a request for the Province to support family physicians, the following supporting resolution be passed:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the City of Orillia hereby supports the resolution passed by the City of Toronto on June 26, 2024 with respect to a request for the Province to support family physicians;

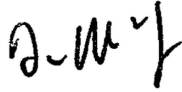
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health; the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-North; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario municipalities.”

The above is for your consideration. If you require any additional information, please let me know.



Resolution regarding a request for the Province to support family physicians
August 30, 2024
Page 2 of 2

Sincerely,

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Don McIsaac
Mayor

DM:rb

Copy to: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario
Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education, and Member of Provincial Parliament for
Simcoe-North
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



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September 13, 2024

Sent via email – councilmeeting@toronto.ca

John D. Elvidge,

City Clerk

City of Toronto

Re: Resolution Regarding Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated July 31, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the September 9, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-140). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-140, being a resolution from The City of Toronto regarding Provincial Support for Family Physicians, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe Clerk

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cc: Hon. Mark Holland, Minister of Health
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 19

MM19.5	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

City Council Decision

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the Minister of Health to take immediate action to:
 - a. properly compensate family physicians with appropriate fee increases; and
 - b. reduce the administrative burden that the Province places on family doctors so they have more time to see their patients.
2. City Council forward City Council’s decision to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.
3. City Council request a direct response from the Minister of Health within 30 days.

Summary

On May 13, 2024, the City of Belleville set a good example by passing a resolution calling upon the provincial government to improve compensation and reduce administrative burden for Ontario’s family physicians. Toronto should do the same.

The Province of Ontario is responsible for providing quality health care to all residents of Ontario. Family medicine is the backbone of the healthcare system and providing timely access to a primary health care provider for everyone in Ontario, is essential and should be a top Provincial Government priority. Instead, the shortage of family physicians has reached a crisis point.

Millions of Ontario residents, and hundreds of thousands of Torontonians, do not have a family doctor. Studies show that patients without a primary care provider have poorer health outcomes while costing the health care system more. Meanwhile, hospitals, emergency rooms and clinics are overloaded by residents’ unmet health care needs.

The Province of Ontario could address this issue quickly and efficiently by paying fair wages to family physicians and by lessening the undue administrative burden this provincial government imposes on family doctors.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM19.5

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-246768.pdf>)



West Nipissing Ovest

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The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ovest
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September 4, 2024

Honourable Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park, Room 281
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

SENT VIA E-MAIL
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford :

RE: REQUEST FOR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE ACROSS ONTARIO

At its regular meeting held on September 3 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed the following resolution.

<< Resolution: **2024/232** Moved By: Councillor R. St-Louis
Secoded By: Councillor G. Pharand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT at the meeting of September 3, 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing received and supports the resolutions from the following municipalities requesting the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage across Ontario:

- Twp. Lake of Bays, Council passed Resolution #TC-206-2024 at its regular meeting held on August 13, 2024
- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Council passed Resolution #2024-253 at its regular meeting held on August 6, 2024
- Town of Bracebridge, Council passed Motion #24-GC-149 at its regular meeting held on August 26, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing urges the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of West Nipissing as well as across all of Ontario and to fund health care appropriately to ensure that every Ontarian has access to physician care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, Honourable Minister of Health for Ontario; Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, Ontario Medical Association (OMA), Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), John Vanthof (MPP), Marc Serré (MP), and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED >>

In accordance with Council's direction, the resolution is being forwarded for your reference.

Respectfully,

Janice Dupuis
Deputy Clerk
Municipality of West Nipissing



Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2024/232
Title: Authorize support resolution re: Physician Shortage
Date: September 3, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Roch St. Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Georges Pharand

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CARRIED



Council - Committee of the Whole

Résolution # 2024/232
Titre: Autoriser la résolution de soutien concernant la pénurie de médecins
Date: le 3 septembre 2024

Proposé par: Councillor Roch St. Louis
Appuyé par: Councillor Georges Pharand

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE lors de la réunion du 3 septembre 2024, le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest reçoive et appuie les résolutions des municipalités suivantes demandant au gouvernement provincial de reconnaître la pénurie de médecins dans tout l'Ontario :

- Canton de Lake of Bays, le Conseil a adopté la résolution #TC-206-2024 lors de sa réunion ordinaire du 13 aout 2024.
- Ville de Bradford West Gwillimbury, le Conseil a adopté la résolution #2024-253 lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 6 aout 2024
- Ville de Bracebridge, le Conseil a adopté la motion #24-GC-149..... lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 26 aout 2024

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest presse le gouvernement provincial de reconnaître la pénurie de médecins dans la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest et dans tout l'Ontario et de financer les soins de santé de façon appropriée pour s'assurer que tous les Ontariens ont accès aux soins d'un médecin.

IL EST EN OUTRE RÉSOLU QU'une copie de cette résolution soit transmise à l'honorable premier ministre de l'Ontario, à l'honorable ministre de la Santé de l'Ontario, au médecin-chef de la santé pour l'Ontario, à l'Association médicale de l'Ontario (OMA), à l'Association des municipalités de l'Ontario (AMO), à John Vanthof (député provincial), à Marc Serré (député fédéral) et à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

ADOPTÉ

August 13, 2024

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
Dear Mr. Best:

**RE: Request for the Provincial Government to Recognize the Physician Shortage
in the Township of Lake of Bays**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, at its last regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2024, passed the following resolution,

“Resolution TC-206-2024

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada,

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Lake of Bays and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried.”

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

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Copy to:

Hon. Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health) - sylvia.jones@ontario.ca
Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health) - Kieran.Moore@ontario.ca
Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) amopresident@amo.on.ca
Ontario Medical Association (OMA) – info@oma.org
MPP, Graydon Smith - graydon.smith@pc.ola.org
MP, Scott Aitchison Scott.Aitchison@parl.gc.ca
All Area Municipalities

August 12, 2024

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queens Park
Room 281
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-253
Moved by: Councillor Scott
Seconded by: Councillor Verkaik

That Council receive the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign for information; and

That Council support the motion as written:

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones; and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Deputy Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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CC:
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
All Ontario Municipalities

August 26, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage

At its meeting of August 26, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-149, regarding the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage, as follows:

“WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments;

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada;

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bracebridge and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.”

In accordance with Council’s direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,



Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

1000 Taylor Court
Bracebridge, ON
P1L 1R6 Canada



TOWNSHIP OF
RUSSELL

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Date: August 26, 2024 **Item(s) no.:** 10 (ref. a)

Subject: Resolution to Support AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Moved by: Jamie Laurin
Seconded by: Lisa Deacon

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections; and

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process; and

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026; and

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario; and

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill; and

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce; and

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges; and

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration; and


WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Russell calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, MPP of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and AMCTO.

MOTION APPROVED

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 26th day of August 2024.



Joanne Camiré Laflamme
Clerk

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Josh Machesney, City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

September 5, 2024

Via Email: All Municipalities

RE: AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on September 4, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-389 – AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Moved by Councillor Stedall
Seconded by Councillor Sharpe

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration;

And Whereas AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

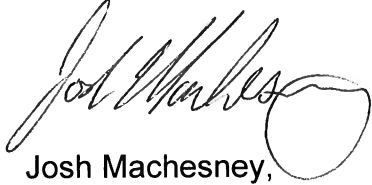
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Quinte West calls for the Province to update The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

And that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, and AMCTO.
Carried

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

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Josh Machesney,
City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services



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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS
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September 10, 2024

Via email: advocacy@amcto.com

AMCTO
Attn: Advocacy Team
2680 Skymark Avenue, Suite 610
Mississauga, Ontario L4W 5L6

RE: Municipal Elections Act Update

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled Council meeting on September 10, 2024 and the following resolution was passed.

“Resolution TC-227-2024

WHEREAS election rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990* also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the *MEA* containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

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improvement are needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration.

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca) the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Township of Lake of Bays MPP (graydon.smith@pc.ola.org) and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com).

Carried”

We look forward to hearing of the continued advocacy of this matter and further updates on when the Ministry will move ahead with amending the Municipal Elections Act

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
CS/lv

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca),
Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca),
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca),
Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca)
Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca),
Township of Lake of Bays MPP (graydon.smith@pc.ola.org)



August 30, 2024

Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held August 27, 2024 adopted the following:

12.2.4 Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians, need respectful discourse; and

WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of abuse and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of Council members' behaviour; and

WHEREAS legislation would hold both accountable and protect all municipal offices; and

WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct and support appropriate accountability when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS the fundamental underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption the workplace is safe; and

WHEREAS government legislation would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies, establish a process for removing individuals in substantiated cases of egregious violence or harassment, as well as

prevent officials whose seats have been vacated for such reasons from seeking immediate or subsequent re-election; and

WHEREAS the aforementioned elements are consistent with previously developed legislation, as well as current legislation tabled (Bill 207, Municipal Accountability and Integrity Act, 2024).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Municipal Administrators Association (OMAA), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and more than 207 municipalities, for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and
- B. THAT the legislation encompasses:
- i. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
 - ii. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
 - iii. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
 - iv. Amending the Municipal Act, 2001 to require the establishment of a Board of Integrity Commissioners;
 - v. Amending both, the Municipal Act, 2001, and the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow a Commissioner of the Board of Integrity Commissioners to make an application for judicial review to vacate a member's seat and impose prescribed penalties if the Commissioner is of the opinion that the member has made certain contraventions of the Code of Conduct;
 - vi. Adding provisions to both Acts to allow the Commissioner to seek confirmation of certain determinations from a judge of the Superior Court;
 - vii. Introducing provisions to prohibit a member who has been removed from office from running in the election for the remainder of the term and the subsequent term; and
- C. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Attorney General, Doug Downey; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's

Social and Economic Opportunity; Will Bouma, Member of Provincial Parliament; Larry Brock, Member of Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and Ontario municipalities.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra
Attorney General, Doug Downey
Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity
Will Bouma, Member of Provincial Parliament
Larry Brock, Member of Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario municipalities



Justin Trudeau
justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca
(sent via e-mail)

August 30th, 2024

Re: The Canada Community-Building Fund

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its Regular Council meeting on August 28th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the City of Quinte West regarding the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Motion #16

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey

That Council support correspondence item 'i' from the City of Quinte West regarding the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Donna Herridge, Executive Director, MFOA donna@mfoa.on.ca
Colin Best, President, AMO amopresident@amo.on.ca
Marilyn Gladu, MP, Sarnia-Lambton marilyn.gladu@parl.gc.ca
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
chrystia.freeland@parl.gc.ca
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Virginia LaTour, Deputy City Clerk

August 15, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Via Email - justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

RE: Notice of Motion – Councillor Stedall – The Canada Community-Building Fund

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on August 14, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-366 – Notice of Motion - Councillor Stedall - The Canada Community-Building Fund
Moved by Councillor Stedall
Seconded by Councillor McCue

Whereas the City of Quinte West is entering into an agreement to receive Canada Community-Building Funds, which is administered by the Association of Ontario Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of the Federal government;

And whereas the funding allocations are less than 2% year over year for the next 5 years;

And whereas the amounts allocated in the past 5 years were less than 2% year over year;

And whereas non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure projects without a corresponding growth in revenue;

And whereas there is a requirement for municipalities to complete an asset management plan and a housing needs analysis;

And whereas both of these plans show the large funding gap between infrastructure and housing needs and funds available from property taxation;

And whereas The City of Quinte West has over \$1.5 billion in core infrastructure assets and, like other municipalities, its infrastructure is aging and in need of upgrades and replacement;

And whereas The City's Asset Management Plan requires \$37 million annually to maintain existing assets which, based on current available funding, is resulting in an annual infrastructure deficit of over \$17.1 million;

And whereas municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end;

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CBBF agreement for 2024 - 2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to MFOA, AMO, MP Ryan Williams, and Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, and all Municipalities in Ontario.
Carried

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Virginia LaTour', with a large circular flourish on the left side.

Virginia LaTour,
Deputy City Clerk

cc: Donna Herridge, Executive Director, MFOA
Colin Best, President, AMO
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
All Municipalities of Ontario



August 28, 2024

The Honorable Graydon Smith
 Minister of Natural Resources
 Unit 2.04/2.05 230 Manitoba St.
 Bracebridge, ON P1L 2E1

Sent by Email

Dear: Graydon Smith

RE: Province Removes Wetlands Protection for Eastern Ontario

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on August 13th, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-08-11

MOVED BY: Wayne Baker
SECONDED BY: Angela Pierman

“THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township urge the Provincial Government to reopen the wetlands regulation consultation for the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) to:

- allow Tay Valley’s wetlands to receive the same protections as wetlands in the other 29 Conservation Districts in Ontario; and
- ensure Tay Valley’s \$1.3 Billion Tax Assessment is protected from degradation.

THAT, landowners be compensated by the Province when wetlands are designated on their property,

AND THAT, this resolution and a copy of Report #PD-2024-10 – Province Removes Wetlands Protection for Eastern Ontario, be provided to the Minister of Natural Resources, to area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and to all Ontario Municipalities.”

ADOPTED



A detailed report is included.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron Watt".

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith,
John Jordan, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston,
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA),
and to all Ontario Municipalities

/Enclosure



August 28, 2024

The Honorable Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Suite 400, 37 Sandford Dr.
Stouffville, ON L4A 3Z2

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Paul Calandra

RE: Jurisdiction of Ontario's Ombudsman

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on August 13th, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-08-29

MOVED BY: Wayne Baker
SECONDED BY: Angela Pierman

“WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township support the request from the City of Peterborough that a Bill be introduced to amend the Ombudsman Act;

THAT, the Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be requested to introduce a Bill to amend the Ombudsman Act to require the Ontario Ombudsman to provide to each municipality, if requested by the municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation, matter or case respecting the municipality that is referred to in each of the Ombudsman's Annual Reports to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each such investigation, matter or case including:

- i) a copy of each complaint, as applicable, redacted only to the extent of individuals' personal information contained therein;
- ii) the identities of the municipality's employees, officers and members of Council with whom the Ombudsman was consulting in respect of the investigation, matter or case; and
- iii) particulars of the outcome of the investigation, matter or case including the Ombudsman's findings, conclusions and recommendations, if any.



AND THAT, staff forward Council's resolutions resulting from Council's approval of these recommendations to Minister Calandra, MPP John Jordan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all Ontario municipalities.”

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron Watt".

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: MPP John Jordan, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
all Ontario Municipalities

September 6, 2024

To: Renee Ainsworth, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

RE: Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee Resolution

At its Regular meeting on September 4, 2024, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C439-2024

Moved by: Moore

Seconded by: Fisher

That Council hereby supports the resolution of the Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee regarding provincial and federal notification of municipally significant processes by the provincial and federal governments; and,

That the letter be circulated to all Ontario municipalities and AMO.

Carried.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Sarah Elliott, Committee Coordinator/Administrative Assistant

Honourable MP Doug Shipley
Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca

Sent via electronic mail

Honourable MPP Doug Downey
Doug.Downey@pc.ola.org

September 5, 2024

Dear Honourable MP Doug Shipley and Honourable MPP Doug Downey

At its Regular meeting on September 4, 2024, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C439-2024 endorsing the Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee's (GEVC) resolution below:

Resolution

Moved by: Coughlin

Seconded by: Alexander

That the Committee recommend to Council that a letter be drafted requesting that local Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament, be requested to provide regular communications to their represented municipalities specifically relating to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding the Study on Regional Governance, as well as other provincial and federal processes, consultations, etc., that may affect their municipality.

Carried

The GEVC's resolution followed a discussion noting concerns that the Township was not notified of the public hearings held by the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding the Study on Regional Governance. The County of Simcoe is included in the governance review, and these public hearings would have provided an opportunity for the Township to express its opinion on a matter that significantly impacts Springwater.

Please have your offices confirm a commitment to regular communications, including advance notifications of public hearings, meetings, and processes involving Springwater and, more broadly, Simcoe County.

I can be reached via email at jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca or by phone at 705-728-4784.

Regards,



Jennifer Coughlin
Mayor, Township of Springwater

cc. All Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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September 5, 2024

Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-11
Moved By: Councillor Keller
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan received correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association dated June 19, 2024 regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;
NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan does hereby receive and support the correspondence dated June 19, 2024 from the Ontario Forest Industries Association and urges the Ontario government support all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario Forest sector faces."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



June 19, 2024

The Hon. Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1W3

The Hon. Nolan Quinn
Associate Minister of Forestry
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1W3

Submitted via email.

Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

Minister Graydon Smith and Associate Minister Nolan Quinn,

Congratulations on your recent appointments within Premier Doug Ford's Cabinet. The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) looks forward to our productive and continued work together.

Over the last six months, three of Ontario's six pulp and paper mills have permanently closed or idled. Adding to the issue was the closure of a critical softwood pulp market in Quebec. As you know, these facilities served as important consumers of solid-wood byproducts from Ontario sawmills.

The OFIA appreciates the many opportunities we have had to speak with you and senior leadership within Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Premier's Office. This includes in-person meetings with members of OFIA's Board Executive Committee on January 19th, March 19th, and May 28th, 2024. During these meetings, the OFIA presented short and long-term actions Ontario could take to address the regional chip and pulpwood market crisis endorsed by the OFIA membership (incl.).

The industry eagerly anticipates government action on this matter, as operating conditions for many have continued to worsen over the past six months. Combined with weak markets for some finished products, many companies struggle to continue their operations. We are now facing an unprecedented challenge in the sector, which could have negative and long-lasting implications for northern and rural communities across Ontario.

Without immediate action in response to OFIA recommendations and, critically, the vetting of potential solutions through the industry to ensure programs truly meet the sector's needs, we fear Ontario could face further curtailments, job losses, and lost economic opportunity.

The OFIA is ready to work with the Ontario government to set the forest products sector on a long-term and stable path towards economic development and prosperity. This includes our

vision of a *Forest Energy Directive* to develop bioheat, district heating, liquid fuels, renewable gases, biocarbon, and electricity generation projects, supporting Ontario's massive forecasted growth in non-emitting energy demands.

We urge you and your colleagues to continue supporting all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario forest sector faces and look forward to future discussions with you.

Sincerely,



Ian Dunn, R.P.F.
President & CEO
Ontario Forest Industries Association
Cell: 647-297-3827

Incl. March 19th, 2024 Slide Deck – Summary of Input from the Membership – OFIA Meeting with the Hon. Graydon Smith

May 28th, 2024 Slide Deck – Ontario Forest Energy Directive

CC The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs
The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Mines
The Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification
The Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy Intensive Industries
The Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Education
The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MPP John Yakabuski, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy
MPP Kevin Holland, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines
Deputy Minister Drew Vanderduim, Ministry of Natural Resources
OFIA Membership



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September 5, 2024

Re: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-10
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years.

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the County of Renfrew and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



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September 5, 2024

Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP Small Rural Municipalities

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-09
Moved By: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Quade

“Be It Resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan does hereby endorse the letter from the Municipality of Tweed and request the Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities and;

Furthermore, that a copy of the resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario.”

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

P.O. Box 40, 1 Selkirk Avenue, Terrace Bay, ON, P0T 2W0
Phone: (807) 825-3315 Fax: (807) 825-9576

July 10, 2024

Municipality of Tweed
255 Metcalf St
Tweed, Ontario
K0K 3J0

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 2, 2024, the following resolution was passed.

Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP small rural municipalities

Resolution: 207-2024
Moved by: Councillor Gary Adduono
Seconded by: Councillor Rick St. Louis

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; AND

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources; AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone; *AND

WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations; AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174; AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall; AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, MPP for Thunder bay-Superior North, Lise Vaugeois and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and at Municipalities of Ontario.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administration Officer/Clerk



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September 5, 2024

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-Ion Batteries

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-08

Moved By: Councillor Quade

Seconded by: Councillor Banks

“Be It resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supports the letter received from the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding calling upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to MP Cheryl Gallant and all Ontario municipalities.”

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

Via Email: david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

Hon. David Piccini M.P.P.
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street
Port Hope, ON
L1A 1C5

Dear Minister Piccini:

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-Ion Batteries

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, regarding the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.

At the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting the Fire Chief of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan made a presentation to Council on the dangers presented by lithium-ion batteries. The Fire Chief was reporting back from attending the Charged For Life Symposium presented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

During the presentation, the Fire Chief stressed that the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger. These after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations.

Unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community. Charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results.

Email: info@osmtownship.ca Telephone: 705.295.6852 Facsimile 705.295.6405
P.O. Box 70 20 Third St Keene, ON K0L 2G0
Visit our website at www.osmtownship.ca or follow us on Twitter @OSMTownship

As Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities. We support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries.

We also call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very critical issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Fire Chief if you require any additional information.

**Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan**

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Joe Taylor, Mayor

**Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities**



September 10, 2024

Resolution No. 273/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR Francine Plante

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR Annie Keft

WHEREAS the Ontario Auditor General’s annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

WHEREAS free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; And;

WHEREAS the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; And

WHEREAS, the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of McGarry hereby request that the province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Timiskaming Public Health Unit, and Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP.

Defeated _____ / Carried Bonita Culhane
Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote Requested by _____

	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Keft	_____	_____
Councillor Francine Plante	_____	_____

Guide Dog Etiquette 101



Guide dogs aren't pets. They're partners in mobility for people who are blind, Deafblind, or have low vision.

Although guide dogs are among the most highly trained dogs in the world, they're still dogs. And distracting them while they're working can jeopardize both their safety and the handler's.

By learning and following proper etiquette, you can help make your community more welcoming for guide dog teams.



How to behave around a guide dog

Remember: A guide dog's number one priority is the safety of their handler.



Don't distract

Harness on means hands off. A guide dog in a harness means, "Please don't interact with me. I'm working." As tempting as it may be, never pet, talk to, or make eye contact with a guide dog in a harness.

Contain your excitement. Don't encourage excitable play with a guide dog. Staying calm is part of the job and excitement directed toward them is distracting.

Say "hello" another time. If you approach a guide dog team with your pet dog, keep your dog on a leash and away from the guide dog.





Hands off & no treats

Never grab a guide dog's harness or leash, or try to steer their handler. This can be disorientating and dangerous for the guide dog and the handler.

Never offer food or treats to a guide dog. This can result in disruptive behaviours like begging for food and scavenging off the ground.



Work hard, play hard

There is time for play! When their harness is off and they're not working, guide dogs are like any other dog. They love to play, run around, cuddle with humans, and relax.



Don't discriminate

Guide dogs belong everywhere. Guide dog teams are allowed access to any premises the public would normally have access to. It's the law.



It's okay to offer help

Before offering your assistance, you should always ask if it's needed. When approaching a guide dog handler, introduce yourself and always speak directly to the handler, not the guide dog.



Educate and advocate

Help champion equal access for guide dog teams. If you encounter someone not following proper guide dog etiquette, politely remind them not to distract the guide dog.



Become a guide dog champion!
Visit [guidedogchampions.ca](https://www.guidedogchampions.ca) to learn more.

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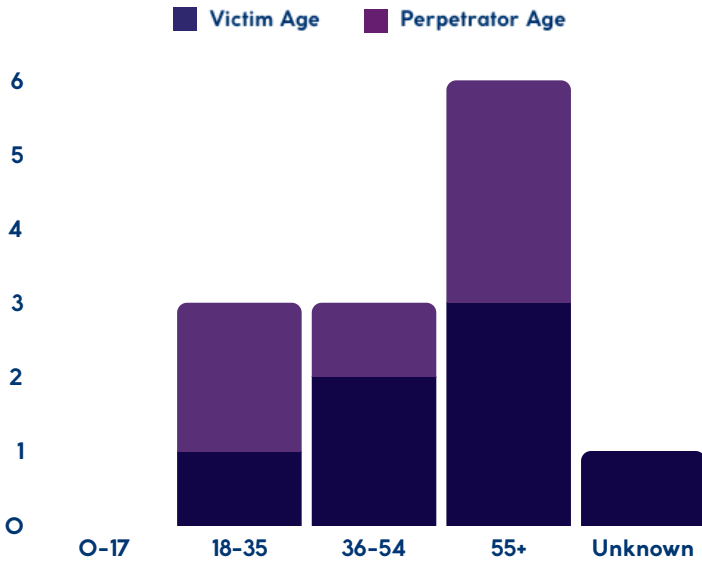
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Quick Facts

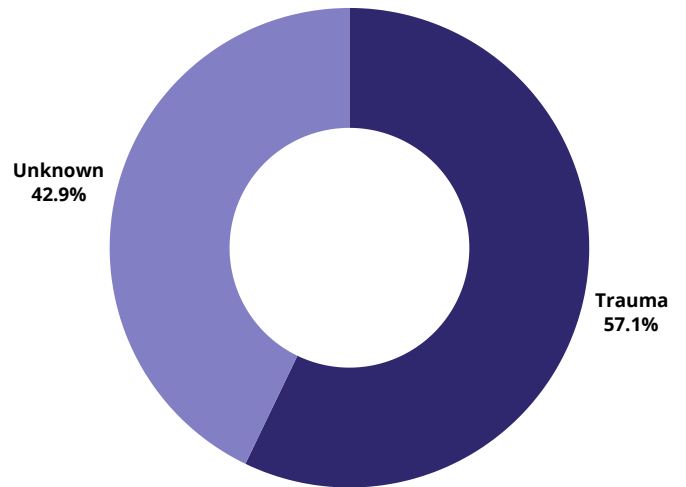
- OAITH's femicide definition includes a gender-based killing of a woman, child, trans woman, 2-Spirited Person, or gender non-conforming individual where a man has been charged in relation to the death

OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)					
Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
17	10	13	9	0	49

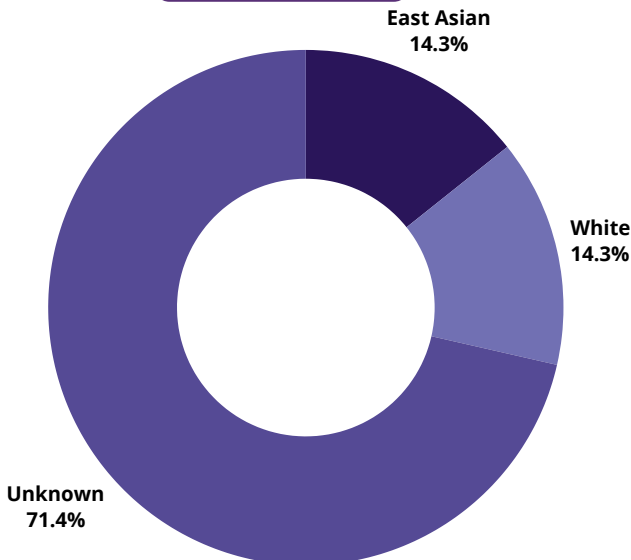
Victim & Perpetrator Age Comparison



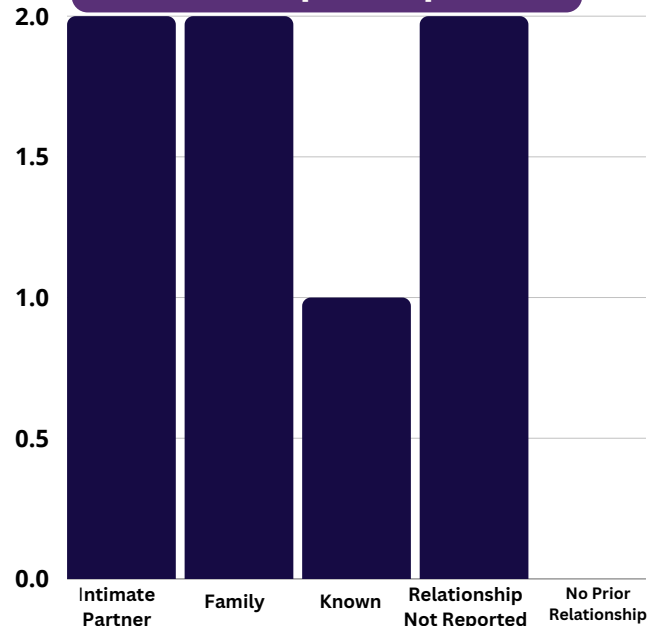
Cause of Death



Victim Race



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Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 7

Central Region



Jane Doe, Unknown Age - Guelph, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeGuelphToday>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeGuelphCBCNews>

East Region



Jennifer Zabarylo, 47 - Ottawa, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JenniferZabaryloTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JenniferZabaryloOttawaCitizen>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JenniferZabaryloCBCNews>

West Region



Barbara Church, 77 - Hamilton, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/BarbaraChurchTheHamiltonSpectator>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/BarbaraChurchCBCNews>

Toronto Region



Colleen Fraser, 82 - Toronto, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/ColleenFraserTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/ColleenFraserToronto>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/ColleenFraserCTVNews>



Sherry Fraser, 60 - Toronto, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/SherryFraserTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/SherryFraserTorontoSun>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/SherryFraserGlobalNews>



Jessica Perez Ocampo, 27 - Toronto, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JessicaPerezOcampoTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JessicaPerezOcampoTorontoSun>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JessicaPerezOcampoCBCNews>

North Region



Yuk-Ying Anita Mui, 51 - McDougall Township, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/YukYingAnitaMuiGlobeAndMail>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/YukYingAnitaMuiToronto>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/YukYingAnitaMuiCBCNews>



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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

In August, 7 femicide cases were confirmed in Ontario. Since November 26, 2023, a total of 49 femicides have been confirmed within the province. This year on average, 5 femicides occur each month in Ontario, a trend similar to what has been seen in the province the two years prior.

While femicides are most commonly reported to be perpetrated by an intimate partner, there continues to be a proportion of femicides in Ontario, where family members have been charged or deemed responsible. This year, family perpetrated femicides account for 20% of confirmed cases (or 10 cases) to date. These cases include victims under the age of 17, who died alongside their mothers in the context of intimate partner-violence and whose fathers died by suicide but were deemed responsible in the death of the victim and the victim's mother. These cases also include older victims, aged 55 and older, whose son or grandson has been charged in relation to their deaths. While these cases may not occur within the context of IPV, they highlight the ongoing caregiver role that is placed upon mothers and grandmothers extending into adulthood. In some cases the men charged have a reported history of perpetrating violence against the victim or against other women in their lives such as an intimate partner, or at times, may have previous charges/convictions for other violent offences. Despite the ongoing trend of family perpetrated femicides, currently there is no policy framework or mechanism to review femicide cases perpetrated by sons or grandsons, to determine how various systems and services could have intervened or prevented these killings.

While efforts are being made to improve femicide data collection, in order to ensure accurate data collection that demonstrates the full scope of the issue, femicide definitions must be inclusive of not only intimate partner femicides, but also other forms of gender-based violence such as family perpetrated femicides.

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To locate phone/chat/text support through gender-based violence services in Ontario

training.oaith.ca

To locate competency-based training to effectively respond and support those experiencing and impacted by gender-based violence

Annual Lists:

bit.ly/AnnualFemicideLists

Media Tips:

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