



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND ZOOM CONFERENCING

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**
- 3. PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5. DELEGATIONS**
- 6. REPORTS**
 - 6.1 1:35 pm Jason Zohr Public Works
 - 6.2 1:45 pm Annette Gilchrist Official Plan Report
- 7. CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 7.1 Correspondence "A"
 1. AMO Policy Sept 15
 2. AMO Policy Sept 18
 3. AMO Watchfile Sept 18
 4. AMO Watchfile Sept 25
 5. AMO Policy Sept 26
 6. AMO Watchfile Oct 2
 7. County Council Summary September 2025
 8. EOWC Newsletter
 9. FCM Communique Sept 12
 10. FCM Communique Sept 16
 11. FCM Communique Sept 22
 12. FCM Communique Oct 2

13. Board of Health Report

7.2 Correspondence "B"

1. Canada Post Resolutions
2. Northern Ontario Resource Development Program
3. Mandatory Swim and Water Safety Programs
4. Request for Support from the Legion on Remembrance Day

7.3 Correspondence "C"

8. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Mayors Report

9. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

10. MEDIA SESSION

11. CLOSED SESSION

Identifiable Individual - Complaint regarding information timelines and use of road allowance

Advice subject to solicitor-client privilege - Building Permit

12. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 1:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND VIA ZOOM
CONFERENCING**

PRESENT **Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor John Epps
Councillor Merv Buckwald
Councillor Tracey Sanderson
CAO/Clerk Annette Gilchrist
Treasurer/Deputy CAO Sandra Barr**

REGRETS **None**

GALLERY **None**

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair, John Epps called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Tracey Sanderson**

That: The agenda be accepted, as presented with the addition of Correspondence B.6 Eganville & District Seniors Request for Letter of Support. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

That: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on September 2, 2025 be accepted as presented. Carried

DELEGATIONS

Driftscape Demo Presentation by Reid Gibson-Wray. Annual cost of software is 2983 plus HST = \$3370.79. Committee agreed to move forward. Staff will look into a partnership on this project with our neighbors North Algona Wilberforce and seek out community sponsorship.

REPORTS

Recreation & Culture

Kevin McGrath, Manager of Recreation and Culture, was present and gave his report.

- a) All the Summer students have finished for the season;
- b) The ice plant was started on Monday September 8th and staff started making ice. The first day of ice rentals will be Saturday, September 20th, with a full day of Minor Hockey scheduled;
- c) The first public skate will be Friday, October 10th, which is a PA Day;
- d) The first senior/parent and tot skate will be Monday, October 20th;
- e) We've started reaching out to local businesses to sponsor Public Skating.
- f) September 30th the arena will be closed for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation;
- g) Eagles Nest – there have been a few rentals in the last couple of weeks;
- h) Our municipal Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th. Staff will be obtaining catering tenders for the dinner;
- i) The raft was taken out at Rotary Beach on September 10th;
- j) Ottawa Tourism is having a photo shoot on the Bonnechere River with our Paddleboards to promote tourism in small towns;

- k) Tourist Information Centre is closed for the season;
- l) We have a group coming to Gerald Tracey Park to talk about Climate Action on September 20th;
- m) The Splash Pad will be shut down by the end of September;
- n) All pins have been removed from the ball fields;
- o) Horticulture Society had a plant sale September 13th;
- p) On September 21st, staff are having a Ribbon cutting Ceremony for the 80th Anniversary of the Eganville Legion Branch 353;
- q) Staff finished the Lest We Forget crosswalk in the entrance driveway of Legion Park;
- r) The Play structure for Legion Field is ready for the second week of October;
- s) The planter boxes on the Bridge will be taken down by the end of the month;
- t) The Farmer's Markets continue into October. The Museum presented a special Night Market on Saturday, September 13th from 5-9 pm; and
- u) Grass maintenance will be slowing down due to staff working on getting the arena ready for the season.

Recreation Report Received.

Finance

Sandra Barr, Treasurer/Deputy CAO, was present and gave her report.

- a) The September 10, 2025 Provisional Budget Report and the Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2025 were provided to Committee;
- b) Completed the 2024 Statistic Canada Surveys on Core Infrastructure;
- c) Update on I-City Online Citizen Portal - On August 20 & 21, and again on September 9, staff participated in setup and training sessions for our new I-City Online Citizen Portal. After more than three years of waiting, our software provider has now completed the setup, installation, and staff training. We plan to roll out the portal to water and sewer customers with the next billing cycle on October 1, and to property tax accounts in March 2026. Once enrolled, residents will have the option to: Receive their bills via email as a PDF or receive a notification that their bill is available for download in the portal. If a resident selects either of these digital options, a paper bill will no longer be printed or mailed. Through the portal, users will also be able to view their account balances and payment history, and download copies of their bills at any time;
- d) On August 25th Sandra attended a meeting with fellow Treasurer's at the County of Renfrew to discuss tax policy and other financial issues;
- e) Calculated and billed out two property tax Supplemental tax billing batches, totaling \$22,875.87;
- f) A loan application has been completed with Infrastructure Ontario to borrow \$200,000 for the purchase of the 2024 Freightliner rear load garbage and recycling truck. Included in the meeting package for tonight is a by-law to authorize this loan;
- g) On September 12th the township received its fifth transfer payment of the Community Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$81,735.

Finance Report Received

Administration

Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk, was present and gave her report.

- a) Annette attended 5 AMO sessions at the Conference plus regular plenary and networking programs as well as 3 delegations with Ministries of Finance, Environment and Energy. The five sessions attended included: AMO's Civility and Anti-Harassment Strategy, Activating provincial support for emergency preparedness and response, Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Women's Networking Breakfast, Partnerships to Develop the Municipal Staff Talent Pipeline, MPAC's Vision for Data-Driven Municipal Success. I brought back some resources for Emergency Management and Youth learning opportunities in the water and wastewater sector as well as free training opportunities offered on planning to municipal staff. Annette will continue to follow up on both the Environment and Energy Delegations and

she expects to receive recommendations on solutions from them both by the end of the year;

- b) Annette will have an updated report in October on the Official Plan Amendment for Lake Clear following the Public Meeting August 21st;
- c) Filling Vacant Council Seats - As per Section 259 of the Municipal Act, the first step when resignations have been submitted to the Clerk is to have Council accept the resignations and declare the seat(s) vacant as per section 262(1). This was completed on September 2, 2025. After a seat has been declared vacant, council has the prerogative to appoint individuals to fill the vacant seats or to hold a by-election. This is solely a decision of Council. Section 263(5) establishes the rules that apply to filling vacancies.

1. Within 60 days after the day a declaration of vacancy is made with respect to the vacancy under section 262, the municipality shall,

- a. appoint a person to fill the vacancy or
- b. pass a by-law requiring a by-election to be held to fill the vacancy

Section 264 of the Municipal Act, 2001, provides that a person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy shall hold the office for the remainder of the term (2025/2026) of the person he or she replaced.

Direction is required to approve the method the Council will proceed with to fill the Councillor vacancy.

The intent of the legislation is to have the Council vacancy filled, and Council has a statutory duty to ensure this occurs.

To be appointed to fill the vacancy, a person must be:

- a Canadian citizen;
- at least 18 years of age;
- a resident of the Township of Bonnechere Valley, or be the owner or tenant of land, or the spouse of the owner or tenant of land;
- not prohibited from voting in a municipal election by any legislation; and,
- not prohibited from holding the office under the Act or any other legislation.

For Council's consideration please see the following options:

Option 1 has an associated cost of approximately \$25,000

Option 2 no additional costs

Option 3 would have minimal advertising costs

Option 4 no additional costs

Option #1 Pass a By-Law requiring a By-Election to be held to fill the Council Vacancy Council has sixty (60) days to pass a by-law authorizing a by-election, that deadline is October 31, 2025. The Municipal Elections Act ("MEA") states that if such a by-law is passed, the nomination day would occur a maximum of sixty (60) days from the passing of the by-law with voting day occurring forty-five (45) days after nomination day. The MEA states that a by-election must be held "as far as possible" in the same manner as the regular election. (mail in and in person voting 2022) A by-election may be the most democratic option to fill the vacancy, but will also be the most costly. Costs include postal fees for Canada Post to mail the Voter Information Letters and Election workers, and associated training requirements. Though the by-election would be for a single vacant council seat, the cost would be very similar to the previous election as the same steps are required, including mailing the voter information letters and updating the Voter's List.

Option #2 Appointment of a Candidate from the 2022 Municipal Election. If the council chooses to pursue this option, the Clerk would confirm the individual's qualifications and interest in accepting the appointment. If

successful, the newly appointed Council Member would take the Declaration of Office at the first meeting following the appointment. This would follow the same process as Direct Appointments but only names from the list of Candidates from the 2022 Municipal Election would be accepted.

Option #3 Appointment by Call for Applications. Council would approve an appointment process that would permit eligible persons to apply for an appointment to the council. This open call for applications would be advertised and could include an interview/presentation to the council in an open Council Meeting. This format is based on best practices in other Ontario Municipalities. Attached is a draft procedure for Councils consideration.

Option #4 Direct Appointment by Council-no application. Council members would bring names forward for the vacancy and approve an appointment process where the council appoints an eligible individual without an application process and without referencing the most recent election results. Council was provided with a draft procedure for their consideration.

- d) Also provided to Committee was a Report on the Township's Strategic Actions;
 - e) Swim Program - The Swim Program is completed and had good attendance. The Adults/Seniors Aquafit was not well attended. We hope to continue the Swim Program in 2026. Aquafit may be something to revisit next year;
 - f) Camp Smitty - Day Camp is completed. I have reached out to the camp to see how the summer went on their end. I hope to continue this partnership;
 - g) Youth Summit - The planning committee met on September 9th. Registration is now open.;
 - h) Music in the Park is now over for the season. The last evening was a musical tribute in honour of Guy Jamieson and Steve Agnew by friends and family, which was very well attended;
 - i) The proposed date for the Christmas Tree Lighting is November 28th, 2025.
- Administrative Report Received.*

Water & Sewer Department

Daryl Verch, Water & Sewer Manager, was not present. Report submitted.

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System continues to operate in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) Staff continuing to flush water hydrants;
- c) Exercising main valves and doing directional flushing;
- d) Repaired and extended two service boxes;
- e) Staff repairing fire hydrants;
- f) The Eganville Wastewater System continues to operate in full compliance with all requirements as set out in the Certificate of Approval;
- g) Staff continuing to check the sanitary manholes.

Water & Sewer Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- 1. EORN Cell Gap Update Renfrew County August 2025
- 2. County Council Summary August 2025
- 3. FCM Communique
- 4. AMO Policy Update Sept 3
- 5. AMO Policy Update Sept 11
- 6. AMO Watchfile Sept 11
- 7. AMO Watchfile Sept 4
- 8. County Construction Update September 2025
- 9. FCM Communique Sept 9

10. Thank you from BUPL and EAHS

11. ROMA Communications

(B) Correspondence "B"

1. Enbridge Consultation and Draft Letter

2. Renfrew County DSB Outdoor Learning Project

3. Advocacy for Provincial Scrap Metal Legislation and Bail System Reform, 2025

4. Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

5. McCauley Mountain Road Request

6. Eganville & District Seniors Request for Letter of Support

(C) Correspondence "C"

B.2 Committee agreed to a letter of support for the Renfrew County DSB Outdoor Learning Project and a support resolution be brought to tonight's Council meeting.

B.4 Committee agreed to advertise on social media for recommendation for Ontario Volunteer Service Awards and then staff will bring to a closed meeting of committee to chose a nominee.

B.6 Committee agreed to provide Eganville and District Seniors a letter of support to apply for a New Horizons grant for a "Cooking Connections" program. This will be cooking programs we take into the community, closer to seniors, where specific dietary and cultural meals are made together. We will be addressing social inclusion and isolation, transportation barriers and educational components to cooking to help with food stability in NAW, BV and Whitewater Townships

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** Deputy Mayor Epps AMO Report – John attended the AMO meeting on behalf of Bonnechere Valley on August 18 and 19, 2025. As before he commuted into Ottawa both days instead of booking a room at the hotel.

We were welcomed by Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe and Pikwakanagan Band Councillor Merv Sarazin. The keynote speaker, Andrew Coyne, continued his assessment of Canadian politics from where he had left off last year. A good summary of how the actions of the United States administration is shaping our future. Other speeches were made by AMO President Robin Jones and Lt. Governor Edith Dumont.

John attended the Women's Leadership Forum. Featured were three outstanding leaders: the president of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, an Ontario Senator, and a chair of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

Just before lunch they were addressed by Premier Doug Ford. He gave a brief summary of the government's progress and plans for the future.

My rural caucus working lunch was with the Independent Electricity System Operators team. They presented a concise summary of Ontario's power needs into the next decade and some of the strategies planned to cope with a 75% increase in power demand.

Jennifer McKelvey, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, spoke on the plans to build much needed new housing in Ontario.

Along with Annette Gilchrist, John attended the panel on developing the municipal staff talent pipeline. It is very challenging to find, recruit, and retain good staff for all municipal positions. We heard possible solutions from the director of Waterloo's Centre for Work Integrated Learning, the trainer at Walkerton Clean Water Centre, and the chair of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute.

John enjoyed the working lunch on partnering with the OMA to strengthen local health access. Some of the problems are unchanged from last year. John was able to provide some effective recruitment tips based on his 40 years of experience. John met MPP Lee Fairclough who invited me to take part in lobbying for health

care.

Another very enjoyable session was on Libraries for Community Impact and Childhood Development. Speakers included a Sault Ste Marie councillor, a director of the Dollywood Foundation, and a director of the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries. The Dolly Parton initiated Imagination Library project was a powerful means to giving all preschool children a head start in life.

A session on MPAC's Vision for Data Driven Municipal Success was packed with information on the future of MPAC. It was very optimistic and fairly dense. Perhaps too much information for a short session. Speakers were the chair and the President/CAO of MPAC.

Championing Indigenous Led Education and Training was a session on practical ways of providing a skilled workforce.

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing spoke at the plenary session, he has a very special connection to Eganville.

Finally there was a Ministers Forum where written questions had been submitted earlier. Eighteen ministers of the crown were on stage and it was really too many.

John met several MPPs during the meeting – including Billy Denault and his young colleague Sam Oosterhoff. Speeches were made by Bonnie Crombie and Marily Stiles.

John's favorite new friends were elected delegates like himself: Bonnie Keith, Tim Currie, Dina Stevens, Angela Caputo, and Willie Woo.

A very well organized meeting, but it was impossible to take part in all the sessions that appealed to me.

- (2)** Mayors Report – Since Mayor Murphy's last report she attended 24 meetings and a several community events. Some of the highlights are as follows.

County Council - The August County Council summary was provided to Committee. Construction on Highway 512/ Foymount Road from Silver Lake to Highway 41 (listed as Highway 17) was scheduled to begin last week but will now commence next week. Traffic will be restricted to one lane during rehabilitation.

The Renfrew County District School Board presented on the Outdoor Learning Project. The slide deck is included in your package, and a Resolution of Support is before Council this evening.

On September 4th, County Council and staff met in closed session to discuss strategic priorities for the County of Renfrew and important issues for local municipalities.

ROMA - The ROMA Board met on August 17th and 18th at the AMO Conference and the ROMA report was provided to Committee. Minister Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Rural Affairs and Minister Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing met with the ROMA Board. The Renfrew County MESA program will be presented to the ROMA Board at a future meeting. Planning for the January 2026 ROMA Conference is going very well.

RCDHU - The Board did not meet in August.

AMO Conference - This year's AMO Conference was extremely busy, with delegations and ministerial meetings involving Bonnechere Valley, the County of Renfrew, ROMA, and EORN.

Jennifer was only able to attend one session—focused on attracting visitors to a region. While targeted toward urban centres, it offered valuable insights.

Annette and Jennifer met with Parliamentary Assistant Michelle Cooper, Ministry of Finance, to discuss retaining the non-recoverable 1.76% HST. Unfortunately, the Government indicated that neither this proposal nor AMO's suggestion of increasing HST by 1% would be adopted.

Alongside the Township of Mississippi Mills and the Town of Renfrew, Bonnechere Valley took the lead on a delegation with Associate Minister Sam Oosterhoff, Ministry of Energy and Mines, regarding financing for local dams. Minister Lecce later assured me this file is being treated as a top priority.

Our joint delegation with Whitewater Region to Minister Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, on recycling and the circular economy was very well received, with staff following up directly after the meeting.

The ROMA Board also had productive delegations with the Ministries of Health, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rural Affairs, and Infrastructure, focusing on issues facing rural Ontario.

As Chair of EORN, Jennifer met with Hydro One alongside Bonnie Clark, Chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, to discuss transmission lines and priority areas in Eastern Ontario. This was also an opportunity to thank Hydro One for its support with the cell gap project.

Jennifer had informal but valuable discussions with several Ministers and MPPs, including Graydon Smith, Jill Dunlop, John Jordan, Billy Denault, Doug Downey, Raymond Cho, Paul Calandra, Kinga Surma, Stephen Lecce, and NDP Leader Marit Stiles.

Events - On August 2nd, Jennifer brought greetings and a certificate of congratulations to the Eganville Legion Branch 353 for their 80th Anniversary.

On August 16th, it was Jennifer's pleasure to attend the 95th Birthday of Jean Haley.

On August 22nd, Jennifer attended and brought greetings at the final Music in the Park for 2025 which honoured the late Guy Jamieson and Steve Agnew.

On August 24th, Jennifer brought greetings and thanks to the sponsors, volunteers and cyclists at the Tour de Bonnechere which was organized by our Eganville Rotary Club.

On August 29th, Jennifer had an interview with TV Ontario about the closure of the Eganville Leader and the potential for misinformation on social media.

On September 12th, Jennifer attended an Agricultural Tour organized by the County of Renfrew. This tour included the Enright Dairy farm where Jerry and Michael Enright showed us the milking operation. Highlight of the day was the calf barn! We then visited the Doleman farm, which included discussions around beef cattle, infrastructure, a presentation by the 4H Club, our own Wesley Godden from Fairside Farm who spoke about raising sheep and some of the by-law/other bureaucracy challenges, and, finally, McLaren Systems' owner Tara Tennant who spoke about dairy farm robotic milking systems. We ended our tour at Mapleside Sugar Bush where Ray Bonnenberg displayed why he and his staff are recognized in the maple syrup industry, both locally and more broadly, and Mapleside's products are made with an emphasis on tradition, quality, sustainability.

On September 13th, Jennifer attended our Bonnechere Inspired/Museum Night Market. The weather was perfect for the large attendance. Congratulations on another successful Night Market!

The Water Street lighting project is coming along very well. They have almost 40 sponsored lights and the logistics of having this project completed by the end of October are being worked on now. There is also a plan for some to be installed at McRae Park.

Jennifer will remind everyone that to kick off Legion Week, we will be meeting at Legion Field on Sunday, September 21st at 1:00 p.m. to formally unveil the new sign, sidewalk and beautiful Canadian Flag on the side of the Youth Building. The official launch to Legion Week is following this event at the Legion at 2:00 pm.

On September 24th at 3:00 p.m., the County of Renfrew is holding its second annual Renfrew County Day. This afternoon will include a Paramedic Sierra Team display, Paint a Plow, a job fair and more.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 7, 2025.

MEDIA SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

THAT: Committee proceed in Closed Session in accordance with the Municipal Act 2001, section 239.2 to deal with the matters as indicated below:

b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees

(f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations

Carried

MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

THAT: Council moves out of Closed Session at 4:56 p.m. to rise and report that Council met to receive information and give staff direction regarding nomination for Ontario senior citizen achievement award, Benoit Road and approved minutes from September 2, 2025.

Carried

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

THAT: the meeting adjourns at 4:56 p.m.

Carried

John Epps, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Prepared by: Jason Zohr, Works Superintendent

Prepared for: Council Meeting

OCTOBER 7, 2025

1. **3-Month Sanitation Assistant Position:** Yvan Pelletier has been hired to assume the position for the Sanitation Assistant.
2. **Sand Road Waste Site:** The Sand Road Waste Site will be closed on Monday, October 13, 2025 for Thanksgiving.
3. **Winter Hours for Waste Sites:** All Waste Sites will be switching to winter hours starting October 14, 2025.
4. **Sno Drifters Thurs Hours:** The Thursday hours from noon to 2 pm commenced on September 4, 2025. The last day for the Thursday hours will be Thursday, October 30, 2025.
5. **Hazardous Waste Depot:** The Hazardous Waste Depot is now closed for the season. The last day to take items was September 27, 2025.
6. **Wellington/Patrick Street Cross Walk:** The new system has been installed and is in use.
7. **Connecting Link:** We are in full construction mode and project is progressing.
8. **New Sanitation Truck:** The new sanitation truck has arrived. We are in the process of licensing and getting township logos on the truck.
9. **New Pickup Truck:** The new 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Pickup has arrived to the dealership and we have it in our fleet.
10. **Grinding:** Sittler Grinding Inc has been into the Sand Road and Ruby Road sites and have grinded the brush. They have also grinded the mattresses, shingles and the construction and demolition materials at the Sno Drifters site.
11. **Sno Drifters Waste Site:** The Sno Drifters Waste Site is filling up to capacity. As per our 2024 Annual Report prepared by Cambium, we have approximately 5.8 years remaining on its site life.

We need to have our Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) filed to be able to haul construction and demolition material out of the site and either go to another facility or go to the Ruby Site, where according to the 2024 Annual Report by Cambium there are approximately 28 years of life remaining.

Statistical Information – Sno Drifters

Year	No. of Vehicles	Kg of Material Brought to Site
Jan-Sept 2025	1054	613,500
2024	1312	673,078
2023	1194	448,221

12. **Ruby Waste Site:** Our current Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) does not permit us to accept construction and demolition material at the Ruby Road Waste Site. We would need to file a new ECA and pending approval we would need to move the scale and build an area for it. This would increase costs due to more frequent grinding of the material, or we could source how much it would cost to purchase our own machine designed to break up the construction and demolition materials when placed on ground.

We are assessing the most cost-effective way to deal with C&D waste:

1. Haul to outside facility. Cost would be approximately \$150,000 per year but it would save years on our Ruby Site, and we would only have to amend Snodrifters to allow off site transfer. It would save \$70,000 in Grinding.
2. Amend and Haul to Ruby Site which would still cost \$70,000 in Grinding and transportation costs which at this time are unknown. This would use up years at Ruby and the Township would then have to consider hauling all garbage off site when that happens.
3. Move scales to Ruby. This would still include Grinding Costs but setting up would be a one-time cost so it would save on transportation expenses overtime until Ruby ran out of space.
4. Move scales to Ruby and compact on site to save the griding costs. This equipment is approximately \$750,000.
5. Once we have all the costs and impacts reviewed, we will bring back to Council and this may also include policies to decrease the amount of C&D waste accepted on site such as no full demolitions. Other Townships have implemented similar policies, and full demolitions have to be taken to an off site facility that deals with that amount of material and we would only take renovation materials to mitigate the loss of life remaining.

LAKE CLEAR OPA REPORT

Prepared by: Annette Gilchrist, CAO

October 7, 2025

Recommendation:

WHEREAS: the Township submitted an official plan amendment on April 2, 2025 to amend Section 9.4(3) of the Official Plan being the At Capacity Lakes-Exception Three policies that apply specifically to Lake Clear;

AND WHEREAS: the Township hosted a public meeting on August 21, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT That the Township request that the County approve the application subject to the following modification:

That item a(ii) be modified to add the following wording to the second paragraph, immediately following the words “forest management uses.”:

“The storage and occupation of recreational vehicles shall be permitted in accordance with the Township of Bonnechere Valley’s Zoning By-law and Licensing By-law. These by-laws shall address, but are not limited to, the following considerations:

- a) The maximum number of recreational vehicles permitted per lot;
- b) Locations for the storage and occupation of recreational vehicles;
- c) Restrictions on the duration of occupancy;
- d) Requirements for servicing, including water supply and wastewater management.”

Background:

Lake Clear’s at-capacity status has been in effect since the mid 1980’s. The County of Renfrew’s Official Plan restricts development to “permanent and seasonal single-family dwellings, home occupations, small scale convenience stores, institutional community use, non-intensive farming and forest management uses.” It is noted that recreational vehicles (RVs) are not listed as a permitted use. The County Official Plan also provides policy direction to local councils regarding RVs. These policies encourage local councils to develop measures to address temporary uses and structures, including recreational vehicles, on lots adjacent to lakes.

There are several waterfront properties along Lake Clear that have RVs on them. The use of the RVs has raised concerns including impacts to lake water quality associated with septic systems and phosphorous, as well as setbacks and visual character.

The Township hired consulting services to better understand the health of the lake through an updated Lakeshore Capacity Assessment model and review the existing land use planning framework for RV’s, which has informed this amendment to the proposed Official Plan and will inform a future amendment to the Township Zoning By-law to balance the desire to be on the lake with the health of the lake.

The changes will conform to the other policies in the County Official Plan (e.g. 300 metre distance, setbacks, etc).

The amendment proposes to add wording to this Lake Clear policy to allow for RVs to be stored or used on existing vacant or residential lots of record. The RVs would be subject to any requirements of the provisions of the Township Zoning By-law and any future licensing requirements. The policy also includes requirements for water and wastewater servicing of trailers.

This Official Plan Amendment is the first of three components. A zoning by-law amendment and licensing by-law are separate components that would be considered by the Township in the future.

To move the file forward we need a resolution from the Township to County Committee/Council to direct how the Township would like the County to proceed on the file. There are three options for the Township to consider now that the commenting and public meeting portion has concluded:

- 1) Withdraw the proposed application and not make any amendments to the Official Plan;
- 2) Approve the application as submitted;
- 3) Request that the County approve the application subject to the following modification:

That item a(ii) be modified to add the following wording to the second paragraph, immediately following the words “forest management uses.”:

“The storage and occupation of recreational vehicles shall be permitted in accordance with the Township of Bonnechere Valley’s Zoning By-law and Licensing By-law. These by-laws shall address, but are not limited to, the following considerations:

- a) The maximum number of recreational vehicles permitted per lot;
- b) Locations for the storage and occupation of recreational vehicles;
- c) Restrictions on the duration of occupancy;
- d) Requirements for servicing, including water supply and wastewater management.”

The reason for the proposed modification is that the Official Plan is a broad framework that outlines the general policies and objectives for land use and development within a municipality. It is used to guide the planning and development of the community and is reviewed periodically to ensure it remains relevant. The Zoning By-law is a more specific document that provides detailed regulations on land use, including the permitted uses, height, and density of buildings on properties within a designated area. It is implemented through the Official Plan and is used to manage land use and development in a more detailed manner. The modifications reflect this relationship in much better terms.

Below is the OPA amendment as proposed in JLR's final report previously approved by Council and submitted to the County. If Council chooses **option 2** this will be the wording County will consider (Official Plan changes in bold).

1. That the Township amend the County Official Plan as follows:

a. The following clause under Section 9.4.3 (At Capacity Lakes – Special Policy Exceptions – Exception Three (geographic Township of Sebastopol – Lake Clear) be amended to read as follows:

“Land use development shall be restricted to permanent and seasonal ~~single family~~ **single detached** dwellings, home occupations, small scale convenience stores, institutional community use, non-intensive farming and forest management uses.

This shall include Recreation Vehicles which may be stored or used on a temporary seasonal basis on existing lots of record, regardless of whether the said lots are vacant or occupied by permanent or seasonal single detached dwellings, and which shall be subject to the other applicable ancillary provisions of the County Official Plan, the Township Zoning By-law, the Township Licensing By-law and the following:

(a) Recreation Vehicles shall only be permitted where they are serviced with a potable water supply, and with an on-site sewage disposal system (which shall be in addition to any on-board holding tanks), as approved under the Ontario Building Code. This shall not apply to:

1. Recreational Vehicles which are stored;

2. Recreational Vehicles on vacant lots and which the said Recreational Vehicles are occupied for up to but not more than seven consecutive days from May 01 to November 29 of any given year, in which case the on-board holding tank shall be emptied at a provincially licensed facility; and

3. Recreational Vehicles on lots occupied by permanent or seasonal single detached dwellings and which the said Recreational Vehicles are occupied for hunters, fishers or special gatherings from May 01 to November 29 of any given year, in which case the on-board holding tank shall be emptied at a provincially licensed facility.”

If Council chooses **Option 3** the wording would be as follows:

“Land use development shall be restricted to permanent and seasonal single detached dwellings, home occupations, small scale convenience stores, institutional community use, non-intensive farming and forest management uses.

The storage and occupation of recreational vehicles shall be permitted in accordance with the Township of Bonnechere Valley's Zoning By-law and Licensing By-law. These by-laws shall address, but are not limited to, the following considerations:

a) The maximum number of recreational vehicles permitted per lot;

- b) Locations for the storage and occupation of recreational vehicles;
- c) Restrictions on the duration of occupancy;
- d) Requirements for servicing, including water supply and wastewater management.”

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Top Insights

- Yesterday, AMO's President and Executive Director were invited to Ottawa for the launch of **Build Canada Homes**. Ontario municipalities are ready to work with the province and federal government to transform the housing landscape and increase affordable, supportive and transitional housing in Ontario.

Federal Government Launch of Build Canada Homes

AMO welcomes the Government of Canada's [announcement](#) launching [Build Canada Homes](#), a new Special Operating Agency within Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC). AMO's President Robin Jones and Executive Director Lindsay Jones attended the announcement with Prime Minister Carney and Minister Robertson (Housing and Infrastructure of Canada).

Responsive to AMO's market sounding guide [submission](#), Build Canada Homes (BCH) will focus primarily on non-market housing, supporting a mix of income needs as part of a national effort to double housing construction,

restore affordability, and reduce homelessness. BCH aligns with AMO's recommendations about Ontario's municipal priorities:

- The agency will work with municipalities, provinces, territories and Indigenous Communities to fight homelessness by building supportive and transitional housing with an investment of \$1 billion and will seek to pair these federal investments with employment and health care supports in provinces and territories.
- A new acquisition program to protect existing affordable rental housing, the \$1.5 billion Canada Rental Protection Fund, will help the community housing sector in acquiring at-risk apartment buildings to ensure their affordability over the long term.
- BCH will also work with the private sector to deploy modern methods of construction to create a new Canadian housing industry using Canadian materials. Prioritization initially will be placed on creating 4000 factory-built units in six select Canadian cities, including Toronto and Ottawa, with additional capacity of up to 45,000 units across the portfolio.

BCH will be headed by Ana Bailão as the agency's Chief Executive Officer. As a former Toronto City Councillor and chair of Toronto Community Housing, Ana will bring her knowledge of housing in Ontario to the leadership position.

AMO will work with both the federal and provincial governments to ensure the conditions for BCH's success in Ontario given our unique municipal responsibility for community housing and homelessness prevention services. This will include working with the Ontario government to match federal capital dollars with provincial operating funding for the necessary wrap around supports for supportive housing. AMO looks forward to working with the federal government on the potential expansion of the initiative to create new factory-built units on federal lands in more Ontario communities – large urban, small urban, rural, northern and southern.

The federal government will announce additional measures in Budget 2025 to lower costs for builders and to catalyze private capital in homebuilding. AMO asks the federal government to avoid imposing new development charge (DC) exemptions or discounts. DCs have been a key funding source for municipal capital investments for decades. Reductions will be counterproductive unless DCs are fully replaced with another equally predictable and stable revenue source.

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- AMO continues to advocate to the province to work with municipalities on the effective use of **Automated Speed Enforcement** as a proven tool for improving road safety. AMO is sharing tools to help municipalities across the province amplify this advocacy.
- The province has announced allocation of its 2026 \$400 million **Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund**, with an increase to the minimum grant threshold.

Call to Amplify Automated Speed Enforcement Advocacy

Following the province's decision to enable Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) in 2019, there is real evidence that it is an effective and evidence-based tool for improving road safety in our communities.

AMO has been engaging with municipalities and stakeholders to understand the impact of the program across the province. The Ontario Association of

Chiefs of Police [released a statement](#) earlier today supporting the use of ASE tools as an important element in enhancing traffic safety.

AMO calls on Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria to work with municipalities and AMO to ensure the effective use of ASE and to improve public understanding of its importance to road safety.

For municipalities, AMO has developed a social media toolkit ([Images](#) and [Canva Templates](#)), [MPP letter template](#), and [resolution template](#) to support this advocacy with the province.

2026 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Allocation

2026 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund allocation notices were sent to eligible municipalities on Tuesday, September 16th. The province's [announcement](#) confirmed it is allocating the previously announced \$400 million provincial investment.

Under [the program](#), the province is providing \$400 million to 423 small, rural and northern communities for core municipal systems such as roads, bridges, water and wastewater. The province has also increased the minimum grant amount for municipalities to \$125,000 from \$100,000, which reflects the higher cost of building and the need for more infrastructure investment.

AMO welcomes the province's infrastructure investment and an increase to the minimum grant. As a predictable and reliable source of infrastructure investment, this fund is critical to enabling municipalities across the province to deliver the services Ontarians depend on.

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

The Ministry of Rural Affairs is accepting applications to the modernized [Rural Ontario Development \(ROD\)](#) Program. Applications are being accepted through to September 24, 2025.

Federal Matters

[Register now](#) for Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) webinar series showcasing Waste Reduction and Management Division's Grant and Contribution funding recipients and their food waste prevention projects.

The Government of Canada is offering up to \$10.3 million to support initiatives enhancing cyber resilience including innovation, knowledge sharing, and capacity building. [Applications are open](#) until September 25.

Education Opportunities

Grow your understanding and capacity in the municipal role of protecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples. This training is recommended for those seeking knowledge and tools to improve and strengthen Indigenous relations and to develop their own local leadership. View full Indigenous Community Awareness training details and register [here](#).

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Register today for AMO's 2nd Annual Healthy Democracy Forum where you will engage in important matters on local leadership. Join us October 18-19. With a mix of keynotes, panels, and interactive workshops, attendees will engage in thought-provoking conversations and explore ways to strengthen civic participation and governance in your communities. For more information click [here](#) and to register click [here](#).

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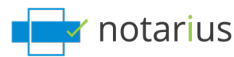
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Top Insights

- Premier Ford announced a province-wide ban on municipal automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras, which will be included in a fall Bill and, if passed, would take effect upon Royal Assent.
- AMO is disappointed with the decision, highlighting that ASE cameras have a proven record of increasing road safety, free up police to focus on other crimes, and are paid for by speeders, not taxpayers. A ban is provincial over-reach.
- AMO will advocate against the ban. It will also gather data from municipalities to quantify the ban's financial impact. This data will be used to request that the province fund the costs.

AMO's Response to the Planned Automated Speed Enforcement Ban

Yesterday, Premier Ford [announced](#) a province-wide ban on municipal ASE cameras. The ban, to be introduced in a fall Bill, would take effect upon Royal Assent if passed. Other elements of the plan include:

- Requirements for signs. Municipalities with existing ASE cameras in school zones must install large new signs to slow down drivers by mid-November 2025, with permanent, large signs with flashing lights to be in place by September 2026.
- A new provincial fund. A fund will be created for impacted municipalities to implement traffic calming road improvements, such as speed bumps, roundabouts, and signage, as well as public education initiatives.

AMO is disappointed the Premier is taking steps to ban municipal ASE. There is strong evidence showing that ASE cameras work. People slow down, making our roads safer and protecting all of us – especially kids. We all care about road safety, but we also care about community safety. ASE also frees up police to focus on high priority crime, which is what Ontarians want. Speeders – not taxpayers – pay the cost. If there's an issue of fairness or how the cameras are used, municipalities with AMO can work together with the province to address it. We can have safer streets, efficient enforcement, and fair enforcement. Further, municipalities need a broad range of tools to improve road safety. We are also concerned about continued provincial over-reach. This should be a local decision. Municipalities are an accountable, elected order of government.

AMO will continue to engage with the Ministry of Transportation, sharing our sector's concerns about a province-wide municipal ban and offering advice on potential program improvements. We will also provide comments to the Bill's Standing Committee. Our goal is to advocate for working with the province to improve – not ban – the ASE program.

As a next step, we will ask municipalities with ASE programs for data to quantify the financial impact of a ban, which will support our request for the province to fund the costs of their imposed ban if it proceeds.

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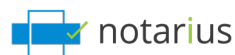
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Council and Committee Monthly Summary

September 2025

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew County Council and Committee meetings held September 10 and September 24, 2025.

Please note that this summary does not constitute the official record of the meetings and approved minutes should be consulted for that purpose.

The full [Council and Committee packages](#) can be found online.

The [September 10, 2025](#) and [September 24, 2025](#) meetings are on YouTube.

Warden's Address

Key highlights

- At the September 24 meeting, Warden Peter Emon recognized the passing of John Hildebrandt, former Mayor of the Township of Madawaska Valley and former County Councillor. He noted Mr. Hildebrandt was a larger-than-life presence whose deep love for family, community, and service shaped everything he did. Whether through his leadership in municipal government, his contributions to local healthcare and heritage, or his role as a business owner and mentor, his impact on Barry's Bay and the broader Valley was profound. He extended condolences to his beloved wife Beth, their children and grandchildren, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.
- The Warden expressed his pride and thanks to the team which participated in a [cleanup](#) along the Algonquin Trail and Ottawa River on September 16. This included County staff from Public Works and Trails, Community Services, Paramedic Service, HART Hub as well as City of Pembroke staff, Community Mental Health workers and staff from the Renfrew County District Health Unit along with Councillor Michael Donohue and Mesa clients. Together the group gathered a truckload of debris and brushing was later conducted along the trail to open up views of the Ottawa River.
- He highlighted the fifth Recovery Day held in Renfrew on September 19, which was a powerful celebration of hope, healing, and resilience. This year's event shone a spotlight on youth, with a focus on prevention and awareness. Recovery Day honours those we have lost, supports individuals on their recovery journey, and works to break down stigma surrounding addiction and mental health. Renfrew County is proud of the compassionate, community-driven efforts underway to help individuals recover and thrive.
- On September 20 the Warden attended the Global Day of Action in Eganville, where diverse groups from all across the world marched to ask governments to increase their efforts for a healthier world, free from war, with a just transition away from fossil fuels and the need for migrant dignity in troubled times, which was named Draw the Line March.

- The Warden highlighted the recent Strategic Alignment Workshop for council and staff. He said the conversations throughout the day were both meaningful and thought-provoking and it was clear that everyone came well-prepared, having done their homework as requested. He appreciated the level of engagement and thoughtful contributions from both staff and Council.
- Warden Emon also marked the 10th anniversary of the triple femicide of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam, three women whose lives were taken in an act of intimate partner violence that devastated Renfrew County and reverberated across Ontario. Their deaths led to a coroner's inquest that produced 86 recommendations aimed at addressing systemic failures in how we respond to gender-based violence. He noted while some progress has been made, including widespread recognition of intimate partner violence as an epidemic, much more work remains. As we mark this solemn anniversary, he said we must recommit to the work ahead not only with remembrance, but with meaningful change that protects others from the same fate.

Delegation

- At the September 10 session of County Council Anya Gansterer, Artistic Director with Ottawa Valley Community Arts and Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture and Curator of Arnprior District Museum, made a presentation about the Art Gallery of the Ottawa Valley (AGOV) Project. The presentation highlighted the transformative impact of Ottawa Valley Community Arts, which has delivered over 30 projects, raised more than \$1 million, and engaged 50,000+ people across more than 20 communities. AGOV fosters resilient, connected communities and drives economic growth through public art, tourism, and creative industry development. With a vision for accessible public art within a 30-minute drive for all Renfrew County residents, AGOV seeks municipal support to establish a dedicated fund, integrate arts into planning, and partner with local artists.

Announcements

- Members of County Council and staff gathered at the Noojimokamig Garden for a ceremony in recognition of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation with representatives from the Circle of Turtle Lodge. The vigil led by Aimee Bailey honoured survivors and victims of Residential Schools and supported the ongoing journey of truth, healing and reconciliation. It included a smudge and tobacco ceremony. During his remarks, Warden Emon offered an apology on behalf of the County of Renfrew and the municipalities across our region. In part the apology read, "We acknowledge the deep and lasting harm caused by past policies and systems, including the residential school system, the Sixties Scoop, and other government actions that sought to erase Indigenous cultures and disrupt families and communities. He also acknowledged that an apology alone is not enough, as he noted reconciliation is a journey and is one that requires meaningful action, consistent effort, and honest reflection.

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Chair

- County Council directed the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Renfrew regarding the development project at Bonnechere Manor.

- The Economic Development Division and Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation (RCCFDC) are co-hosting an Economic Development Summit on November 25, 2025, at the Best Western Pembroke Inn. Under the theme – *Rooted in Resilience* – the goal of the summit is to bring the business and municipal community together for a day of learning and networking. Session topics include human resources, succession planning and youth perspective in community development. Program details and registration will launch after Thanksgiving.
- County Council directed the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Arnprior Regional Health regarding the utilization of a portion of the surplus building (Old Grove) located at 275 Ida Street North, Arnprior, for seniors' transitional housing initiatives, campus of care, and/or other related collaborative projects. As part of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, the County of Renfrew will undertake the retrofitting of the agreed-upon portion of the Old Grove building to create self-contained housing units with the intent to operate and manage the transitional housing units upon completion.
- On September 12, local elected officials and staff participated in an agricultural tour organized with the Renfrew County Agriculture Economic Development Committee. The tour featured diverse sectors, including dairy, beef, sheep, cash crops, beekeeping, maple syrup, and agricultural organizations. Key issues raised included the urgent need for large-animal veterinarians, regulatory barriers around livestock protection and interprovincial transport, improvements to the Deadstock Capacity Initiative, and the importance of consulting farmers when developing policies and by-laws.
- The Helping Your Place Excel (HYPE) Review Panel, comprised of Planning and Economic Development staff and the Director of Development and Property, has reviewed and approved the first round of applications received for the 2025 HYPE program, including nine received from the Town of Petawawa and one from the Township of Laurentian Valley.
- The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association's (OVTA) annual tourism conference will be held on November 3, 2025, at the Ottawa River Barn in Foresters Falls. Programming and registration will be announced in October.
- As part of the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association's pilot project with OHTO and regional partners, new tourism data reveals that 73.9% of visitors to Renfrew County were Canadian, with a strong sentiment score of 79/100. International visitors made up 26.1%, with Germany leading in satisfaction (81.3/100), followed by the UK, France, and the U.S. Overall, visitor sentiment remains positive across all markets, with international travellers expressing slightly higher satisfaction. The data highlights the continued strength of domestic tourism and the growing appeal of Renfrew County to global audiences.
- The Bridges to Business Growth Small Business Month series is a dynamic four-part event series happening in-person across Renfrew County in celebration of Small Business Month. Designed for entrepreneurs and small business owners, this series offers practical learning, meaningful connections, and actionable insights to help entrepreneurs grow with confidence in the topics of financial and tech management, marketing, building strategic partnerships, homesteading and food safety. For more information or to register, visit Enterprise Renfrew County's [workshops and event page](#). The Bridges to Business Growth Small Business Month series is hosted in partnership with Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation (RCCFDC) and sponsored by the Townships of Whitewater Region, McNab/Braeside, Madawaska Valley and Laurentian Valley, Town of Petawawa and City of Pembroke.

Operations Committee

Presented by: Glenn Doncaster, Chair

- County Council has formally endorsed a phased 2+1 highway program for Highways 17 and 11 — a safer, more cost-effective alternative to full four-laning. The Warden has sent a [letter](#) to Prime Minister Mark Carney and Ontario Premier Doug Ford outlining the resolution.
- County Council adopted a by-law authorizing the approval of a Community Safety Zone along County Road 52 (Raglan Street South) between Civic Address 577 and Civic Address 3847, a total distance of 1.0 kilometre. Due to expressed concerns and complaints from residents and the proximity of St. Joseph's Catholic High School and St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, County of Renfrew staff have reviewed this area and recommend the implementation of a Community Safety Zone (CSZ).
- County Council adopted a by-law to acquire Part 6 on Plan 49R-20192, located in the geographic Township of Sebastopol, Township of Bonnechere Valley, from Ray and Luella Heideman for the sum of \$2,500. The property will be dedicated as part of the public highway upon registration of the transfer documents.
- County Council adopted a by-law to amend Schedule 'A' of By-law to Consolidate all By-laws with Respect to Roads and Bridges included in the County Road System, to add Banting Drive, from Highway 17 to Hillcrest Avenue, into the County Road system, subject to the adequate rehabilitation of the roadway.
- The approved contracts/tenders were as follows:
 - For Engineering Services for the Rehabilitation/Replacement Study on Algonquin Trail Structure AT032 (Bissett Creek and Highway 17) as submitted by Dillon Consulting, Ottawa, Ontario, in the amount of \$108,848, plus applicable taxes.
 - For the purchase of Concrete Gutters and Grates at the White Water Road Patrol to G.P. Splinter Forest Products Ltd., Pembroke, in the amount of \$47,914.77.
 - For the purchase of Overhead Doors at the Cobden Patrol to Draper Doors Inc., Harrowsmith, Ontario in the amount of \$59,900.
 - For Winter Sand in Calabogie to Town and Country Forming Ltd., Renfrew, Ontario in the amount of \$30,585.
 - For Loader Rentals for the Winter 2025/2026 at the Calabogie Garage to Paul Neill of Arnprior, Ontario, in the amount of \$17,500 and for the Cobden and Goshen Patrols to Bonnechere Excavating Inc., Renfrew, Ontario in the amount of \$21,350.

Corporate Services Committee

Presented by: Jennifer Murphy, Chair

- County Council approved the following 2026 Budget Guidelines – Increase the capital levy contributions by \$3,000,000 over the 2025 budget; all revenue associated with weighted CVA growth for the 2026 year be contributed to the Growth Reserve; and departmental net operating budgets increase by no more than 3% over the 2025 budget.
- Committee discussed a proposal brought forward by Warden Emon to have the Warden for the County of Renfrew elected at-large. Direction was given to staff to explore this option and bring a report back to the committee in the second quarter of 2026.

Community Services Committee

Presented by: Anne Giardini, Chair

- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has confirmed a 2025-2026 investment of \$3,569,200 under the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP), consistent with the allocation provided for the previous fiscal year. However, ongoing pressures, including increasing rates of homelessness, escalating rental costs, a critical shortage of affordable housing, and social assistance rates that have remained unchanged since 2018, continue to place significant demands on this limited budget. The attached recommendations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year reflect a review of expenditures during the first five months and propose a strategic reduction in the number of programs supported. This approach aims to concentrate available resources on the areas of greatest need, while acknowledging that the current funding is insufficient to meet the full scope of local demand. The Community Services Committee approved the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) Investment Plan for 2025-2026 to be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Health Committee

Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair

- The Ministry of Health has formally approved the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service to proceed with the implementation of the Low Acuity Disposition Patient Care Model, also known as SMART Transportation. Over the past year, paramedic services across the region have been actively training their staff in preparation for this important initiative. This model represents a significant cultural shift and marks the future of paramedicine delivering the right care, at the right time, in the right place. SMART Transportation is a province-wide initiative that enables paramedics to utilize clinical care pathways to treat and refer patients directly to local services such as Mesa, RC VTAC, and Clinical Assessment Centres. This approach helps ensure individualized care, reduces avoidable emergency department visits, and improves overall patient outcomes. From October to December 2024, the County of Renfrew delivered training to all paramedics, with costs reimbursed by the City of Ottawa through Ontario Health. The Paramedic Service is enthusiastic about advancing clinical knowledge and skills, and we remain optimistic about the evolving role of paramedics within these new care pathways; working to better serve the residents of Renfrew County.
- County Council approved an additional 1,824 hours per year of part-time Food Service Worker hours for Bonnechere Manor effective October 1, 2025.
- County Council approved an additional 3,368 hours per year of part-time Personal Support Worker hours for Miramichi Lodge effective October 1, 2025.
- County Council approve a business case to add one Nurse Practitioner in community programs to the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service.
- County Council approved a business case to add Casual Administrative Commanders to the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service.

Additional Information

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Newsletter

September 2025

EOWC Advocacy Update

The EOWC Submits Recommendations for Build Canada Homes



Our mission

Build Canada Homes supports the growth of affordable housing in Canada and fosters and maintains collaborative relationships to support the following objectives:

1. Build affordable homes
2. Finance affordable homes
3. Catalyze a new housing industry

The EOWC has submitted formal recommendations to the federal government regarding the design and implementation of the Build Canada Homes (BCH) program.

The EOWC supports the federal goal of accelerating housing supply and believes rural and small urban municipalities are uniquely positioned to help deliver results quickly, already building at nearly double the rate of Toronto.

To ensure BCH meets the needs of all communities, the EOWC recommends:

- Prioritizing deeply affordable and supportive housing
- Providing direct capital and operating funding alongside financing
- Streamlining project approvals with a portfolio-based approach
- Aligning program delivery with municipal planning roles
- Investing in critical housing-enabling infrastructure
- Designing flexible programs that reflect local and regional realities

The EOWC also welcomed proposed legislation to eliminate or reduce the GST on new homes for first-time buyers and urged its swift passage.

The EOWC remains ready to work with all levels of government to ensure Build Canada Homes delivers real results across eastern Ontario's rural and small urban communities.

[Read the EOWC's Build Canada Homes recommendations](#)

The EOWC Advocates Against Via Rail Changes in Eastern Ontario



The EOWC is voicing against VIA Rail Canada's recent pilot project that eliminates several key passenger stops between Toronto and Montreal, a move that directly impacts communities across eastern Ontario.

While the EOWC recognizes the intent to improve travel times with direct city-to-city service, the lack of consultation with affected municipalities is deeply concerning. These service cuts threaten essential access for residents who rely on rail travel for work, education, healthcare, and family connections.

Eastern Ontario communities have supported major public investments like VIA's \$1.4 billion fleet modernization. In return, they deserve reliable and inclusive transit options that reflect regional needs.

"Via rail's decision to cut services will greatly impact the residents of eastern Ontario that rely on Via will be greatly impacted by this decision" said Bonnie Clark, Chair of the EOWC. "The Toronto to Montreal route is a major transportation corridor in eastern Ontario and these cuts will have a profoundly negative impact on our communities. This decision was made without any consultation with our residents and businesses and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus is extremely frustrated with this decision and supports the efforts of the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus as well as our MPPs and MPs who stand united against this decision."

The EOWC Submission: Federal 2025 Pre-Budget Consultation



The EOWC has submitted its 2025 Pre-Budget recommendations to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance and the Department of Finance Canada, calling for federal action to support sustainable growth, infrastructure investment, and service delivery in eastern Ontario's rural and small urban communities.

The submission outlines seven key recommendations:

1. A modern, reliable fiscal framework for municipalities
2. Targeted rural and small urban support
3. Investment in trade and transport-enabling ports
4. Federal investment in municipalities and other subsidiary industries and supports to help advance the commitment to allocate 1.5% of GDP toward critical defence and security-related expenditures
5. Inclusive design of Build Canada Homes, recognizing Ontario's Municipal Service Manager role
6. Federal recognition of municipalities' role in housing and long-term care
7. Direct investment in modernizing municipally operated paramedic services

The EOWC continues to advocate for collaborative, cross-government solutions to strengthen the communities that form the backbone of Canada and its economy.

Read the EOWC's 2025 Pre-Budget Consultation Submission

In The Media

Kingston Airport to Host Canada's First Digital Aviation Facility



Left to right: Yan Tremblay, Director, major tower-terminal operations; David Sheppard, Vice-President and chief technology and information officer; Bryan Paterson, Mayor, Kingston; Marie-Pier Berman, Vice-President and Chief of Operations; Molly Grant, constituency assistant, office of Mark Gerretsen; Stéphanie Castonguay, assistant Vice-President, operational transformation

Nav Canada has officially broken ground on a new, first-of-its-kind digital facility at Kingston's Norman Rogers Airport. Announced on September 8, 2025, in collaboration with Mayor Bryan Paterson and city officials, the site will serve as the country's first operational hub for digital aviation oversight. If successful, the model will be expanded to additional regions nationwide.

The County Renfrew Hosts Municipal Day



The EOWC was proud to attend Renfrew County's Municipal Day and Open House on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, in Pembroke.

The event was a fantastic showcase of local services, community partnerships, and family-friendly fun, featuring everything from emergency service displays and forestry exhibits to food vendors, a job fair, and interactive activities like "Paint a Plow" and "Touch a Truck."

New Affordable Housing Units Open in Peterborough



A [new affordable housing development has officially opened in Peterborough](#), bringing seven additional units to support vulnerable residents through a joint \$830,015 investment from the federal and provincial governments. The new units are part of a six-storey, 53-unit building designed to meet the growing need for affordable and sustainable housing in the community.

This investment builds on a previous contribution of \$854,000, bringing the total federal-provincial funding to over \$1.6 million through the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI), part of the Canada-Ontario Bilateral Agreement under the National Housing Strategy.

The project includes a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units and is designed to support individuals and families facing housing challenges

Regional Updates and News



Ontario Invests in St. Lawrence River Restoration

The [Ontario government is investing \\$435,829 in a new project led by the River Institute to restore sections of the St. Lawrence River near Cornwall and Akwesasne](#). Funded through the Great Lakes Program, this initiative is one of 63 projects across the province aimed at

improving water quality, restoring habitats, and strengthening ecosystems connected to the Great Lakes.

With support from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the River Institute will carry out water monitoring, environmental research, public education, and build a digital pollution map to track river health. These efforts will improve fisheries, increase biodiversity, and help local communities adapt to the effects of climate change.

Ontario Boosts Infrastructure Funding for Rural and Northern Communities

The [Ontario government is investing \\$400 million through the 2026 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund \(OCIF\)](#) to support critical infrastructure projects in 423 small, rural, and Northern communities. This funding will help rehabilitate local roads, bridges, and water systems, while keeping workers on the job and strengthening local economies.

This year, the minimum grant has increased to \$125,000, providing more stability and flexibility for municipalities to meet growing infrastructure needs.

Province Breaks Ground on Two Long-Term Care Homes in Eastern Ontario

The [Ontario government has officially broken ground on two new long-term care projects in Lancaster and Prescott](#), bringing a combined 256 modern long-term care beds to Eastern Ontario. These redevelopments, led by Arch, will offer more comfortable, home-like environments and improved care for seniors.

Each home will feature 128 beds, including new and upgraded spaces, with thoughtful designs that include larger common areas, natural light, air conditioning, and Resident Home Areas to create more familiar, community-oriented spaces.

Ontario Breaks Ground on New Long-Term Care Home in Peterborough

The [Ontario government has started construction on people Care Peterborough](#), a new 224-bed long-term care home that will be part of Trent University's Seniors Village. The project is supported by the

provincial Construction Funding Subsidy top-up and is a key step in improving long-term care across the province.

The home will feature seven Resident Home Areas, a secure landscaped courtyard, therapy and quiet rooms, a bistro, and a multipurpose spiritual space. It will also include teaching and research facilities for university students and faculty, connecting healthcare and education in a meaningful way.

The home is expected to open in 2027.

Ontario Launches New Program to Help Seniors Age Safely at Home

The [Ontario government is investing \\$15 million over two years to launch the Community Access to Long-Term Care \(CALTC\) program](#), making long-term care services available to people still living in their own homes. The initiative aims to improve seniors' quality of life, support caregivers, and reduce unnecessary hospital visits.

CALTC provides access to clinical and personal care, nursing support, dementia resources, and wound care for those who are eligible or nearing eligibility for long-term care. Initially launching at three sites in the GTA and Hamilton area, including Peel Manor's Seniors Health and Wellness Village in Brampton, the program will expand to rural and northern communities in 2026.

Ontario Increasing Minimum Wage to \$17.60 on October 1

The [Ontario government is raising the general minimum wage from \\$17.20 to \\$17.60 per hour](#), effective October 1, 2025. This 2.4% increase, tied to the Ontario Consumer Price Index, will benefit more than 800,000 workers across the province.

A full-time worker earning minimum wage (40 hours/week) will see an annual pay increase of over \$800 as a result of this adjustment.

Province Expands Police Training Program to Boost Community Safety

The [Ontario government is expanding the Basic Constable Training \(BCT\) program this fall](#) to help police services recruit and deploy more officers across the province. For the first time, training will be offered

at two locations simultaneously, the Ontario Police College in Aylmer and a new temporary site in Cornwall.

This expansion will allow for an additional 121 recruits, increasing the total intake to up to 641 recruits for this training session. The Cornwall-based training will be held at the DEV Hotel and Conference Centre from October 6 to December 17.

Ontario to Ban Municipal Speed Cameras

The [Ontario government has announced plans to introduce legislation next month that will ban the use of municipal automated speed enforcement cameras](#) across the province. The move aims to prevent municipalities from using speed cameras as a revenue tool while ensuring road safety remains a top priority.

In place of speed cameras, the province will launch a new provincial fund to help municipalities implement alternative, proactive traffic-calming measures. These may include:

- Speed bumps and raised crosswalks
- Roundabouts and curb extensions
- Improved signage and flashing lights in school zones
- Public education and awareness campaigns

If passed, the legislation will immediately ban municipal speed cameras upon Royal Assent. Municipalities with existing school zone cameras will be required to install large warning signs by mid-November 2025, with permanent signs featuring flashing lights in place by September 2026.

Ontario Investing \$8.7 Million to Train Over 1,500 Workers in Ottawa and Eastern Ontario

The [Ontario government is investing more than \\$8.7 million through the Skills Development Fund \(SDF\)](#) to train over 1,500 people in Ottawa and eastern Ontario for in-demand, good-paying jobs.

The investment supports sectors including construction, manufacturing, skilled trades, automotive, green construction, and marine careers, helping ensure Ontario's workforce remains competitive amid ongoing U.S. tariffs and economic uncertainty.

Ontario Investing Over \$12 Million to Build and Upgrade Community Centres in Eastern Ontario

The [Ontario government is investing \\$12.2 million to support the construction and revitalization of community and recreational infrastructure across eastern Ontario](#), helping to create jobs, promote healthy living, and strengthen local economies.

The investment includes \$10 million for the new Russell Township Recreation Complex, the largest provincial grant ever awarded to the municipality.

Once complete, the complex will feature:

- A six-lane, 25-metre indoor pool
- A 10,000 sq. ft. community hall
- Three multi-use ice rinks
- Programming for swimming, fitness, skating, and more

The facility is expected to draw nearly 600,000 annual visits, boosting local tourism and hosting regional sporting events.

Additional investments include:

- \$360,700 to the City of Clarence-Rockland to replace the HVAC system at the Clarence-Rockland Arena
- \$866,500 to the Town of Hawkesbury to replace the rooftop at the Robert Hartley Sports Complex
- \$962,500 to The Nation Municipality to rehabilitate the St-Isidore Arena

Upcoming Events



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- Kingston Home Builders' Association
- QHBA
- Langara-Leslie Home Builders Association
- Central Ontario Home Builders' Association

Eastern Ontario Housing Summit 2025

The 2025 Eastern Ontario Housing Summit will explore how to meet the region's anticipated growth over the coming decades, and the rising demand it brings, even amid a challenging market. The summit will focus on strategies to ensure a sufficient and sustainable housing supply for residents today and in the future.

The event will be taking place October 8, 2025 at the Ottawa Events and Conference Centre.

[Register here](#)

WESTERN ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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Powering Ontario's Economic Engine

Western Ontario Municipal Conference 2025

The Western Ontario Municipal Conference (WOMC), presented by the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, offers dynamic programming focused on sharing knowledge, best practices, and strategies to support municipal success. This event is ideal for elected officials, municipal staff (including administration, planners, social services, and economic development professionals), service providers, and provincial and federal partners

The event will be taking place October 17, 2025 in London Ontario.

[Register here](#)



AMO Second Annual Healthy Democracy Forum

Join the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the 2nd Annual Healthy Democracy Forum—a key event supporting local democracy ahead of the 2026 municipal elections. The forum will take place October 18-19 in Toronto at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel.

This year's Forum will spotlight two major initiatives from AMO's Healthy Democracy Project:

- Day 1: Explore strategies to increase voter turnout, attract and retain diverse candidates, and boost public engagement.

- Day 2: Dive into AMO's Municipal Civility and Anti-Harassment Strategy with tools and resources to foster respectful, safe, and inclusive municipal environments.

[Register for the forum here](#)



EOWC Parliament Hill Advocacy Day

The EOWC is heading to Ottawa on October 21, 2025, to host its Parliament Hill Advocacy Day.

As part of the day's events, the EOWC will hold a breakfast reception and meet with ministers and senior staff to present and discuss the unique challenges facing rural and small urban communities across eastern Ontario.



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

The international trade landscape remains in flux. U.S. tariffs introduced during former President Trump's administration continue to evolve, with their legality under review in U.S. courts. Potential new trade negotiations are also on the horizon, adding further uncertainty.

On October 24, AMO is hosting an event focused on what this uncertainty means for municipalities. The session will explore how tariffs could affect municipal revenues and expenditures, and how local governments can contribute to broader federal and provincial strategies aimed at building a more resilient and prosperous economy.

[Register for the forum here](#)

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About the EOWC

The EOWC is a regional non-profit organization representing 13 upper and single-tier municipalities across eastern Ontario. The EOWC supports and advocates on behalf of 103 municipalities and serves 1.1 million residents. The EOWC covers an area of approximately 50,000 square kilometers from Northumberland County to the Québec border.

The EOWC has gained support and momentum by speaking with a united voice to champion regional municipal priorities and work with government, business leaders, the media, and the public.

Visit the EOWC's website at eowc.org.

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As Parliament returns, FCM leads on community priorities

Current federal priorities

With the House of Commons returning on September 15, the government is focused on moving quickly, with a budget set for October. Fiscal savings are a priority, with ministers charged with delivering 7.5% budget savings in the next fiscal year.

The Carney government's attention will be fixed on economic resilience, housing affordability, defence and public safety. We expect the government to move quickly in its efforts to tackle Canada's housing crisis with Build Canada Homes, a new housing program, with details on that to be announced soon. In addition, public safety legislation is

expected in the fall to advance bail reform, as well as significant developments in relation to development charges.

FCM's advocacy for municipal needs

FCM is working to highlight the priority needs of municipalities and deliver real results for Canadians, and is engaging robustly with the new federal government. As the new sitting of Parliament gets underway, FCM will continue to press the federal government on:

- **Delivering housing and tackling homelessness**
- **Building up Canada by investing in local infrastructure**
- **Improving public safety, and**
- **Strengthening local economic prosperity and climate resilience.**

We have communicated [detailed recommendations](#) for the forthcoming budget to the Finance committee and the Ministry of Finance, and on what the Build Canada Homes program [will need to achieve success](#).

A strong, sustained message

FCM is positioning municipalities as essential partners in delivering for Canadians. To most effectively deliver progress on these priorities, we are calling on the federal government to enhance the Canada Community Building Fund, index it to GDP and then work with the provinces and territories to have them match this funding.

Add your voice

As we continue to strengthen our relationship with the new federal government, each of you, our members, has a role to play. You can amplify our message by sharing the following FCM visual posts to your municipal or personal networks on [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

Additionally, you can also adapt the ready-to-use social media text below on your platform of choice:

As parliament resumes and #Budget2025 approaches, FCM is calling on federal action on housing, infrastructure, public safety & climate resilience - to ensure a stronger, more resilient economy here in [Municipality] and in #CDNMuni across the country.

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Just launched: Build Canada Homes

Yesterday, FCM's CEO Carole Saab participated to the federal government's announcement to launch Build Canada Homes (BCH). This announcement shows a clear commitment to working with municipalities and other essential partners to deliver practical, results-driven solutions that meet the urgent housing needs of Canadians.

FCM was glad to see inclusion of supportive and transitional housing for Canadians experiencing homelessness and emphasized the need for sustained federal-provincial funding to make lasting progress on homeless encampments. Through BCH, municipalities can contribute land, support modular construction, and continue leading on zoning, approvals, infrastructure, and community planning.

Reaching the federal goal of building 500,000 homes per year will require new investments in infrastructure needed to support housing, like roads, water systems and public transit through proven tools like the Canada Community Building Fund. FCM will continue to monitor and engage with the development of BCH and other housing and homelessness-related federal initiatives.

Further analysis on Sunday's announcement will be shared in coming days.

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You can now read the special Municipal World publication entirely dedicated to our 2025 Annual Conference. Produced in collaboration with FCM and published by Municipal World, this digital magazine highlights the key moments of the conference held in Ottawa under the theme *Stronger Together: Local Strength, National Prosperity*.

If you haven't already, take a moment to explore the impactful discussions, innovative ideas and municipal initiatives that shaped the country's largest gathering of local elected officials. Read the magazine and share it with your network!

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Are you an elected municipal official from BC?

FCM is seeking a dedicated elected municipal official from BC to join the GMF Council and help build sustainable communities and a more prosperous Canada.

We're looking for recognized champions of sustainability to bring their leadership to help shape strategic decisions and guide high-impact municipal projects that deliver tangible, lasting results—creating jobs, fostering environmental stewardship, and strengthening community resilience. To lead the change, apply by September 29.

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Strengthening women's leadership in local government in Zambia

The Partnership for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership project is working with the Local Government Association of Zambia to strengthen women's leadership in local government. A recent workshop with the Local Government Gender Equality Committee focused on leadership skills, public speaking and building confidence for active participation in local governance.

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities joined the Local Government Association of Zambia to support this knowledge exchange. This collaboration shows how Canadian municipal expertise can support inclusive governance and strengthen women's leadership globally.

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International partnerships driving stronger local governance at home and abroad

Through the Partnership for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership project, our overseas partner, the National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana (NALAG), undertook a study tour to Canada last week. Four NALAG representatives took part in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) annual conference and engaged in exchanges with peers from Ontario municipalities.

The study tour focused on sharing experiences on gender equality and social inclusion in local leadership, exploring ways to strengthen organizational sustainability through events and membership development. This collaboration highlights the value of international partnerships for Canadian municipalities—creating opportunities for shared learning and strengthening local governance at home and abroad.

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EVENTS

Last chance: Explore safe and sustainable railway operations

Our first Collective webinar of the year is tomorrow! In partnership with CN, this webinar will help community leaders to better understand the strategies and technologies used to ensure safe and sustainable railway operations. Wildfire threats are a growing reality as unprecedented hot, dry conditions persist across Canada. Participants will learn more about CN's Fire and Suppression fleet, a custom-designed in-house fleet of five trains that can deploy firefighting resources to remote and inaccessible areas.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» Carney's fall fiscal plan to focus on defence, housing, and infrastructure, say advocacy groups | The Lobby Monitor

FCM's Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Matt Gemmel, discussed the upcoming federal budget and FCM's pre-budget submissions, looking for progress on key issues, from housing to infrastructure. "The key to doubling housing construction is fixing what we feel is an outdated model for how we fund housing and the growth of the country," Gemmel said.

» **Carney unveils 'Buy Canadian' plan and canola tariff help amid trade war | Globalnews.ca**

The federal government unveiled a new "Buy Canadian" strategy. The measures announced include a \$370 million package for canola farmers, who are currently facing a 75.8 percent tariff from China. Prime Minister Mark Carney has also proposed a \$5-billion Strategic Response Fund for companies affected by U.S. tariffs.

» **Not fast enough: More homes are being built, but targets still far off, says CMHC | Globalnews.ca**

New data from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation shows a slowdown in housing starts in Canada's biggest cities. The City of Toronto is on track for its lowest number of housing starts in three decades.

» **Northern Ontario municipalities hail recent promises for bail reform | CTV News**

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has expressed encouragement following recent high-level commitments to Canada's bail system from both the federal and provincial orders of government. FONOM representatives say the current system has "allowed repeat offenders to be released back into northern communities, thereby compromising public safety and placing a strain on municipal resources."

» **RCDSB making learning more green with Re-Nature Foundation | Renfrew Mercury**

The Town of Renfrew has presented its Outdoor Learning Project, aimed at engaging students in environmental education. The Renfrew County District School Board is applying for grants through FCM for \$50,000 for each of the proposed school sites. As part of the application process for this grant, the school board is requesting the support of the municipalities where the schools are located.

RESOURCES

Webinar recording: Urban forest management plan for your community

Every community can benefit from a well-managed urban forest. Watch our webinar Develop an urban forest management plan for your community to discover expert insights on why a strong plan matters and how to build your own. Watching this webinar will help you understand what makes a strong plan, how to ensure the plan is tailored to your community's needs and what benefits an urban forest management plan can offer to your community.

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Learn how Indigenous led initiatives advance tourism innovation

Destination Canada invites you to Destination Dialogues 2025 on October 8—a free webinar focused on Indigenous tourism and export ready models. Learn from real examples of Indigenous led innovation and explore practical tools that can support rural, remote, and northern communities. Co-presented with the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada, this session is an opportunity for FCM members to engage in advancing economic reconciliation. An interactive workshop will follow for hands-on learning

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Sept 10: FCM's Collective webinar series is back!

These webinars—delivered alongside partners from the most cutting-edge leaders in the private sector—will help you re-examine your community's needs and develop new solutions to stay ahead of the curve.

Our first session, in partnership with [@CNRailway](#), is next Tuesday. Learn more and register now: <https://t.co/p6A3wh9BBy>

Sept 12: "You can build homes, but unless you have the water and the sewer and the wastewater as all part of that, it's not a home yet. It's just a structure."
- Joe Masi, [CityofPortage](#) councillor and FCM Board member.

<https://t.co/ACwSWspqTV>

The federal government has an ambitious goal of building 500,000 new homes per year. Municipalities are key to making that happen, but streamlined and predictable investments are needed to build supporting infrastructure like pipes, roads, bridges and more.

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Sept 14: FCM welcomes the federal government's Build Canada Homes initiative as strong leadership on the housing crisis. This announcement shows a clear commitment to working in partnership with municipalities to deliver practical, results-driven solutions that meet the urgent housing needs of Canadians. In particular, the carve-out to increase supportive and transitional housing to address homelessness is a direct answer to FCM's key recommendations.

This is an opportunity to work together to build the housing Canadians need. Municipalities are already delivering housing solutions, and with the right federal tools—like infrastructure investments that keep pace with growth and proven delivery models like the Canada Community-Building Fund—we can build lasting solutions across the country. Our full response:

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**GMF's 2024–25 Annual Report: Real results,
lasting impact for Canadian communities**



For 25 years, FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) has helped local governments deliver projects that are both economically and environmentally sustainable, proving that investing in sustainability delivers real value for Canadians, helps communities thrive and strengthens Canada as a whole.

Thanks to our longstanding partnership with the Government of Canada, we continue to deliver concrete results in communities nationwide. With \$311 million in approved funding—a 400% increase since 2018—demand is higher than ever, proving the case for strong local need. This year, GMF met that need by delivering critical, high-impact funding with unprecedented speed—mobilizing two large climate adaptation initiatives in just 9 months.

GMF's 2024–25 Annual Report showcases the many ways GMF is helping build more sustainable communities and a stronger Canada.

» EXPLORE THE FULL REPORT

NEWS

New legislation a positive step in combatting hate

FCM welcomed the federal government's September 19 announcement to strengthen Canada's legislative framework to protect communities from hate. This legislation is a direct response to FCM's consistent calls for a clearer and stronger definition of hate speech.

Everyone deserves to live in a community where they feel safe. As the order of government closest to Canadians' daily life, local leaders see first-hand how hate can threaten safety, trust and community well-being.

With partnership across all orders of government being critical, FCM is sharing with members a letter provided by the Minister of Justice Sean Fraser that addresses municipalities and provides further details on this new legislation.

FCM will seek to ensure any new measures building on this effort will address the impacts and root causes of hate in our communities.

» [READ THE MINISTER'S LETTER TO MUNICIPALITIES ON THE NEW COMBATting HATE ACT](#)

FCM welcomes Affordable Housing Fund investment

On Friday, as an immediate follow up to the Build Canada Homes (BCH) announcement, the federal government announced additional investment in the Affordable Housing Fund.

FCM welcomes the \$1.5B top up in loans under the Affordable Housing Fund's New Construction Stream and the decision to accelerate \$385 million in funding under the Affordable Housing Fund's Rapid Housing Sub-Stream. This will play an important role in ensuring housing projects that are already in the pipeline are not stalled while BCH is in development.

This announcement answers FCM's call to maintain momentum by quickly advancing urgently needed funding for affordable housing.

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Municipal momentum – Local leaders in action

Calgary is leading the way on housing, accounting for the country's highest housing starts per capita last year—but like in many Canadian municipalities, affordability remains a challenge.

In a video that shows some of Calgary's newest housing initiatives, City Councillor Courtney Walcott opens up about his own experience with housing affordability, explains how the city has been able to move the dial and how all orders of government must work together on this priority. This new series will highlight municipal success and leadership across the country. Stay tuned!

» [WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

Deadline approaching: Join the Green Municipal Fund Council

Calling all elected municipal officials in British Columbia: submit your nomination to join the Green Municipal Fund Council before September 29.

Bring your visionary leadership and expertise in municipal sustainability to the GMF Council. By joining the Council, you'll contribute to advancing impactful, lasting environmental initiatives and witness the tangible results of GMF-funded projects that are improving communities across Canada. Join the Council to lead change.

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EVENTS

Webinar: Plan for local climate resilience

Join us on October 9 at 1 p.m. ET to learn how the *Climate-Ready Communities Assessment Tool* helps municipalities identify local climate risks and shape equitable adaptation strategies. This webinar also introduces step-by-step tip sheets designed to guide your next actions and strengthen your community's long-term resilience.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Back to Parliament: Time to build together | The Hill Times**

FCM President Rebecca Bligh's op-ed in The Hill Times about the return of parliament, housing and housing-enabling infrastructure, as well as the launch of the Build Canada Homes initiative by the federal government. "FCM is calling to expand the Canada Community Building Fund, and to index it to GDP growth—helping communities plan and deliver the infrastructure that unlocks housing and drives economic growth," said President Bligh.

» **Here's how Build Canada Homes aims to address housing crisis | The Peterborough Examiner**

Beginning with 4,000 homes on six federally owned sites, the \$13-billion Build Canada Homes housing plan, unveiled September 14 by the federal government, aims to support the creation of 500,000 homes per year for middle-class Canadians. FCM cautioned that reaching that scale will require more than the initiative alone. Infrastructure investments, including roads, water systems and public transit are needed, the group said. "Build Canada Homes is an opportunity to work together to deliver the housing Canadians need," said FCM President Rebecca Bligh.

» **Rural communities 'heart and soul' of Ontario, Doug Ford says | Grimsby Lincoln News**

Ontario's Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma, announced that the provincial government will provide \$400 million next year for the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, for small, rural and northern communities. Premier Doug Ford called rural communities the "heart and soul" of Ontario, adding that the province, in partnership with the federal government, is spending \$75 million to support farmers impacted by U.S. tariffs.

RESOURCES

Six factsheets to help make your municipality's affordable housing more energy-efficient

For community housing providers in Canada, GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) initiative is a path to long-term affordability, sustainability and resilience. Over five years, SAH has contributed to a 68-percent reduction in GHG emissions across all projects, and 65 percent of SAH-funded units have exceeded affordability requirements.

These six factsheets outline the many benefits of energy-efficient housing, including increased affordability, lower energy costs and better quality of life. Whether you want to make your current buildings more efficient or design a high-performance new build, these factsheets offer key insights to help you achieve your performance targets.

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Electric cruisers, fire trucks and collection vehicles: Funding your way forward

From police cruisers and fire trucks to garbage and compost collection vehicles, municipalities are electrifying their fleets with GMF funding to save on fuel and maintenance, create local jobs and deliver cleaner, quieter streets.

Access up to \$200K to plan and \$10M to get to work. You can also stack GMF offers with federal and provincial incentives to stretch budgets further.

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Toolkit: Examples and insights on community building energy upgrades

Whether you're looking to lower energy costs or enhance residents' quality of life, improving the energy efficiency of community buildings is a valuable municipal strategy.

This toolkit highlights energy monitoring and retrofit projects from six Alberta municipalities. It also shares recommendations to help you save money and streamline the retrofit process.

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Sept 16: NEW! Relive key moments, innovative solutions and insightful conversations from FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show in this special [@MunicipalWorld](#) magazine—available now!

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Sept 18: As the national voice for municipalities, FCM's advocacy and programs reflect the realities of communities of all sizes, from all regions of the country.

Yesterday in Alberta, FCM's Executive Committee had the chance to connect with local leaders in the [@MDofBighorn](#), where last month a new net-zero carbon Operations Facility for the community opened with funding through FCM's [@GreenMuniFund](#).

This type of sustainable infrastructure is designed for long-term efficiency and environmental impact and will serve the community for many years to come.
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Sept 19: Calgary is leading the way on housing, accounting for the country's highest housing starts per capita last year—but like in many Canadian municipalities, affordability remains a challenge.

City Councillor [@CWalcottYYC](#) explains how [@cityofcalgary](#) has stepped up with innovative solutions to move the dial on affordable housing, and how all orders of government can—and must—work together to fully address this national crisis.

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NEW Collective webinar: Water systems financing to support housing growth

Municipal water infrastructure is critical for growing communities. Join us for a free webinar on October 22 in partnership with the Canada Infrastructure Bank to learn how their flexible financing helps deliver critical water infrastructure in some of the country's fastest-growing communities.

A house isn't a home without running water, yet local leaders are left with tough choices on how to maintain and expand water and wastewater services while keeping fares and water rates affordable.

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NEWS

FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus presses federal representatives on biggest priorities

Last Friday, September 26, FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus held a virtual meeting with Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Gregor Robertson and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance Ryan Turnbull in attendance. Mayors engaged with these senior members of the federal government on the infrastructure investment needed to support new housing builds and a strong economy.

The issue of outdated municipal financing and other key topics including public transit and bail reform were also discussed. With the federal government's first budget approaching in November, Canadian cities and municipalities' most urgent priorities were highlighted in detail by the caucus.

You can't build big without fixing the foundation

FCM has launched a new multimedia campaign spotlighting the vital role municipalities play in major infrastructure projects across the country. Through a series of reels, FCM is driving home the message: you can't build big without strong local infrastructure. Nation-building projects are essential to our national economy, but their success depends on local strength. The first reel is out now—share it with your network and keep an eye out for more!

» WATCH THE REEL

Canada and Cambodia exchange leadership skills for stronger local governance

In Siem Reap, Cambodia, Canada's Honorary Consul, Kristin Schuster, opened the *Communication for Advocacy* workshop for the National League of Local Councils' Women & Children's Committee. The workshop created space for exchange between Canadian and Cambodian colleagues through the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation—Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project, funded by Global Affairs Canada.

Canadian Councillor Michelle Smibert and members of the committee shared their advocacy experiences and approaches, learning from one another on how women leaders can strengthen their voices and influence decision-makers on issues relating to women and children.

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Building inclusive democracies

As a member of the United Cities and Local Governments Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Collingwood Councillor Kathy Jeffrey, joined the panel, Reshaping Power for Equality: Women's Political Participation and the Future of Democracy, taking place in Sweden.

Reflecting on her 19 years in local government, Kathy emphasized that "women bring a distinct and essential voice to leadership" and "lead with community in mind," adding that women often "are the first to see the human impact behind every policy decision."

Her insights underline the importance of supporting women to lead effectively, retaining those already in governance and addressing issues that disproportionately affect women and marginalized communities, ranging from climate resilience to inclusive policy and gender-based violence prevention.

Through initiatives like PMI-WILL, Canadian municipal leaders like Councilor Jeffrey are contributing to a global movement for inclusive governance and equitable leadership.

EVENTS

Free training for building operators to learn about energy efficiency

In the last five years, GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) initiative has helped housing providers develop energy-efficient homes for Canadians. Today, 82 percent of participants are applying SAH knowledge to future projects, strengthening the sector.

The Building Operators Training e-learning course offers customized guidance for custodians, maintenance personnel and building operators from the affordable housing sector who want to learn more about energy efficiency, new technologies and facility retrofits. This free, self-paced training tool demonstrates the basics of energy efficiency, new technologies, and facility retrofits that will save energy and money.

» [REGISTER FOR THE E-COURSE](#)

FCM IN THE NEWS

» Housing & infrastructure top of mind at FCM's meeting in Cochrane | QR Calgary 770AM

Amid FCM's latest Executive Committee meeting in Cochrane, Alberta, President Rebecca Bligh spoke with Shaye Ganam from QR Calgary about FCM's advocacy efforts this fall, especially on housing and infrastructure. Bligh discussed the Build Canada Homes program, emphasizing the need for more affordable housing and the importance of all orders of government collaborating to address Canada's most pressing issues.

» Most Canadians think Trump would break any new trade deal: poll | National Post

The federal government has recently started public consultations on the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement, which is scheduled for a joint review next year. A new poll indicates that most Canadians do not expect U.S. President Donald Trump to honour any deal made between his country and ours.

» **Mayor announces plan to make Ottawa 'most housing-friendly city in Canada' | CBC News**

Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe proposed a housing plan set to go before council in October. If approved, it would include a five-year exemption on community benefit charges that developers pay when constructing multi-residential projects with at least 10 units or exceeding five storeys. The plan also aims to simplify the approval process for housing development.

RESOURCES

GMF's 2024–25 Annual Report: Turning progress into success stories

Across Canada, communities are proving that local sustainability creates lasting change. In Alberta, 609 homes were upgraded through the Clean Energy Improvement Program, creating local jobs and reducing costs for families. In Quebec City, four “sponge” schools are transforming their yards into green spaces to strengthen resilience against climate impact, supported by GMF's Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation initiative.

These are examples of the successes made possible by FCM's Green Municipal Fund. Read the GMF 2024–25 Annual Report to explore this record-setting year and discover how GMF drives progress for Canadians—advancing energy efficiency, clean energy, affordable housing and resilience.

» **READ THE REPORT**

Case study: A model of Reconciliation in action

The Township of Georgian Bay, Ontario, returned 95 acres to Moose Deer Point First Nation and protected over 33,000 acres through a bold, award-winning initiative grounded in Reconciliation and sustainability. It also received an honourable mention in FCM's 2024 Sustainable Communities Awards.

This is more than a success story—it's a reminder that municipal governments can play a critical role in advancing Reconciliation through respectful partnerships and thoughtful stewardship.

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New research and resources to boost your community's sustainability

The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership (N-ZAP) is recruiting 250 Canadian communities to provide feedback on new research and resources designed to help municipalities reach their climate targets while making life better for residents.

By participating as an N-ZAP pilot community, you'll gain access to cutting-edge research and peer support so that you can build cleaner, healthier communities and a stronger local economy.

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Sept 25: To all francophones and francophone communities across Ontario: happy Franco-Ontarian Day!

Your language, culture and contributions to our national fabric are vital. [#ONfr](#)

Sept 25: In rural, remote and northern communities across Canada postal service is an integral part of community economic development, growth and sustainability.

Amidst a trade war and affordability crisis, communities across the country are working hard to build local economic resilience and productivity. Community postal services are an important part of that. The decision to permanently end home mail delivery—without input from local governments—is concerning.

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Sept 26: Earlier today, FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus connected with Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, [@gregorroberson](#), and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance and National Revenue, [@TurnbullWhitby](#).

On the agenda: bail reform, Build Canada Homes and the importance of streamlined, predictable funding for municipalities to advance Canada's infrastructure and housing goals.

Thank you both for your time.



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Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board

Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025

Health Protection

Infectious Diseases

Measles in Renfrew County and District (RCD):

In July, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) confirmed an additional measles case associated with the Ontario-wide outbreak. Once again, RCDHU took a proactive approach with case and contact management. Targeted post-exposure vaccination clinics were quickly stepped up to prevent further cases. Overall, RCDHU identified, followed up with, and communicated with approximately 120 contacts.

Ongoing efforts focus on engaging at-risk populations to promote immunization and ensure completion of the measles immunization series.

Measles Outbreak in Ontario:

RCDHU continues to monitor provincial measles epidemiology closely. There have been significantly fewer cases across the province since mid-June, and fewer than 10 weekly cases since the beginning of August.

Over the course of the outbreak, the majority (73%) of cases were among infants, children, and adolescents, 96% of whom were unvaccinated.

Respiratory Indicators:

Since the beginning of July, respiratory illness indicators have been low with some variability in outbreaks and COVID-19 test percent positivity. RCD is experiencing less than 1 outbreak per week. Local influenza and RSV test percent positivity is low. COVID-19 percent positivity is beginning to trend upward into the high range; however, overall COVID-19 indicators are lower than they were at this time last year. Hospital bed occupancy due to respiratory illness is low. Emergency department visits related to respiratory illness remain low.

Immunization

Grade 7 School Based Immunization Program:

RCDHU staff have initiated the first round of school-based Grade 7 immunization clinics for the 2025-2026 school year. Approximately 1100 Grade 7 students across the region are eligible to receive Hepatitis B, Meningococcal, and Human Papillomavirus vaccines through these clinics. Up to 42 school-based clinics have been scheduled throughout

the fall, with plans for round two clinics in the spring of 2026. As of September 10, 2025, 3 school clinics had been successfully completed.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV):

Starting this fall, Ontario is expanding the publicly funded RSV prevention program to include all individuals aged 75 years and older. This is in addition to adults aged 60 to 74 who meet high-risk criteria or live in higher risk settings. Only individuals who have not received a previous dose are eligible, as the vaccine provides multiple years of protection. RSV vaccination will be available through residents' healthcare provider or through RCDHU community immunization clinics. RSV vaccinations will not be available through pharmacies.

Ontario has also announced that the infant RSV prevention program will resume this fall. This program includes all infants born after March 31, 2025 and children under 2 years of age with high-risk medical conditions. Together with healthcare partners, RCDHU will ensure access to RSV immunization for this high-risk population.

Influenza and COVID-19 Annual Fall Campaign:

This year's updated influenza and COVID-19 vaccines are expected by the end of September. RCDHU will offer mobile clinics to retirement homes and congregate care settings, along with community immunization clinics in October for high-risk individuals. Starting in November, the general population will be eligible, and RCDHU will continue community immunization clinics for both the influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. Furthermore, the pharmacy channel will continue to serve as an access point to receive both vaccines.

Healthy Environments

Rabies Control Program:

RCDHU public health inspector staff continue to investigate potential human rabies exposures as part of the health protection mandate. RCDHU has seen an unprecedented increase in bat exposures this year, particularly over the warm summer months. These exposures resulted in a greatly increased need for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) vaccination and immunoglobulin for those exposed, with PEP administered to 65 people in July and August. Furthermore, there have been 64 bat-related exposure investigations completed so far in 2025. Overall, in 2025, 36 animals have been submitted for rabies testing. Of these, 27 were bat submissions and one of those was positive for rabies in July. As a result, RCDHU issued a [media release](#) to notify the public and reinforce public health and safety messaging.

Safe Water Program:

Public Beach Sampling occurs during the busy summer season when recreational swimming is most popular. The sampling program started at the end of June and ended in the last week of August. No beaches needed to be posted as unsafe to swim due to bacteria levels this summer. However, there was one beach posting due to the presence of a blue-green algae bloom.

Vector borne Disease Control Program:

RCDHU completed the mosquito testing program once again this past summer (over a

10-week period). A total of 119 mosquito pools were tested for West Nile virus from 48 trapping locations across RCD. All mosquito pools tested negative for West Nile virus this year.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

RCDHU responded to four multi-day heat events and two multi-day air quality events from June to the end of August. In each instance, RCDHU issued timely notifications to both community partners and the public, accompanied by health and safety messaging to mitigate risks associated with extreme environmental conditions.

To further support vulnerable populations, RCDHU invited municipal partners to share information about any cooling centres or clean air shelters they were operating. This information was used to enhance public awareness and ensure targeted outreach to priority populations. RCDHU also provided recommendations to agencies and organizations serving these groups.

Following the confirmed measles cases in April, RCDHU facilitated structured debrief sessions with staff and management. These sessions focused on identifying lessons learned and opportunities for quality improvement to strengthen future emergency outbreak response and coordination.

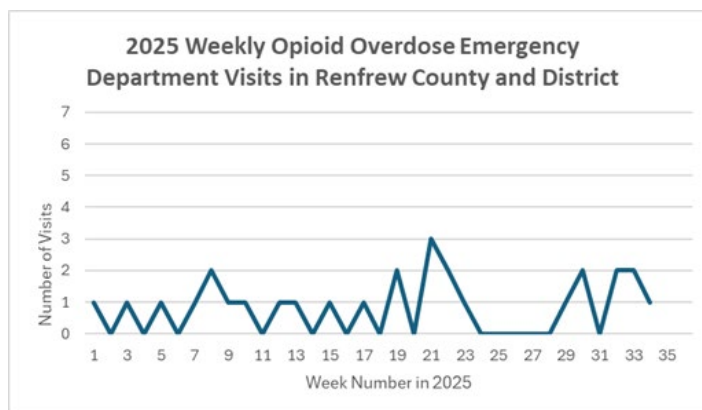
Health Promotion

Renfrew County and District Drug Strategy (RCDDS)

Implementation of the priorities of the RCDDS is underway and a mid-year [progress report](#) and [media release](#) were published in July to update the public and partner organizations on some of the early successes across the four pillars of the RCDDS.

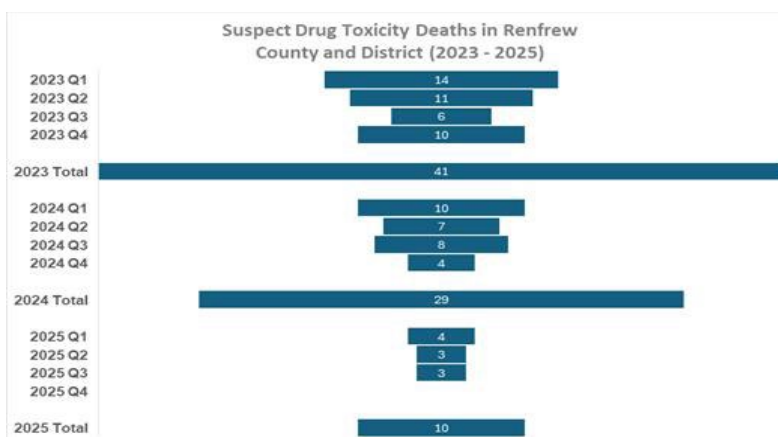
RCDDS Substance Use Harm Indicators:

As of August 24th, there were 28 emergency department visits related to opioid overdoses, which is an increase of 8 since the June update. This represents a 59% decrease, when compared to the 69 visits that occurred during the same period in 2024.



As of August 28th, there had been 3 additional suspect drug toxicity deaths since our

previous update and 10 since the beginning of the year. This represents a 60% decrease, when compared to the 25 deaths that occurred during the same period in 2024 and a 68% decrease in contrast to 2023.



Outreach Team and SPRITE Testing

The Outreach Team continues to bring RCDHU services to clients across RCD and forge new partnerships with community agencies. In 2025, as of the end of August, the Outreach Team had completed 76 visits to 19 different sites across RCD. During those visits, 384 naloxone kits were distributed and 241 new people were trained in their use. The Team had over 1700 interactions with clients throughout these visits. The Team continues to provide harm reduction and sexual health supplies, offer sexual health testing, and connect clients to other RCDHU services or community partners where needed.

SPRITE testing continues to be offered at Outreach Team events and at RCDHU's Pembroke office. As of Aug 31st, 188 tests for syphilis, HIV, and hepatitis C have been completed under this program. Individuals that test positive have been successfully referred for follow-up and treatment. Most of the clients tested are at high risk for acquiring sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections and do not have a family doctor or the means to seek out testing on their own.

Measles Redeployment

In response to a reported case of measles in the community in July, Health Promotion nurses and support staff were redeployed to assist with measles contact management and testing. In-home testing for measles was completed by the Outreach Team. Staff from the Healthy Babies Healthy Children, Sexual Health, and Outreach programs supported the response with measles vaccinations, contact management, and workload coverage for other infectious diseases.

Oral Health

Summer Community Dental Screening Clinics:

Over the summer months, RCDHU's school oral health Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs) hosted 8 community dental screening clinics across RCD, in partnership with

local public libraries. Alongside RCDHU staff, Service Canada staff attended to promote and enroll clients in the federally funded oral health program, the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP). RCDHU staff integrated the feedback from last year's screening clinics, making this year even more successful. RCDHU staff screened and assisted a total of 113 RCD residents, including 13 infants, 42 children, 41 adults, and 17 seniors.

In addition to dental screenings, RCDHU staff provided 22 fluoride applications and directly enrolled 12 individuals into provincially funded oral health programs. They also addressed a wide range of oral health questions and helped connect families with appropriate dental coverage to ensure they can access the care they need. Clinics were hosted in Petawawa, Whitney, Arnprior, Killaloe, Deep River, Pembroke, Renfrew, and Calabogie.



Samantha Zadow, RDH (left) and Michala Vanderploeg, RDH (right) at the Petawawa Public Library.

Submitted by:

Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health
Renfrew County and District Health Unit

September 24, 2025

To: The Right Honourable Mark Carney

Subject: Urgent Appeal Regarding Canada Post Labour Dispute and Impact on Municipal Communications

Dear Mr. Carney

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Bonfield, I am writing to express our concern regarding the ongoing labour dispute between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), which remains unresolved despite months of negotiations.

As you are aware, CUPW has suspended the delivery of flyers nationwide in an effort to encourage Canada Post to return to the bargaining table. While we respect the rights of workers to collectively bargain, this suspension has had a significant impact on businesses, non-profit organizations, and municipal governments, limiting our ability to communicate essential information to our residents.

The Township of Bonfield, like many rural municipalities, has limited internet connectivity and relies heavily on Canada Post for the distribution of newsletters and other important communications. The interruption in mail services directly affects our capacity to keep residents informed on municipal matters, emergency notifications, and other critical community information.

Therefore, be advised that the Council of the Township of Bonfield:

1. Urges the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table; and
2. Calls upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer deliveries, including municipal communications, to ensure the continued dissemination of critical community information.

A copy of this resolution has been sent to the Nipissing–Timiskaming MP, Pauline Rochefort, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, Canada Post, the CUPW President, FONOM, and AMO.

Small Community. Big Heart

We respectfully request your attention to this matter to help facilitate a timely resolution, ensuring that municipalities like Bonfield can continue to effectively communicate with their residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Andrée Gagné".

Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Bonfield



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

September 23rd, 2025

Motion 5

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the labour dispute between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) remains unresolved despite months of negotiations; AND WHEREAS CUPW has suspended the delivery of flyers nationwide in an effort to bring Canada Post back to the bargaining table; AND WHEREAS this suspension significantly impacts businesses, non-profit organizations, and municipal governments, limiting their ability to communicate essential information; AND WHEREAS many rural municipalities, including the Township of Bonfield, have limited internet connectivity and rely heavily on Canada Post for the distribution of newsletters and other important communications to residents; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Bonfield:

1. Urges the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table; and
2. Calls upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer deliveries, which includes municipal communications, to ensure the continued dissemination of critical community information

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Nipissing Timiskaming MP, Pauline Rochefort, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, Canada Post, CUPW President, FONOM, and AMO.

Carried

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark

Jason Corbett

Steve Featherstone

Dan MacInnis

Narry Paquette

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No.5 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of September 23rd, 2025, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.


Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Hands Off Our Post Office - Stop the Cuts

WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced drastic cuts to our treasured public post office – eliminating good jobs, ending door-to-door delivery, removing the moratorium protection on post office closures, and changes to delivery standards for the mail.

WHEREAS the Federal Government has done this without meaningful public consultation and has made this decision unilaterally prior to a planned Canada Post Corporation Review from October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected;

WHEREAS thousands of postal jobs will be destroyed and four million households will lose door-to-door delivery, most within next few years;

WHEREAS post office closures could degrade or completely remove service in many communities;

WHEREAS these cuts will hurt seniors and people with disabilities in particular;

WHEREAS it is crucial for the Government and mandate review to hear the views from municipalities on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, keeping daily home mail and parcel delivery to the door, improving postal banking, greening Canada Post, adding EV charging stations, adding food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities to help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure that good jobs stay in their communities and that Canada Post can remain financially self-sustaining;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that (name of municipality) formally writes the Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Joël Lightbound, to:

- Demand an immediate halt to the service cuts, and to look instead for ways to increase services and revenues in other areas, such as those as noted above,
- Demand that no mandate review takes place until Canada Post returns to stabilized operations, and;
- Demand that any review of Canada Post and the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* must be done through a full and thorough transparent public review, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that (name of municipality) will make a written submission and/or participate in hearings to provide input in the upcoming mandate review of Canada Post.

MAILING INFORMATION

1) Please send your resolution to the Minister responsible for Canada Post, and your Member of Parliament:

- Joël Lightbound, Federal Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- Your Member of Parliament

Note: Mail may be sent postage-free to any member of Parliament. You can get your MP's name, phone number and address by going to the Parliament of Canada website at <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>

2) Please send copies of your resolution to:

- Jan Simpson, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3
- Rebecca Bligh, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 24 Clarence St, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 5P3



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August 13, 2025

Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Northern Development
Suite 400
160 Bloor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2E6

Dear Hon. Greg Rickford:

This is Resolution No. 2025-279 which was passed by Council at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Resolution No. 2025-279:

"Whereas the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

And Whereas the program has been well received and has allowed municipalities, such as the City of North Bay, to strategically accumulate multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

And Whereas the City of North Bay recognizes the importance of modern, safe, and efficient infrastructure to support economic growth and industrial competitiveness;

AND WHEREAS the Seymour Street Widening project from Station Road to Wallace Road, including a signalized intersection, is a critical continuation of the intersection improvement at Hwy 11/17 and Seymour Street, directly supporting a high-value industrial zone;

And Whereas this arterial corridor enables key sectors such as mining, forestry, construction, and manufacturing to receive and ship goods efficiently, impacting markets provincially and beyond;

And Whereas the updated total Seymour Street Widening project budget of approx. \$11 million includes contributions from multiple funding programs such as NORDS (\$2 million) and OCIF (\$4,259,448).

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of North Bay strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

And Further Be It Resolved That the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

And Further Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of North Bay formally supports the principle of stacking (accumulating) funding from multiple grant and infrastructure programs to advance strategic capital works, such as the Seymour Street Widening project, and requests continued flexibility from higher levels of government to enable effective financial planning and timely delivery of large-scale municipal infrastructure initiatives;

And Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Development, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, Nipissing MPP Victor Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support."

Yours truly,



Veronique Hie
Deputy City Clerk

VH/ck

cc: Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Natural Resources
Nipissing MPP, Victor Fedeli
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Northern Ontario Municipalities



The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Northern Development
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Re: NORDS Pilot Program

Dear Honourable Greg Rickford,

At its regular meeting held on August 19, 2025, the Council of the Township of Assiginack passed the following resolution expressing support for making the NORDS pilot program permanent:

Resolution #173-08-2025 – R. Maguire – J. Bowerman

WHEREAS the City of North Bay has circulated their letter to the Province requesting the NORDS pilot program to become a permanent funding opportunity for Northern municipalities and to expand the criteria to include agricultural equipment impact on roads;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Assiginack Council agrees and provides their support of this request.

Carried.

The NORDS program provides essential support for maintaining and improving infrastructure that is critical to Northern municipalities. Making this program permanent and expanding its criteria would ensure that rural and agricultural communities can manage the increasing strain on local roads caused by agricultural and heavy equipment.

We respectfully urge the Province to consider making the NORDS program a permanent funding initiative and thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Stasia Carr'.

Stasia Carr
Clerk
Township of Assiginack

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: Price

DATE: 22-Sep-25

SECONDED BY: Klewning

RESOLUTION NO.: 14

Whereas drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

Whereas several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

RECORDED VOTE			DECLARATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT	
			Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.	
Council	Yes	No		
Councillor C. Klewning				
Councillor B. Latham				
Councillor M. MacKinnon				
Councillor R. Noel				
Councillor M. Price				
Councillor B. Tardiff				
Mayor J. Harrison				
TOTALS			Disposition of Resolution (Check One)	
			Carried X	Defeated

MAYOR: Harrison

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9 September 2025

Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Township of Bonnechere Valley
49 Bonnechere Street E
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Dear Mayor Murphy:

As you are aware Remembrance Day is fast approaching. Permission is requested from your council to have members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 353 and a marching contingent from the Canadian Forces Base Petawawa parade from the parking lot of St James Catholic Church to the Royal Canadian Legion located at 57 Veterans Way around 10:30 a.m. on 11 November 2025

I trust that we will have a favorable response to this request.

Yours in comradeship,



Claude Jeannotte
Veteran Service Chairman

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