Correspondence Items Presented for Information
November 30, 2026

1) Correspondence from AMO Re: AMO Board of Directors Vacancies.

2) Correspondence from AMCTO Re: Advocacy Update

   a) MFIPPA Transition Timelines and Our Response to the *Municipality Accountability Act* Regulatory Consultation.

   b) Fall Economic Statement.

   c) Province Announces Strong Chair Appointments.

   d) Provincial Consultations, Code of Conduct, and Digital Governance Standard Institute Revision.

3) Correspondence from the Executive Director, Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team Re: Grey-Bruce Primary Care and Health System Update.

4) Correspondence from the City Clerk, City of Hamilton Re: Request for the Expansion of Ontario's Deposit-Return Program.

5) Correspondence from the Administrative Assistant, Municipality of South Huron Re: OPP 2027 Policing Costs.

6) Correspondence from the Assistant Clerk, Township of Ramara Re:

   a) Request for Transport Canada Review and Amendment of Water Aerodrome Public Consultation Requirements.

   b) Support for Enhanced Municipal and Watershed Representation in the Proposed Regional Conservation Authority Governance Framework.

7) Correspondence from the Town Clerk, Town of Aurora Re: Cannabis Retail Review Task Force – Findings and Recommendations.

8) Correspondence from the Mayor, Town of Gananoque Re: Request for Endorsement – Declaration Against Religious Violence.

9) Correspondence from the Township of North Glengarry Re: Opposition to Project No. 26-017 (Southbridge Cornwall 2).

10) Correspondence from the Clerk, Township of Stone Mills Re: Request to Pause the Current Consultation Process and Extend the Deadline for Municipal Submissions on Bill 140, the *Building Ontario Faster Act*, *2026*.

11) Correspondence from the Township of La Vallee Re: Call for Withdrawal of Schedule 7 of Bill 140, the *Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026*.

12) Correspondence from the Municipality of Red Lake Re: Establishment of Provincial Funding Program for Community Safety and Well-Being Plans.

13) Correspondence from the Clerk, County of Prince Edward Re: Essential Train Services along the Québec City to Windsor Corridor.

14) Correspondence from the Technical Manager, Regulatory Applications, Enbridge Gas Inc. Re: Notice of Hearing for Integrated Resource Planning Framework Update Application.

15) Correspondence from the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses Re: October 2026 Monthly Femicide in Ontario Factsheet.





Now that the 2026 municipal elections are behind us and new Councils are being established, we want to bring an important opportunity for municipal representation and leadership to your attention.

AMO is seeking applications from Council members to fill **10 vacancies on its Board of Directors** across five caucuses:

- **Large Urban Caucus:** 1 position
- **Northern Caucus:** 2 positions from Northeastern Ontario
- **Regional and Single Tier Caucus:** 2 positions
- **Rural Caucus:** 3 positions
- **Small Urban Caucus:** 2 positions

Serving on the AMO Board provides an opportunity to help shape AMO's strategic direction, advocacy priorities and governance on behalf of Ontario's 444 municipalities.

Board members participate in six Board meeting cycles annually, caucus meetings in advance of Board meetings, the annual AMO Conference and, where applicable, additional committees or task forces.

How to Apply

Applicants must submit:

- A completed application form.
- A cover letter outlining their interest, skills and relevant experience.
- A résumé or curriculum vitae.

A Council resolution is not required at the initial application stage. Successful candidates will subsequently be asked to provide a Council resolution supporting their appointment.

The Application Guide, which includes a template Council resolution, and Application Form are available through AMO's website here.

Application Deadline: Friday, December 11, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. ET

Applications must be submitted by email to amoelections@amo.on.ca. Late submissions will not be considered.

Please Bring This Opportunity Forward to Council

We encourage CAOs and Clerks to bring these vacancies forward to an upcoming Council agenda and share the information with interested members of Council.

Strong municipal representation on the AMO Board is essential to ensuring the diverse perspectives and priorities of Ontario's municipalities inform provincial advocacy, policy and decision-making.

With the application deadline approaching, early consideration will help ensure interested candidates have sufficient time to prepare and submit their applications.

Thank you for helping strengthen municipal leadership and representation across Ontario.



Lindsay Jones
Executive Director
AMO

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October 14, 2026

Advocacy Update: MFIPPA Transition Timelines & Our Response to the *Municipal Accountability Act* Regulatory Consultation

MFIPPA Transition Timelines

As a reminder, we have advocated that the government extend the transition deadline for privacy-related changes under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA) beyond January 1, 2027. In response to our request, we recently received a letter from Minister Crawford. While he recognized the challenges of meeting this deadline with respect to available municipal capacity and resource pressures, his message states that he remains committed to implementing the new requirements on January 1, 2027.

While we are disappointed that the timeline was not extended, we remain committed to assisting and supporting members with the transition. As such, we continue to operate a shared resource centre for municipal staff to access templates, procedures, reports, and other materials for guidance. As you develop your own policies and other resources within your organizations, we encourage you to send these to us to make available as part of our shared resource centre. Our goal is for this shared space to be

a one-stop shop for staff to review materials, learn from peers, and adapt items as needed for their own internal organizational use.

The ministry has also released additional guidance to support this transition. Yesterday (October 13), municipal clerks and chief administrative officers should have received a memo from the ministry with PIA guidance and templates. In case you did not receive this information, we will be uploading these items to the shared resource centre—for details on how to access, please complete our intake form below.

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Municipal Accountability Act Regulation Consultation Submission

As a follow-up to our August 26 advocacy update, we submitted formal feedback to the government as part of the Bill 9, *Municipal Accountability Act* regulatory consultation.

Our submission contains a list of recommendations divided into two sections:

1. Administrative and Operational Considerations—containing specific comments about timing, capacity, costs, as well as specific and nuanced operational recommendations for guidance and processes.

Recommendations include:

- The ministry to take the lead in supporting municipal partners by conducting training and paying for integrity commissioner training to avoid each municipality having to independently develop or procure training. This includes:
    - Providing inserts that can be easily added into existing orientation training
    - Specific training modules and/or programs developed by the Province to support consistent implementation
    - Templates and guidance
- The removal of the unanimous voting threshold on declaring a seat vacant (removal threshold).

- Adding more definitions to clarify the regulations, revisiting the application of the Code.
- Reviewing the definition of local boards and how the Code provisions apply to the various types of bodies.
- Requesting the inclusion of specific provisions with respect to the use of corporate resources during election periods.

2. Health, Safety and Well-Being of Municipal Staff and Leaders—containing specific recommendations to improve the regulations within the existing legislative framework to better protect staff.

Recommendations include:

- The inclusion of compliance with corporate policies as part of the Code, including alignment with policies required under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and ensuring complementary investigation processes.
- Additional specificity with respect to harassment of staff, including additional statements describing harassment.
- Ensuring whistleblower protection and allowances for anonymity.

We have also requested guidance and clarity on how strong mayor/chair powers interact with provisions of the Code, given that some (such as commanding staff) may not apply to mayors and chairs (in certain instances). Clarity is also needed on whether strong chairs are bound by the Code of Conduct in the same way as other members and whether they could have their seat declared vacant if criteria and investigation warrant, given they are provincial appointees.

READ THE FULL SUBMISSION

As indicated by the ministry, final regulations will be in place by November 15, 2026. We will monitor the release of these regulations and provide an update on what is included once available.

As always, AMCTO is here for you. Should you have any questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions for how we can support you in navigating these changes, please contact our policy and government relations team.

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Advocacy Update: Fall Economic Statement

Amid ongoing US tariffs, a softening Canadian economy, and affordability concerns for Ontarians, the provincial government released the 2026 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: A Plan to Protect Ontario, also known as the Fall Economic Statement (FES), on October 29. The FES outlines the government's continued efforts to protect workers, businesses, and communities from economic uncertainty while strengthening Ontario's competitiveness. It also sets the fiscal and economic context ahead of the 2027 provincial budget, which is expected to be released in March 2027.

Already in a pre-FES announcement, the government stated its intention to match federal tax breaks for businesses. Ontario will mirror recent federal accelerated write-off measures, including the Productivity Mega Deduction, providing more than $8 billion in additional tax relief over five years. The FES has a few new initiatives for the municipal sector. Most items largely reaffirm previously announced funding commitments and policy directions.

Key Updates for AMCTO Members

- **Municipal Funding:** The Province reports that provincial support to municipalities increased from $7 billion in 2019 to $11.2 billion in 2025.
    - The FES also highlights up to $3.3 billion announced to date through the Development Charge Reduction Program for five municipalities that have reduced Development Charges (DCs), alongside a $1 billion stream for roads, bridges, and water systems in municipalities that do not levy DCs.
    - While provincial support has increased in nominal terms, the FES does not establish whether support has kept up with inflation, population, or the scale of the municipal infrastructure deficit.
- **Property Assessment Reassessment:** The Province confirmed that reassessment remains deferred, with property assessments continuing to be based on January 1, 2016, valuations. No timeline was provided for resuming the cycle, leaving municipalities to manage property tax systems using increasingly outdated assessments as property values change.
- **Education Property Tax Remittances:** Beginning in 2028, the Province proposes to streamline education property tax remittances between municipalities and school boards, with the goal of reducing transactions and administrative costs.
    - Proposed amendments would affect the *Education Act, Municipal Act, 2001, City of Toronto Act, 2006*, and the *Assessment Act*.
    - Municipal treasurers should monitor implementation details, particularly the revised remittance schedule.
- **Centralized Property Assessment Information:** The Province is proposing amendments that would allow the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to establish a centralized online

platform providing public access to selected assessment roll information, with availability expected in mid-2027.

    - The Province will also work with MPAC and municipalities to expand the assessment information available to municipalities.
    - Improved access could reduce administrative demands on municipal offices, depending on the scope of information made available (see next section below for details).

- **Buy Ontario:** The Province is exploring extending the Building Ontario Businesses Initiative (BOBI) to municipalities as part of the Buy Ontario agenda and is currently consulting on the proposed changes.
    - These include requiring municipalities to prioritize Ontario and Canadian goods and services, expanding vehicle procurement requirements, and restricting design specifications that create barriers for domestic suppliers.
    - If implemented, municipalities will need to review existing procurement policies and practices to ensure compliance. Regulatory consultations are open for comment for Fleet Vehicles and Buy Ontario Infrastructure.
- **OMERS Governance and Pension Reform:** The FES also provided an update on implementing the 2025 OMERS governance reforms, including the new OMERS Sponsors Council, and confirmed a framework allowing defined contribution pension assets to be converted into jointly sponsored pension plans by January 1, 2027. As OMERS employers, municipalities have a direct stake in both changes.

Bill 143, *Plan to Protect Ontario (Budget Measures) 2026 (No.2)*

Accompanying the FES, the government introduced Bill 143, Plan to Protect Ontario (Budget Measures) 2026 (No. 2), an omnibus bill proposing amendments to multiple pieces of legislation to implement various budget measures and other policy commitments. The following proposed legislative changes are of particular interest to AMCTO members:

- **Assessment Act (University Student Housing):** Amendments to Subsection 3 (1) would provide for the exemption from school taxation of certain land leased or owned by a university. This would continue to provide residential accommodation for students, while still ensuring these properties remain subject to municipal taxation under certain conditions.
- **Assessment Act (Public Access to Assessment Roll Information):** Amendments would allow MPAC to make assessment roll information available to the public with the ability to impose conditions or restrictions as appropriate. These provisions would apply to assessment rolls returned starting in 2028.
- **Education property tax remittances:** Amendments to the *Assessment Act*, *City of Toronto Act, 2006, Municipal Act, 2001*, and *Education Act* would provide the remittance of education property taxes to the Minister of Finance rather than directly to school boards.
- **Clean Water Act:** Amendments would account for the amalgamation of conservation authorities.
- **Conservation Authorities Act:** Amendments would:
    - Provide for agreements between municipalities participating in a conservation authority regarding the number of members appointed to the authority.
    - Establish a process allowing two or more municipalities to request, through the Minister, that the Lieutenant Governor in Council establish a conservation authority. A municipal council could also request that an authority's area or jurisdiction be enlarged, or that a watershed be removed from its jurisdiction.
    - Provide the Minister with authority to recommend the amalgamation of two or more authorities.
- **Land Transfer Tax Act:** Amendments to Subsection 3(5) of the Act would provide that no land transfer is payable where the only transferee acquiring a beneficial interest in land, or whose beneficial interest in land is increased as a result of the disposition, is the

Crown or a Crown agency within the meaning of the *Crown Agency Act*.

Financial Outlook

Ontario's 2026-2027 deficit is projected to be $16.9 billion, $3.1 billion higher than forecast in the 2026 budget. The government is forecasting deficits of $12.7 billion in 2027-2028 and $6.7 billion in 2028-2029, with a return to a $0.2 billion surplus in 2029-2030 - one year later than projected in the 2026 budget.

Ontario's real GDP is projected to grow 0.5% in 2026 and 1.5% in 2027, down from the budget of 1.0% and 1.7%, respectively. Net debt-to-GDP is forecast at 37.4% in 2026-2027, while the Province's capital plan totals more than $210 billion over the next 10 years.

The combination of a weaker fiscal outlook and limited new municipal sector commitments suggests that municipalities may face continued constraints on new provincial funding ahead of the 2027 budget. Members should monitor whether future provincial investments adequately address the scale and growth of municipal infrastructure needs and plan accordingly.

READ THE FULL STATEMENT & FISCAL REVIEW

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November 11, 2026

Advocacy Update: Province Announces Strong Chair Appointments

Yesterday's announcement of the appointed upper-tier 'strong chairs' continues to raise questions about the neutrality of municipal governance. In our May submission to Government, we highlighted the concerning nature of 'two-hatter' appointments where an appointed chair could also serve as representative at an area municipality.

Appointees include:

- Kevin Ashe, Durham Regional Chair – current and re-elected mayor of Pickering
- Ann Mulvale, Halton Regional Chair – former mayor of Oakville, former AMO president and consultant
- Frank Campion, Niagara Regional Chair – outgoing mayor of Welland
- Nando Iannicca, Peel Regional Chair – current Peel Regional Chair and former Regional Councillor

- Scott Davey, Waterloo Regional Chair – current and re-elected councillor of Kitchener
- Steven Del Duca, York Regional Chair – current and re-elected mayor of Vaughan
- Scott Aitchison, Muskoka District Chair – former MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka and former mayor of Huntsville
- Don McIsaac, Simcoe County Chair – outgoing mayor of Orillia

In the announcement, the Government noted that appointees who are also lower-tier mayors will hold one seat (as chair) on regional council, and the municipality must appoint another representative for regional council. The mayor would continue to serve as mayor on the lower-tier council and fulfill the duties of both roles.

There is no word yet as to whether these chairs will receive mandate letters, like those received by Cabinet ministers, which would set out provincial expectation and direction. In Ontario, Cabinet mandate letters have not been shared since 2018.

We remain concerned about the expansion of strong mayor powers to upper-tier chairs, and the impact this will have on municipal staff and good municipal governance. For affected members and municipal staff, we remain committed to support you as you navigate these changes. We continue to offer information within our strong mayor shared resource centre, including regular drop-in meetings to discuss and help you work through implementation. As you develop your own policies and processes, we encourage you to share those with us to upload to the centre. For details on how to access, please complete our intake form below.

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For more information or questions, please contact our policy and government relations team.

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November 18, 2026

Advocacy Update: Provincial Consultations, Code of Conduct and Digital Governance Standard Institute Revision

There have been several updates over the past week, so this update is a bit longer than usual and will cover:

- Consultation on Marriage Act & Change of Name Act
- Code of Conduct
- Digital Governance Standards Institute Revision

Consultation on *Marriage Act* & *Change of Name Act*

The Province is consulting on areas for potential amendments to the Marriage Act and Change of Name Act. Municipal clerks may have received a survey from the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement (MPBSDP) in September making inquiries about similar topics.

The amendments being considered are meant to improve service delivery and align Ontario with processes and legislation consistent with other Canadian jurisdictions. As issuers of marriage licenses, solemnizers of wedding ceremonies, and as Commissioner of Oaths, the proposed changes would impact clerks' duties.

Below is a summary of the consultation and, where available, our initial assessment.

Marriage Act

1. Publication of banns

- The ministry is contemplating two options to change the current process related to the publication of banns.
    - Option 1: Require a statutory declaration in the publication of banns process, which would require a statutory declaration signed in the presence of a commissioner for taking affidavits (among other things). This change would potentially increase commissioning services that municipalities provide.
    - Option 2: Require that every couple obtain a marriage licence from a municipality that issues marriage licences and pay the required fee. Banns could still be published; however, they would not replace a marriage licence, and religious organizations would no longer be required to provide banns documentation. This would potentially increase the number of marriage licence applications authorized municipalities receive.

2. Authorize civil marriage commissioners

The ministry is considering making changes to allow civil marriage commissioners, which would potentially create opportunities for interested members of the public to be authorized to perform civil marriages. This could increase competition for marriage solemnization services, reducing the number of ceremonies municipalities provide.

3. Remove the requirement to publish marriage officiants in Ontario Gazette

The ministry is considering eliminating the requirement for marriage officiant registration/cancellation information to be published in The Ontario Gazette, but would continue to publish an up-to-date list of all registered marriage officiants in the Open Data Catalogue.

4. Foreign Divorce Authorization (FDA)

The ministry is exploring the potential impacts of replacing the existing requirement for provincial authorization of foreign divorces with document review conducted during municipal marriage licence issuance to streamline the application process. Possible impacts to municipalities include:

- The potential download of responsibility to municipalities
- While it’s noted that Ontario is a jurisdiction that has a separate FDA process, in other jurisdictions the issuer is the province or a provincial agency. In provinces that have downloaded this responsibility to an issuer, it is a high-cost, high-risk endeavour borne by the issuer. It also increases administrative and operational burden.
- Municipalities do not have the translation or legal capacity to understand and analyze foreign documentation. It would be difficult to recognize the validity of such documents as opposed to other forms of identification that are more widely known. This includes financial capacity to pay for additional services.
- The potential decentralization of the management of the FDA process comes with the risk of applicants 'shopping around' municipalities.
- It is unclear how this new process would be integrated with the marriage modernization project that streamlines marriage licence applications through a portal.

Change of Name Act

1. Guarantor requirement

The ministry is considering removing the requirement for a guarantor to prove a name change applicant's length of residency. In lieu of this requirement, alternative evidence (e.g., utility bills, income tax assessment, vehicle insurance, rental agreement/mortgage statements) would be requested to prove residency in Ontario, similar to other Canadian jurisdictions.

2. Residency requirement

The ministry is seeking feedback on a proposal to reduce the 12-month residency requirement to three months, which aligns with most other Canadian jurisdictions.

Next Steps

The consultation closes on **January 8, 2027**. We understand that there may be an information session on this in the near future. We will keep members updated via the policy blog.

We intend to make a submission given the potential impacts on members. While the consultation scope is limited to the above, we also want to hear from members about what other opportunities exist to improve marriage license service delivery, including the challenges you continue to face, opportunities to streamline and improve legislation or regulations, etc. We would appreciate any feedback you may have. **Please email us your ideas and concerns to help inform our submission by Friday, December 4.**

SUBMIT FEEDBACK

Code of Conduct

We understand that the standardized code of conduct framework did not come into effect on November 15, 2026, as additional time is needed to undertake further analysis and due diligence in support of government

decision-making. Existing municipal codes of conduct will continue to apply until future regulations are filed. We will continue to keep you updated on this as we know more.

Digital Governance Standards Institute Revision

The Digital Governance Standards Institute (DGSI) has revised another standard: CAN/DGSI 111-1, Online Voting – Part 1: Implementation of Online Voting in Canadian Municipal Elections. Updates include best practices for implementing online voting in municipal elections and technical design requirements for online voting services. While these standards are voluntary and follow a series of other revisions, members may find it useful to reexamine election management procedures and processes to align with these standards.

READ THE FULL NOTICE

As always, we encourage you to stay up to date on our other policy news and analysis via our policy blog and to contact us with any feedback, questions, or concerns.

MEMO

Grey-Bruce OHT

To: Clerks, Grey County Municipalities

From: Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team

Date: September 28, 2026

Re: Grey-Bruce Primary Care and Health System Update

About the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team

The Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team (GBOHT) brings together hospitals, primary care providers, community health and social care organizations, and other partners to improve how healthcare is delivered across the region. We collaborate with patients, families, caregivers, and the community to design better ways of delivering care. By working across organizations, the GBOHT focuses on improving access to primary care, strengthening coordination between services, and supporting the long-term health needs of people in Grey-Bruce. To learn more about the GBOHT, including its governance, priorities and community resources, please visit www.greybruceoht.ca.

2025-2026 Grey-Bruce OHT Year in Review

The Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team (GBOHT) is pleased to share our 2025–2026 Year in Review, highlighting the progress made over the past year through partnership, collaboration and a shared commitment to improving health and care across Grey-Bruce.

Throughout 2025–2026, the GBOHT focused its work around three strategic priorities: Primary Care Access and Attachment, Integrated Clinical Priorities, and OHT Capacity Building. Working alongside primary care providers, hospitals, health and social service organizations, municipalities, Indigenous partners and community organizations, we continued to improve access to care, strengthen coordination across the health system and advance health equity. Among the year's highlights:

- More than 7,000 residents were attached to local primary care, and 97% of patients on the pre-January 1, 2025 Health Care Connect waitlist had been removed from the waitlist by March 31, 2026.
- More than $7 million in base funding for team-based primary care was secured through Interprofessional Primary Care Team (IPCT) funding.
- 900 patients were supported through the GBOHT Supported Attachment Program.
- Best Care services for people living with COPD and CHF expanded to five additional sites across Grey Bruce, including communities without previous access to team-based care.
- The Palliative Care Nurse Navigator Remote Care Monitoring Program expanded to additional sites on the North and South Bruce Peninsula.

These accomplishments reflect the collective efforts of partners throughout Grey-Bruce, and demonstrate the impact of working together to address local health system priorities.

The 2025-2026 GBOHT Year in Review can be found attached to this email.

Advancing Health System Priorities Across Grey-Bruce

Building on this progress, the GBOHT continues to work alongside partners across the region on initiatives designed to improve access to care, strengthen coordination and integration, and support a more connected and equitable health system.

Current work spans a wide range of priorities, including primary care access and attachment, palliative care, chronic disease management, mental health and addictions, older adult care, digital health solutions, health equity, and patient, family and caregiver engagement.

These priorities reflect the shared commitment of partners across Grey-Bruce to improve access, strengthen collaboration, and support better health outcomes for residents. Visit the Grey-Bruce OHT 2026-2027 Initiatives Webpage

Continuing Our Partnership with Municipalities

Municipalities are important partners in building healthier, thriving communities across Grey-Bruce. Access to primary care and other health services is closely connected to broader community priorities, including population growth, economic development, workforce attraction and retention, and healthcare recruitment.

Municipalities bring valuable local knowledge and perspective to these conversations. In addition to supporting physician and nurse practitioner recruitment and retention efforts, municipal partners help connect residents with health information, identify emerging community needs and contribute to collaborative approaches that strengthen our communities and region.

The GBOHT remains committed to keeping municipal leaders informed about health system priorities and creating opportunities for ongoing dialogue and collaboration. By bringing together municipalities, healthcare providers and community partners around shared priorities, we can continue to identify solutions that respond to local needs while strengthening healthcare across Grey-Bruce.

We appreciate the continued support and collaboration of our municipal partners and look forward to continuing this important work together. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the GBOHT or the work underway across Grey-Bruce, we would be pleased to connect.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Johnston
Executive Director
Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team
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Grey-Bruce OHT

YEAR IN REVIEW

2025-2026

Working toward a better healthcare experience for you close to home.



Grey-Bruce OHT

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The 2025-2026 fiscal year was another successful and productive year for the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team. Through partnership, collaboration and a shared commitment to improving care, we continued to make meaningful progress across our local health system.

Throughout the year, we focused on improving access to primary care, strengthening the coordination and integration of services, advancing health equity and building stronger relationships across Grey Bruce.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our OHT staff team and leadership, including Dr. Kelly Fenn, Dr. Libby Cox, Dr. Debbie Dyke, Dana Howes, Kathy Irwin, Nichol Cruise and Kate Barnard, for their leadership, expertise and continued commitment.

I would also like to recognize the members of our Primary Care Network Board and Coordinating Council, as well as the many physicians, nurse practitioners, health and social service organizations, municipalities and community partners who contributed to this work.

The accomplishments highlighted in this report demonstrate what is possible when we work together with a shared purpose.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to improving health care for everyone living in Grey Bruce.

Lindsay Johnston

Lindsay Johnston
Executive Director
Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team

THANK YOU TO OUR GBOHT STAFF TEAM & LEADERSHIP

PCN Board Members

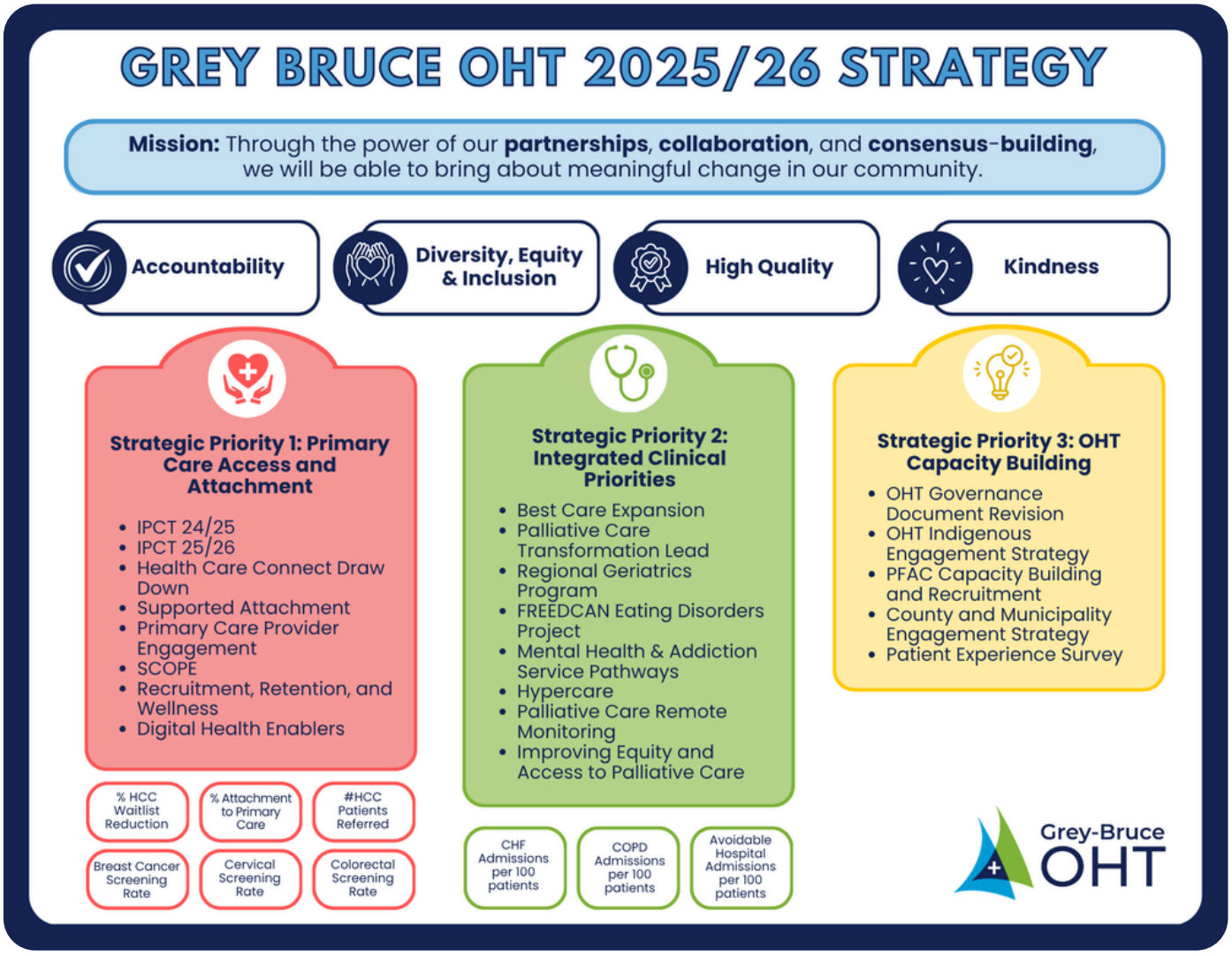
Coordinating Council Members

All health, social service and community partners

2025-2026
GBOHT YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2025-2026 fiscal year was marked by meaningful progress and strong collaboration across the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team. Working alongside health care, social service, municipal and community partners, the GBOHT continued to improve access to care, strengthen system coordination and build a more connected, equitable and responsive local health system.

The following strategy reflects our shared vision for a healthier Grey Bruce.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1

PRIMARY CARE ACCESS AND ATTACHMENT

OUR GOALS

- Expand access to team-based primary care.
- Design and implement a program that supports primary care providers to attach more patients.
- Clear the pre-January 1, 2025 Health Care Connect waitlist.
- Increase physician and nurse practitioner engagement across the GBOHT Primary Care Network.

PROGRESS IN 2025-2026

- Facilitated the writing and submission of five successful IPCT proposals
- Supported implementation of all Round 1 proposals (Round 2 approved in Apr 2026).
- Developed and implemented the GBOHT Supported Attachment Program, available to all medical clinics in Grey Bruce.
- Supported physicians to attach new patients and reduced the pre-Jan 1, 2025 Health Care Connect waitlist by more than 90%.
- Hosted two Continuing Medical Education events for local physicians and nurse practitioners.
- Reduced administrative burden for local primary care organizations, physicians and nurse practitioners through digital enablers, custom forms and EMR efficiencies.
- Initiated the inaugural Primary Care Network Board to strengthen PCP voice in health system change.
- Supported a regional collaborative approach to Primary Care Provider recruitment, retention and wellness.

BY THE NUMBERS

7000+

Residents attached to local primary care (89% have a family physician or NP).

5,211 (97%)

Patients removed from the pre-January 1, 2025 Health Care Connect waitlist as of March 31, 2026.

$7 MILLION+

In base funding for team-based primary care secured through IPCT funding.

900

Patients supported through the GBOHT Supported Attachment Program.

80+

Custom EMR and OCEAN forms and 46 privacy compliant web-based form created.

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Regional recruitment webpage developed collaboratively with the Grey Bruce Primary Care Recruitment, Retention and Wellness Collaborative.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2

INTEGRATED CLINICAL PRIORITIES

OUR GOALS

- Advance community-based care for individuals at risk or living with chronic disease to support primary care and reduce hospital use.
- Collaborate with regional partners to create initiatives geared towards improving quality and integration of care for local populations including: palliative care, older adults and mental health and addictions.

BY THE NUMBERS

900

Grey Bruce patients with COPD or CHF enrolled or impacted by Best Care service implementation and expansion.

98

Patients served through the Palliative Care Nurse Navigator Remote Care Monitoring Program.

PROGRESS IN 2025-2026

- Supported increased capacity of Best Care (COPD and CHF) HSP from 1.0 FTE to 2.0 FTE.
- Expanded Best Care to five additional sites in Grey Bruce, including sites without previous access to team-based care.
- Initiated and continued facilitation of the Mental Health and Addictions Service Delivery Working Group, a working group of the Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addictions Network.
- Expanded the Remote Care Monitoring (RCM) Palliative Care Nurse Navigator Program to additional sites on the North and South Bruce Peninsula and to support the Grey Bruce Palliative Medicine Group.
- Initiated and continued support of the Primary Geriatrics Project.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3

OHT CAPACITY BUILDING

OUR GOALS

- Strengthen patient, family and caregiver representation at decision-making tables.
- Strengthen Indigenous partnerships and support reconciliation.
- Build strong communication pathways between the GBOHT, Grey and Bruce Counties, municipalities of Grey and Bruce, provincial elected officials, community focused corporate partners, and additional health and social service organizations.
- Embed health equity and inclusion in all OHT initiatives.

BY THE NUMBERS

66% Average newsletter open rate for all FY 2025-2026 newsletters.

200 Vulnerable and marginalized unattached patients successfully attached to a primary care provider through the Primary Care Without Walls Initiative.

300 Patients enrolled during fiscal year 2025-2026 at Noongwa Wellness IPHCO.

44 Patients with 480 encounters served through the IEAPC Program.

PROGRESS IN 2025-2026

Annual GBOHT OHT Communication Plan developed and implemented. Plan includes:

- Quarterly OHT Partner Newsletter
- Quarterly OHT Primary Care Network Newsletter
- Quarterly Community Newsletter
- Quarterly Municipal Updates (also shared with County Councils, Staff, and local MPPs)

New Indigenous Primary Health Care Organization (IPHCO) established in Nawash Unceded First Nation.

Indigenous Primary Care Provider seat filled on the Primary Care Network (PCN) Board (Leadership and Decision Making Table).

Community Council seat filled on the OHT Coordinating Council (Leadership and Decision Making Table).

Implemented the Improving Equity and Access to Palliative Care (EAPC) Navigator role, serving Indigenous, homeless, and vulnerably housed populations in Grey Bruce.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

The progress highlighted throughout this report was made possible through the dedication, expertise and collaboration of many.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our partner organizations, physicians, nurse practitioners, hospitals, health and social service providers, Indigenous partners, municipalities, elected officials, patients, families, caregivers and community organizations.

Your continued commitment, leadership and willingness to work together strengthen our local health system and support better care for the people and communities we collectively serve.

Together, we are building a healthier Grey Bruce.

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LOOKING AHEAD TOGETHER



The 2025-2026 year strengthened our partnerships, expanded access to care and advanced important health system priorities.

As we look ahead, the GBOHT remains committed to building a more connected, equitable and responsive health system that reflects the needs and values of the people and communities we serve.

We will continue to work together with our partners, providers and communities to create lasting improvements and better health outcomes for everyone in Grey Bruce.

Thank you for being part of this important work.

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COLLABORATION
We achieve more when we work together.

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September 24, 2026

Re: Request for the Expansion of Ontario's Deposit-Return Program

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, passed the following resolution that was included in the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting from August 31, 2026:

10.2 Request for the Expansion of Ontario's Deposit-Return Program

(Cassar/Hwang)
WHEREAS, Ontario operates a successful deposit-return system for alcohol, seeing an average of 75 percent of all empties returned to Beer Stores each year, and deposit-return provides a consumer incentive to consciously recycle;

WHEREAS, Ontario has the lowest beverage container recovery rate in Canada—at roughly 50% of containers being recycled, and is one of only two provinces in Canada without a deposit-return program for non-alcoholic beverages;

WHEREAS, on average these systems in other provinces achieve a recovery rate of 75% for plastic bottles and 78% for all beverage containers, with Alberta achieving 83% recovery;

WHEREAS, Ontario relies on a residential-only blue box system to collect non-alcoholic containers;

WHEREAS, as much as 30% of beverage products that consumers purchase are consumed away from home and therefore disposed of in public and commercial trash bins and then sent to landfill where those valuable materials are lost;

WHEREAS, according to the Canadian Beverage Association (CBA), recent polling suggests 80% of Ontarians want a deposit-return system and the Ontario government proposed expanding the deposit return program to include non-alcoholic containers in 2023;

WHEREAS, not only do deposit-return systems have high return rates for consumers at home, they also retrieve beverage containers from industrial, commercial and institutional sectors who are incentivized to redeem the deposit value;

WHEREAS, Ontario is uniquely positioned to accelerate the modernization of beverage container recycling since a deposit-return program for alcohol containers, managed by the Beer Store, already exists and could be leveraged for this purpose;

WHEREAS, time is of the essence as Beer Stores are closing, reducing accessibility to locations already outfitted to return beverage containers, and diminishing collection capacity;

WHEREAS, the Government has set 2030 recovery targets, as outlined in Ontario Regulation 391/21 under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016. These targets include an 80% recovery target for non-alcoholic beverage containers;

WHEREAS, without a deposit-return system, the increased costs to producers could be passed on to consumers;

WHEREAS, AMO "supports broader industry efforts to increase waste diversion rates. This includes industry efforts to establish a model for an expanded and more effective Deposit Return System that includes non-alcoholic beverage containers. A workable solution to reform the existing Deposit Return System will help boost the province's beverage recovery rate and support overall diversion of recycling materials away from landfills.";

WHEREAS, the Canadian Beverage Association is in full support of a deposit-return system because according to the CBA the transition to Circular Materials has not resulted in an increase in materials being recycled, and a deposit-return system promotes higher recycling rates, reduces litter and environmental impact, and helps ensure valuable beverage containers are collected, recycled, and reintegrated into a circular economy; and

WHEREAS, Peel Region, City of Toronto, City of Ottawa, the City of Waterloo and Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (of which Hamilton is a member) have passed recent motions supporting deposit-return for non-alcoholic beverages.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the Corporation of the City of Hamilton urges the province of Ontario to immediately implement a deposit-return program to manage non-alcoholic beverage containers; and

(b) That this resolution will **be distributed** to: the Canadian Minister of Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy, Dominic LeBlanc, the Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Julie Dabrusin, the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Victor Fedeli; the Ontario Minister of the Environment,

Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, Hamilton-area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,



Matthew Trennum
City Clerk

Cc. Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy
Hon. Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
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September 25, 2026

Via email; doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier Doug Ford
Room 281
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RE: OPP 2027 Policing Costs

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their September 21, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

Motion: 367-2026
Moved: W. McLeod-Haggitt
Seconded: T. Oke

Whereas the Municipality of South Huron is policed by the Ontario Provincial Police and has budgeted $2,140,181 for its 2026 annual OPP policing contract; and Whereas this represents approximately 15% of South Huron's 2026 tax levy supported operating costs; and

Whereas the Municipality has received correspondence dated August 14, 2026 from the Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General, advising that for the 2027 calendar year no OPP-policed municipality will experience an increase of more than 11% in its total amount payable for OPP policing compared with 2026, excluding services separately acquired through an agreement with the OPP; and

Whereas a projected increase of 11% in 2027 would result in an additional municipal cost of up to $235,420 increasing South Huron's annual OPP cost to as much as $2,375,601; and

Whereas this projected increase in 2027 would result in annual OPP policing costs changing significantly over the past two years, with total costs rising from 2025 to 2027 by approximately $447,510, or 23%, placing sustained pressure on the Municipality's property tax supported operating budget; and

Whereas municipalities must balance legislated infrastructure, service-delivery, affordability and fiscal-responsibility obligations, while having limited revenue tools and a primary reliance on property taxation;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of South Huron:

1. **Acknowledges the Province of Ontario's action to limit the 2027 OPP municipal policing cost increase to no more than 11%;**

2. **Expresses concern that an increase of up to 11% in a single year remains significant for small and rural municipalities and is not, by itself, a sustainable long-term solution;**

3. **Requests that the Province of Ontario establish a permanent, transparent and sustainable multi-year framework for OPP municipal policing costs that :**

- **includes a reasonable and predictable maximum annual increase in municipal OPP policing costs, taking into consideration municipal revenue growth, inflation, assessment growth, population growth, fiscal capacity and the affordability impacts on local property taxpayers, including cost of living; and,**
- **that municipalities receive a clear and itemized annual explanation of changes to their OPP policing costs, including, where applicable, changes attributable to staffing levels, salaries, benefits, calls for service, time standards, fleet, accommodation, support services, detachment administration and other provincial cost allocations; and**
- **that the permanent framework recognize the limited fiscal capacity of small, rural and OPP-policed municipalities and ensure that municipal policing cost increases do not disproportionately affect property taxpayers or compromise the municipality's ability to deliver other essential services and infrastructure; and**
- **that the Province recognize that municipalities have limited ability to control policing costs arising from provincial legislation, regulatory, staffing, compensation, collective bargaining, operational or policy decisions and that the Province provide appropriate provincial funding or cost-sharing where significant policing cost pressures arise primarily from such provincial decisions; and**

4. **that this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario; the Solicitor General; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MPP Lisa Thompson; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; all Ontario municipalities policed by the OPP; and the Huron OPP Detachment Board.**

Disposition: Carried

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Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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Encl.

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Staff Memo

To: South Huron Council

From: Rebekah Msuya-Collison, CAO

Date: September 21, 2026

Re: 2027 OPP Policing Costs – Request for Resolution expressing Concerns

Purpose:
For information and consideration.

Background and Analysis:

Council received correspondence from the Ministry of Solicitor General at the September 8, 2026 Council meeting regarding the 2027 OPP Municipal Policing Costs. Council passed the following resolution:

> "**That a staff memo be brought back to the September 21, 2026 Council meeting with a proposed resolution regarding concerns to the proposed increase in OPP municipal policing costs."**

Please see attached draft resolution regarding concerns to the proposed increase in OPP municipal policing costs.

Link to Correspondence - Ministry of Solicitor General - 2027 OPP Municipal Policing Costs

Resolution: Sustainable and Predictable OPP Municipal Policing Costs

Whereas the Municipality of South Huron is policed by the Ontario Provincial Police and has budgeted $2,140,181 for its 2026 annual OPP policing contract; and

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2. Expresses concern that an increase of up to 11% in a single year remains significant for small and rural municipalities and is not, by itself, a sustainable long-term solution;
3. Requests that the Province of Ontario establish a permanent, transparent and sustainable multi-year framework for OPP municipal policing costs that:
    - limits year-over-year municipal cost increases to a level aligned with municipal revenue growth and affordability;
    - clearly identifies the cost drivers behind annual changes, including salaries, benefits, fleet, accommodation, detachment administration, calls for service and other provincial cost allocations;

- recognizes the limited fiscal capacity of small, rural and OPP-policed municipalities; and
- considers enhanced provincial funding or cost-sharing for provincially directed policing cost pressures;

4. Directs that this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario; the Solicitor General; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MPP Lisa Thompson; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; all Ontario municipalities policed by the OPP; and the Huron OPP Detachment Board.

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October 2, 2026

Via Email

Transport Canada
Hon. Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport
Adam Chambers, MP Simcoe North

Re: Request for Transport Canada Review and Amendment of Water Aerodrome Public Consultation Requirements

At its meeting held on September 28, 2026, the Council of the Township of Ramara adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number CR.234.2026
Moved by Dana Tuju
Seconded by Sherri Bell

WHEREAS the Aeronautics Act defines an aerodrome as any area of land water (including frozen surfaces thereof), or other supporting surface used, designed, prepared, equipped, or set apart for use either in whole or in part for the arrival, departure, movement, or servicing of aircraft and includes any buildings, installations, and equipment situated thereon or associated therewith;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada's public consultation framework for the establishment and operation of aerodromes, as reflected in Canadian Aviation Regulation 307, recognizes the importance of public interest considerations, including compatibility with surrounding land uses, community impacts, and aviation safety;

AND WHEREAS the current regulatory framework expressly excludes water aerodromes from certain public consultation requirements that apply to land aerodromes;

AND WHEREAS the impacts associated with aerodrome operations, including aviation safety, noise, environmental considerations, compatibility with existing land and water uses, and community well-being, are equally relevant to water aerodromes and may, in some circumstances, be more significant due to the shared use of waterways by residents, recreational users, commercial operators, and emergency services;

AND WHEREAS municipalities possess critical local knowledge regarding land use planning, navigation patterns, environmental constraints, recreation, tourism, community safety, and potential conflicts with existing transportation infrastructure that may not otherwise be available during federal decision-making processes;

AND WHEREAS a regulatory framework that requires public consultation for land aerodromes but not water aerodromes creates an inconsistency that may limit opportunities for affected municipalities, Indigenous communities, interest-holders, and residents to provide meaningful input regarding proposed aviation operations within their communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should have a formal opportunity to identify potential safety concerns, including conflicts between proposed water aerodrome operations and established aircraft flight paths, existing airport traffic circuits, heavily used waterways, and other local operational considerations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Ramara respectfully requests that Transport Canada undertake a review of the consultation requirements contained within Canadian Aviation Regulation 307 and related policies and guidance documents respecting the exclusion of water aerodromes from public consultation requirements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Transport Canada be requested to amend the applicable regulations and policies to require an appropriate public consultation process for the establishment or significant expansion of water aerodromes, particularly where commercial operations are proposed or where there may be impacts on surrounding communities, public safety, navigation, or existing aviation infrastructure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Transport Canada be requested to ensure that municipalities, Indigenous communities, airport authorities, conservation authorities where appropriate, and affected interest-holders receive meaningful notice and opportunity to comment on proposed water aerodrome developments before operational approvals or registrations are finalized;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ramara requests that the federal government recognize the importance of municipal input in assessing the suitability of water aerodrome locations and the potential cumulative impacts of aviation activity on local communities and waterways;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- Transport Canada;
- The Honourable Minister of Transport;
- The local Member of Parliament;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA);
- All Ontario municipalities; and
- The Chippewas of Rama First Nation.

CARRIED.

The Township of Ramara respectfully requests your consideration and support of the enclosed resolution, which calls upon Transport Canada to review the current regulatory framework governing water aerodromes and establish appropriate public consultation requirements to ensure meaningful municipal, Indigenous, stakeholder, and public input.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Harrington
Assistant Clerk

Cc. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA)
The Chippewas of Rama First Nation

Bcc. All Ontario Municipalities

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October 2, 2026

Via Email

Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North

Re: Support for Enhanced Municipal and Watershed Representation in the Proposed Regional Conservation Authority Governance Framework

At its meeting held on September 28, 2026, the Council of the Township of Ramara adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number CR.238.2026
Moved by Dana Tuju
Seconded by Joe Gough

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed the consolidation of Ontario's existing conservation authorities into nine Regional Conservation Authorities (RCA), with a proposed transition date of February 1, 2027, or such later date as may be prescribed;

AND WHEREAS Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting No. 026-0740 proposed regulations respecting the method for determining the number of members appointed by participating municipalities to RCAs and additional eligibility criteria for appointments to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA);

AND WHEREAS under the proposed governance framework, upper-tier and single-tier municipalities will be responsible for appointing members to RCAs, resulting in lower-tier municipalities no longer having the ability to directly appoint representatives to the governing board;

AND WHEREAS lower-tier municipalities continue to have a direct and significant interest in the programs, services, land use planning matters, natural hazard management, environmental protection and other responsibilities undertaken by conservation authorities within their communities;

AND WHEREAS meaningful local and watershed-based representation will be essential to ensuring that local municipal priorities, knowledge and watershed-specific considerations continue to inform decision-making within the new RCA structure;

AND WHEREAS the geographic size of the proposed RCAs further emphasizes the importance of ensuring that appointed Board members have a meaningful connection to the watershed they are responsible for governing;

AND WHEREAS there remains a need for additional information and guidance respecting several significant aspects of the proposed transition and future operation of the RCAs, including the governance framework, member recruitment and eligibility, travel and time commitments, budgeting, financial responsibility and the future apportionment and payment of conservation authority levies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara supports continued consultation with municipalities and existing local Conservations Authorities on the development and implementation of the new RCA governance framework;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to ensure that any individual appointed to a RCA Board of Directors reside within the applicable watershed of the RCA to which they are appointed, in order to ensure that Board members have a direct and meaningful connection to the communities, municipalities and watershed they are responsible for governing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the future regulations establishing the composition, role, and operation of Watershed Advisory Committees provide meaningful opportunities for lower-tier municipal representation and participation, recognizing that lower-tier municipalities will no longer directly appoint members to RCA Boards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be requested to reconsider the proposed eligibility restrictions for the OPCA Board in order to establish a meaningful connection between the RCAs and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, including consideration of providing for at least one representative from each RCA on the OPCA Board, or another formal mechanism to ensure direct communication and coordination between the two levels of governance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be requested to provide clear guidance to upper-tier and lower-tier municipalities respecting the recruitment and appointment of RCA Board members, including eligibility criteria, desired qualifications and expertise, expected roles and responsibilities, anticipated meeting frequency, travel requirements, and the time commitment associated with serving on the larger regional authorities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be requested to provide municipalities with additional information regarding the financial and operational implications of the consolidation, including how RCA budgets will be developed and approved, how municipal levies and apportionment will be determined and collected, whether upper-tier and single-tier municipalities will assume responsibility for levy payments on behalf of lower-tier municipalities, and how costs and financial obligations will be allocated throughout the transition and ongoing operation of the new RCAs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be encouraged to provide this information as soon as possible to allow municipalities sufficient time to understand the governance, operational and financial implications of the new model and to prepare for implementation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; Conservation Ontario; Simcoe North MPP Jill Dunlop; the County of Simcoe; all Ontario municipalities; the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority (LSRCA); and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA).

CARRIED.

The Township of Ramara respectfully requests your consideration of the enclosed resolution and encourages support for the continued involvement of municipalities and conservation authorities in the development and implementation of the proposed Regional Conservation Authority governance framework. The Township further believes that meaningful watershed-based representation, opportunities for lower-tier municipal participation, and greater clarity regarding governance and financial implications will be essential to the successful transition to the new model.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Harrington
Assistant Clerk

Cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Conservation Ontario
County of Simcoe
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September 30, 2026

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Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 22, 2026
Report No. CS26-022 - Cannabis Retail Review Task Force - Findings and Recommendations

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 22, 2026, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

1. **That Report No. CS26-022 be received; and**
2. **That the Local Actions set out in the Recommendations section of the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be implemented; and**
3. **That the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be circulated to York Regional Police, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario for consideration and support.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,

Anne Kantharajah

Anne Kantharajah
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachments (Council meeting extract and final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force)

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Council Meeting Extract

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 8, 2026

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 8, 2026, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.4.1, 8.4.2, and 8.9.1, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.4 Corporate Services Committee Agenda

8.4.4 CS26-022 - Cannabis Retail Review Task Force - Findings and Recommendations

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2. That the Local Actions set out in the Recommendations section of the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be implemented; and
3. That the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be circulated to York Regional Police, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario for consideration and support.

Carried

Attachment 1 to Report No. CS26-022

Cannabis Retail Review Task Force

Final Findings and Recommendations

August 27, 2026

1. Purpose

The Cannabis Retail Review Task Force was established by Council to review the Town of Aurora's experience since opting in to Ontario's retail cannabis framework and to report back to Council with findings and recommendations.

The Task Force reviewed the provincial regulatory framework, previous Council decisions and reports, information from Town staff and York Regional Police, enforcement and complaint information, community concerns, the experience of neighbouring residents and businesses, and feedback received through the 2026 Cannabis Retail Review Survey.

The Task Force recognizes that legal cannabis retailers are legitimate businesses operating within a provincially regulated framework. The purpose of this review is not to reconsider the legalization of cannabis or Aurora's decision to opt in, but to determine what has been learned from Aurora's experience and identify opportunities to better address community impacts.

2. Background

Aurora Council opted in to permit private cannabis retail stores on January 21, 2019.

At the same time, Council recognized potential concerns regarding the location and concentration of cannabis retail stores and requested that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario consider additional location restrictions.

Specifically, Council requested:

- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores; and
- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores and specified sensitive uses, including daycares, nurseries, parks, group homes, addiction and

counselling facilities, recreation facilities, the Aurora Public Library, Town Hall and similar public gathering uses.

Despite Council's request, these additional criteria were not adopted by the AGCO.

The Province currently requires a 150-metre separation from schools and private schools. Municipalities do not have authority to license private cannabis retailers or regulate cannabis retail as a separate land use. Cannabis stores are otherwise subject to the same applicable municipal zoning requirements as other permitted retail uses.

The Town's 2023 Retail Cannabis Update subsequently confirmed that the number or proximity of cannabis stores is not an objectionable criterion under the provincial framework and that municipalities have no control over their locations beyond the zoning requirements applicable to retail uses generally.

3. Community Survey

Council authorized a Cannabis Retail Review Survey to provide the Task Force with current community feedback.

The survey was conducted from July 14 to August 9, 2026 and was promoted through Town communication channels.

The survey received:

- 479 visits; and
- 154 completed responses.

The survey should be considered an important source of community feedback rather than a statistically representative referendum of all Aurora residents.

Overall, the survey indicates that the principal concern among respondents is not simply the existence of legal cannabis retail stores. Concerns are more strongly associated with:

- The number of cannabis retail stores;
- Concentration and clustering;
- Store locations;
- Proximity to sensitive uses;

- Youth exposure; and
- Neighbourhood impacts.

The Task Force also recognizes that a segment of respondents supports cannabis retail and considers these businesses legitimate and appropriately regulated retail operations.

These results generally reinforce the location and concentration concerns identified by Aurora Council when it opted in to cannabis retail in 2019.

4. Task Force Findings

Finding 1: Cannabis retail has not created a significant town-wide enforcement problem

The available information does not demonstrate widespread public safety, crime or municipal enforcement problems associated with cannabis retail stores across Aurora.

Town staff have historically reported relatively few complaints associated with legal cannabis retailers, and proactive By-law inspections conducted in March 2026 did not identify violations.

The Task Force therefore does not find evidence supporting a conclusion that cannabis retail stores, as a class of business, represent a significant town-wide enforcement problem.

Finding 2: Town-wide statistics do not necessarily reflect localized impacts

While aggregate complaint and enforcement numbers are relatively low, the Task Force heard concerns regarding impacts experienced by residents and businesses neighbouring certain cannabis retail locations.

Issues identified during the Task Force's work included:

- Litter and discarded cannabis packaging;

- Parking;
- Signage;
- Patron behaviour;
- Loitering or prolonged gathering;
- Neighbourhood compatibility; and
- Other nuisance and quality-of-life concerns.

The Task Force finds that a relatively small number of locations can generate significant impacts for immediate neighbours without producing large town-wide complaint statistics.

Accordingly, aggregate complaint data should not be the sole measure used to determine whether a localized problem exists.

Finding 3: Location and concentration are central concerns

The Task Force finds that one of the most consistent concerns is the location and concentration of cannabis retail stores rather than the existence of legal cannabis retail itself.

This finding is reinforced by the 2026 community survey, which identified the perceived number, concentration and location of stores as primary concerns.

The existing provincial framework provides Aurora with little ability to address these concerns.

Finding 4: Aurora anticipated these concerns in 2019

The Task Force finds it significant that Aurora Council identified location and concentration as potential concerns before cannabis retail stores began operating in the Town.

Council's 2019 request for:

- 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores; and
- 150-metre separation from specified sensitive uses

was intended to provide reasonable safeguards while allowing legal cannabis retail businesses to operate in Aurora.

Seven years of experience and the results of the 2026 review demonstrate that many of the concerns identified by Council in 2019 remain relevant.

Finding 5: The provincial framework significantly limits municipal control

The Task Force finds that there is a significant gap between municipal responsibility for responding to community concerns and municipal authority to prevent or address the underlying location issues.

Aurora can enforce generally applicable municipal bylaws, including parking, signage and property-related regulations.

However, Aurora cannot:

- License cannabis retail stores;
- Regulate cannabis retail as a separate land use;
- Establish cannabis-specific zoning;
- Establish mandatory separation distances between cannabis stores; or
- Establish additional cannabis-specific setbacks from sensitive uses.

The ultimate authority respecting retail cannabis authorizations rests with the Province through the AGCO.

Finding 6: Localized problems require targeted responses

Given the relatively low level of town-wide complaints but more significant concerns associated with particular locations, the Task Force finds that targeted intervention is preferable to blanket enforcement.

Where persistent problems are identified, the Town should coordinate available resources and work with retailers, property owners, neighbouring businesses, residents, By-law Services, YRP and the AGCO, as appropriate, to address the specific circumstances.

Finding 7: Residents need clearer information about where and how to report concerns

Responsibility for cannabis-related concerns is divided among several organizations.

Depending upon the issue, residents may need to contact:

- Town of Aurora By-law Services;
- York Regional Police;
- The AGCO;
- York Region; or
- A property owner or business operator.

The Task Force finds that clearer public information would improve reporting, allow concerns to be directed to the appropriate authority and improve the quality of information available for future monitoring.

5. Recommendations

The Cannabis Retail Review Task Force recommends that Council endorse the following actions.

A. Local Actions

1. Improve public information and reporting

That the Town develop clear public information identifying where residents and businesses should report cannabis retail concerns, including the respective responsibilities of the Town, AGCO, York Regional Police and other appropriate agencies.

2. Establish a targeted response approach

That where recurring concerns are identified around a cannabis retail location, appropriate Town departments coordinate a targeted response using existing municipal

enforcement authorities and engage the retailer, property owner, neighbouring residents and businesses, YRP and AGCO where appropriate.

3. Encourage retailer and property-owner engagement

That the Town encourage cannabis retailers and property owners to proactively address legitimate neighbourhood concerns, including litter, parking, property maintenance and patron behaviour occurring on their properties.

4. Continue monitoring

That the Town periodically monitor cannabis retail-related complaints and enforcement activity to identify emerging trends or recurring locations of concern and report significant developments to Council as appropriate.

B. Provincial Advocacy

5. Reaffirm Aurora's 2019 position

That Council reaffirm its January 21, 2019 position respecting cannabis retail store locations and advocate to the Province of Ontario and the AGCO for implementation of those principles.

Specifically, Aurora should continue to advocate for authority to establish:

- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores; and
- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores and appropriate sensitive uses, including daycares, nurseries, parks, group homes, addiction and counselling facilities, recreation facilities, libraries and other appropriate public gathering places.

6. Provide municipalities greater authority over location and clustering

That Council request that the Province amend the cannabis retail regulatory framework to provide municipalities with meaningful authority to address the location, density and clustering of cannabis retail stores within their communities.

Any expanded municipal authority should allow municipalities to develop locally appropriate standards while maintaining reasonable opportunities for legal cannabis retailers to operate.

7. Strengthen municipal input into AGCO decisions

That Council request that the Province strengthen the municipal role in the AGCO retail store authorization process, including requiring meaningful consideration of municipal concerns regarding location, concentration, sensitive uses and documented community impacts.

8. Review operating conditions where neighbourhood impacts exist

That the Province and AGCO be requested to examine whether additional regulatory tools are appropriate where a cannabis retail operation generates repeated, documented impacts on neighbouring residential or commercial properties, including whether operating conditions or hours may be considered where warranted.

9. Coordinate advocacy with other Ontario municipalities

That Aurora's final Task Force report and Council resolution be forwarded to:

- The Premier of Ontario;
- The appropriate Provincial Ministers;
- The AGCO;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- York Region;
- All Ontario municipalities,

with a request for support for greater municipal authority over cannabis retail location and clustering.

6. Conclusion

Aurora's experience with legal cannabis retail is nuanced.

The Task Force did not find evidence that cannabis retailers generally represent a significant town-wide public safety or enforcement problem. Legal cannabis retailers

are regulated businesses that contribute to Aurora's economy and should be treated fairly.

At the same time, the review demonstrates that legitimate localized impacts can occur and that the current provincial framework leaves municipalities with limited tools to address one of the community's principal concerns: where cannabis stores locate and how closely they may be concentrated.

Importantly, Aurora anticipated these issues in 2019.

When Council opted in to cannabis retail, it supported reasonable separation distances between stores and from sensitive uses. Those recommendations were not incorporated into the provincial framework. The concerns identified through the Task Force's work and the 2026 community survey demonstrate that those principles remain relevant today.

The Task Force therefore recommends a balanced approach.

Locally, Aurora should improve reporting, monitoring, communication and targeted responses where problems occur.

Provincially, Aurora should renew and strengthen its advocacy for the principles Council established in 2019 and request meaningful municipal authority over cannabis retail location, concentration and neighbourhood compatibility.

This approach recognizes cannabis retailers as legitimate businesses while also recognizing the responsibility of municipal government to protect the quality of life of residents and neighbouring businesses.

Councillor John Gallo
Town of Aurora
Cannabis Retail Review Task Force Chair

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14 October 2026

The Municipal Councils of Ontario

Request for Endorsement - Declaration Against Religious Violence

Colleagues,

I write to you today knowing that we are all aware of the horrible trend of religiously based violence in Canada over the last few years in which people of many faiths and their places worship have been targeted. In light of this, and following recent tragic events at the Sons of Jacob synagogue in Belleville I drafted, put forward and signed the attached Declaration Against Religious Violence at the October 7th meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gananoque.

As a 30-year veteran of the Canadian Forces with service all across Canada, in Europe, as a UN Peacekeeper in the Middle East, and service in Afghanistan, I have witnessed what happens when intolerance and "othering" are allowed to take root and grow.

I believe that the importance of publicly stating the fundamental principles for which we stand, that we refuse to compromise and will defend, and the kinds of behaviour we oppose and will stand against, cannot be overstated. Central to this is the defence of the fundamental principle that all persons are equal and share the same fundamental rights and dignity as persons.

Therefore, and on behalf of the Council of Gananoque, we invite you to join us by endorsing the attached Declaration Against Religious Violence and ask if you would please forward to us a copy of your endorsement with cc Minister Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism of the Province of Ontario.

Thank you for your consideration,

John S. Beddows

John S. Beddows, CD1, MPA
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Declaration

In light of, and having reflected on the tragic trend of religiously based violence in Canada over the last few years in which people of many faiths and their places worship have been targeted, I am writing today as the Mayor of Gananoque to publicly articulate a simple message of what I believe we stand for in our Town, and what we stand against.

Here in Gananoque we stand for community, understanding, communication, caring, supporting our neighbours, courtesy, kindness, the value of hard work, the fact that respect must be earned by the way we comport ourselves and conduct our lives as individuals and a simple and unshakable belief that a stranger is a friend you haven't met yet.

We believe that all people share, at core, the same hopes and aspirations. We all want our children to be able to attend school, move freely, live, play and congregate without fear or concern. We want our children to have the same opportunities or better ones than we had to grow, learn, love, laugh, experience, travel, work and succeed on their own terms and as they define success. We all want security of place, security from hunger, security of our persons and security of our property. We believe in building bridges, not fences. We believe in the power of debate, that facts matter, and of understanding. We believe in providing help to those who need it and in doing our best to ensure that everyone has a place to find help, warmth and hope when they need it, without judgement.

We believe that faith is a personal choice and that the individual and collective quest for truth brings hope and light into a world which need them very badly.

We assert and we will stand and defend the fundamental principle that all persons are equal and share the same fundamental rights and dignity as persons.

The other side of the coin. Here is what Gananoque stands against.

We stand against "othering". We stand against the objectification of people. We stand against any person or group that denies that all persons are equal in rights, dignity and freedoms. We stand against any person or group that seeks to use or that uses violence or intimidation as tools to target persons or groups or to try to change our society, our way of life and who we are as Canadians.

Here in Gananoque when a neighbour's house is on fire, we run towards the flames and not away. This will not change.

Hate has no home here.

Signed and dated this 7th day of October, 2026.

John S. Beddows, Mayor

CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Resolution No. 3

MOVED BY: Jamie MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Carma Williams

WHEREAS the Ministry of Long-Term Care is conducting a public consultation under Project #26-017 (Southbridge Cornwall 2) respecting an application to modify a long-term care home licence; and

WHEREAS the proposal would relocate the 70 licensed long-term care beds currently operating at The Palace in Alexandria to a new long-term care facility outside of the community, resulting in the closure of The Palace and the transfer of those licensed beds outside of North Glengarry; and

WHEREAS the Township of North Glengarry did not receive direct notification of the consultation process and did not receive any advance notice or information from the owner/operator regarding the proposed closure of The Palace or the relocation of the licensed long-term care beds outside of North Glengarry; and

WHEREAS The Palace is currently the only long-term care home operating in Alexandria and the proposed relocation would result in the loss of all 70 licensed long-term care beds from the community; and

WHEREAS Council is concerned that the permanent removal of these beds would reduce local access to long-term care services and diminish healthcare infrastructure available to current and future residents of North Glengarry; and

WHEREAS long-term care services are a critical component of the local healthcare system and support seniors in remaining close to their families, friends, caregivers and community supports when long-term care becomes necessary; and

WHEREAS the proposed relocation of the 70 licensed long-term care beds outside of North Glengarry would require many current and future residents to leave their community to access long-term care services; and

WHEREAS relocating these beds outside of North Glengarry would increase travel times for family members, friends and caregivers wishing to visit loved ones and may reduce opportunities for regular visitation and support; and

WHEREAS Council recognizes that maintaining close connections to family, friends and community is essential to the health, well-being and quality of life of long-term care residents and that increased separation from these supports may contribute to social isolation; and

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WHEREAS Council supports the modernization and redevelopment of long-term care facilities but believes that opportunities should be explored to maintain and expand long-term care capacity within North Glengarry rather than permanently relocating the community's licensed long-term care beds elsewhere;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of North Glengarry formally opposes the proposed relocation of the 70 licensed long-term care beds from The Palace in Alexandria and the resulting loss of long-term care capacity in both Alexandria and the Township;

AND FURTHER THAT Council urges the Ministry of Long-Term Care to fully consider the social, community and healthcare impacts associated with removing long-term care capacity from North Glengarry, including the impacts on seniors, families, caregivers and the broader community;

AND FURTHER THAT Council requests that all reasonable options be explored to maintain and expand long-term care capacity within North Glengarry;

AND FURTHER THAT Council requests that the Ministry of Long-Term Care reject the proposed licence modification and relocation of the 70 licensed long-term care beds unless satisfactory measures are identified to maintain equivalent or greater long-term care capacity within North Glengarry;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be submitted as part of the Ministry's public consultation process for Project #26-017;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Long-Term Care, MPP Stéphane Sarrazin, Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, local municipalities, and other interested stakeholders.

CARRIED DEFEATED DEFERRED

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MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR	YEA	NEA
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Councillor: Jacques Massie	___	___
Councillor: Brian Caddell	___	___
Councillor: Jeff Manley	___	___
Councillor: Michael Madden	___	___
Councillor: Gary Martin	___	___
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November 13, 2026 **Sent Via Email Only**

Honrouable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Honorouable Doug Ford,

Re: Requests to pause the current consultation process and extend the deadline for municipal submissions on Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 9, 2026, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

Resolution 19-717-2026

WHEREAS: The Province of Ontario has introduced Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026, which proposes significant legislative changes affecting municipalities, planning, environmental protections, public consultation and other areas of provincial and municipal governance;

AND WHEREAS the proposed legislation contains numerous complex provisions that may have significant and long-term implications for municipalities, their residents, and their ability to make informed decisions in the public interest;

AND WHEREAS municipal councils have a responsibility to carefully review proposed legislation, understand its potential implications, and provide meaningful and informed input to the provincial government on behalf of their communities;

AND WHEREAS the 2026 municipal election was held on October 26, 2026, and newly elected municipal councils are in the process of transitioning into their new terms of office, with limited opportunity to view and assess the full implications of Bill 140 prior to the provincial consultation deadlines;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills recognizes that Bill 140 may contain provisions that could benefit municipalities and the public, but believes that meaningful consultation requires adequate time for municipalities to understand and assess the proposed changes before providing informed feedback;

AND WHEREAS municipal input is essential to ensuring that provincial legislation reflects the practical realities, unique circumstances, and needs of Ontario’s diverse municipalities, including small rural communities;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills is not, at this time, taking a position on the merits of every provision contained within Bill 140, but rather is seeking an adequate opportunity for meaningful municipal review and consultation before the legislation proceeds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Township of Stone Mills respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario pause the current consultation process and extend the deadline for municipal submissions on Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act,

2026, to provide newly elected municipal councils with sufficient time to review and assess the proposed legislation;

2. The Township further requests that the Province refrain from advancing the proposed legislation to final passage until municipalities have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to review the legislation, consult with their communities, and provide meaningful input;

3. The Township requests that the Province provide newly elected municipal councils with a minimum 90 days following the commencement of their new terms of office to review the legislation and submit their comments;

4. That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP, Ric Bresee, MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all other Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support;

5. That the Township of Stone Mills submit this resolution as its formal comment on the consultation process for Bill 140, and request that it be considered by the Province in determining the appropriate consultation period.

Moved By Councillor Milligan
Seconded By Councillor Lalande
Carried

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

B Teeple

Brandi Teeple
Township Clerk
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cc. Rob Flack, Minster of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox & Addington
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Township of La Vallee

RESOLUTION NO. 207

MOVED by: Elaine Hughes

Dated: November 16, 2026

SECONDED by: Brendan Hyatt

WHEREAS on October 27, 2026, the Government of Ontario introduced Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026; and

WHEREAS Schedule 7 of Bill 140 proposes to amend the *Environmental Assessment Act* by repealing Section 17.5, which currently requires landfill proponents to obtain written support from the host municipality—and, where applicable, any adjacent municipality whose land lies within 3.5 kilometres of the proposed site—before proceeding with a comprehensive environmental assessment; and

WHEREAS Section 17.5 was enacted by the Province of Ontario in 2020 through Bill 197 specifically to recognize the right of local municipalities to have a decisive voice over major landfill developments that carry generational impacts for local infrastructure, water resources, agricultural land, public health, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS repealing Section 17.5 removes essential local democratic oversight, strips municipalities of their "willing host" authority, and risks imposing large-scale private or regional waste disposal facilities on communities without local consent; and

WHEREAS Bill 140 was introduced immediately following the October, 2026 municipal elections and has been referred to the Standing Committee on the Interior with public consultation on the Environmental Registry of Ontario closing on November 26, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of La Vallee formally opposes Schedule 7 of Bill 140 (*Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026*) and calls upon the Government of Ontario to withdraw Schedule 7 in its entirety and preserve Section 17.5 of the *Environmental Assessment Act*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to maintain the requirement for written municipal support from both host and neighbouring municipalities within 3.5 kilometres prior to the advancement of any landfill environmental assessment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Red Tape Reduction;
- Greg Rickford], Member of Provincial Parliament for Kenora-Rainy River;

- The Clerk of the Standing Committee on the Interior (scl@ola.org); Stefan Uguen-Csenge
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and
- All Ontario municipalities for their endorsement and support.

	Yea	Nay	Recorded vote	Pecuniary Interest
L. MacDonald				
G. Esselink				
E. Hughes				
B. Hyatt				
S. Loshaw				

L. MacDonald
Reeve

Carried ✓

Defeated _____

The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: NO. 176-26

SECONDED BY: DATE: November 9th, 2026

WHEREAS the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* requires Ontario municipalities to prepare and adopt Community Safety and Well-Being Plans; and

WHEREAS *Ontario Regulation 414/23* requires municipal councils to review and, where appropriate, revise their Community Safety and Well-Being Plans within four years of adoption and every four years thereafter, thereby creating an ongoing legislative planning obligation for municipalities; and

WHEREAS meaningful review and revision of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans require municipalities to undertake activities such as data collection and analysis, community and stakeholder engagement, priority setting, multi-sector collaboration, and the development of strategies to address identified community risks; and

WHEREAS the effectiveness of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans ultimately depends on municipalities and their community partners having sufficient resources not only to develop and periodically revise the plans but also to implement the priorities, programs and initiatives identified through the planning process; and

WHEREAS the Rural Ontario Municipal Association has identified the implementation of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans as an unfunded municipal mandate and has advocated for a dedicated funding stream to enable municipalities, particularly rural communities, to implement these plans; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has supported Community Safety and Well-Being planning through provincially funded programs involving participating communities rather than through the same province-wide statutory municipal planning requirement, including a $1.3 million investment announced in 2022 to support participating communities in developing Community Safety and Well-Being Plans and implementing local safety priorities, while Ontario municipalities are legislatively required to undertake Community Safety and Well-Being planning without dedicated provincial base funding or ongoing financial support for plan development and coordination; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba continues to provide support for CSWB activities, including funding directed toward the implementation of local Community Safety and Well-Being priorities and programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake calls upon the Government of Ontario to establish a dedicated, predictable and sustainable provincial funding program to assist municipalities with:

1. the legislatively required review and revision of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans, including associated consultation, engagement, research, data analysis and planning costs; and
2. the implementation of the priorities, strategies, programs and initiatives identified through Community Safety and Well-Being Plans; and

FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario be requested to consider a funding model that recognizes the unique financial, geographic, service-delivery and capacity challenges experienced by northern, rural and remote municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Rural Affairs, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

				CARRIED ✓ DEFEATED _____
Declaration of Interest (*)	NAME OF COUNCIL MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS	
	BADIUK, Warren			MAYOR
	GEARY, Debra			
	HAGER, Janet			CLERK
	KRISTOFF, Jamie			
	MOTA, Fred			
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November 16, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 10, 2026 the following resolution regarding essential train services along the Québec City to Windsor corridor was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. **2026-422**

DATE: **November 10, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor St-Jean**

WHEREAS reliable and frequent passenger rail service is a vital component of sustainable regional transportation, economic development, tourism, employment, education, healthcare access, and regional connectivity; and,

WHEREAS on October 25, 2026, Via Rail Canada implemented schedule adjustments and service reductions across the Quebec City-Windsor corridor, resulting in fewer daily trains; and,

WHEREAS service reductions negatively impact transit-dependent travellers across Eastern Ontario; and,

WHEREAS fewer daily trains undermines climate goals by discouraging travel by passenger rail and increasing highway congestion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Prince Edward County Council, urge Via Rail Canada and the federal Minister of Transport to reconsider its service reductions and commit to improving essential train services across the corridor;

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Mark Carney, the Federal Minister of Transport, Steven MacKinnon, and Member of Parliament, Chris Malette; the President and Chief Executive Officer of VIA Rail Canada, Mathieu Paquette, and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and joint advocacy.

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Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg,

Interim Director of Corporate/Legislative Services & Municipal Clerk

cc: Clerk's Office

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

NOTICE OF A HEARING

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied for approval to update the Integrated Resource Planning Framework

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) has applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval to update the *Integrated Resource Planning Framework for Enbridge Gas* (IRP Framework). IRP is a planning strategy and process that evaluates and compares demand-side (customer-side) and supply-side (utility-side) alternatives to pipeline infrastructure in meeting natural gas system needs. The IRP Framework sets out the OEB's requirements for the identification and implementation of alternatives (or combination of alternatives) that are in the best interest of Enbridge Gas's customers and its natural gas system by taking into account reliability and safety, cost-effectiveness, public policy, optimized scoping, and risk management.

Enbridge Gas has applied for approval for updates to the IRP Framework, taking into account proposals in an OEB staff discussion paper and submissions filed by participants in a previous OEB consultation to review the IRP Framework (EB-2025-0125).

If the updated IRP Framework is approved as filed, customers would not see any direct changes to rates or bills. However, in future applications, Enbridge Gas could request rate changes to implement IRP activities based on the updated IRP Framework.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the ***Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998***, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.

Ce document est aussi disponible en français.

Ontario Energy Board

YOU SHOULD KNOW

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

There are three types of OEB Hearings: oral, electronic and written. If you have a preference for the hearing type, you can write to us to explain why. During this hearing, we will question the applicant about its case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenors. After reviewing all the evidence, we will decide whether to approve the application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit www.oeb.ca/notice and use file number **EB-2026-0216** to:

- Review the application
- Apply to become an intervenor
- File a letter with your comments

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **November 9, 2026** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

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MONTHLY FEMICIDE IN ONTARIO FACTSHEET

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Femicides in Ontario October 2026

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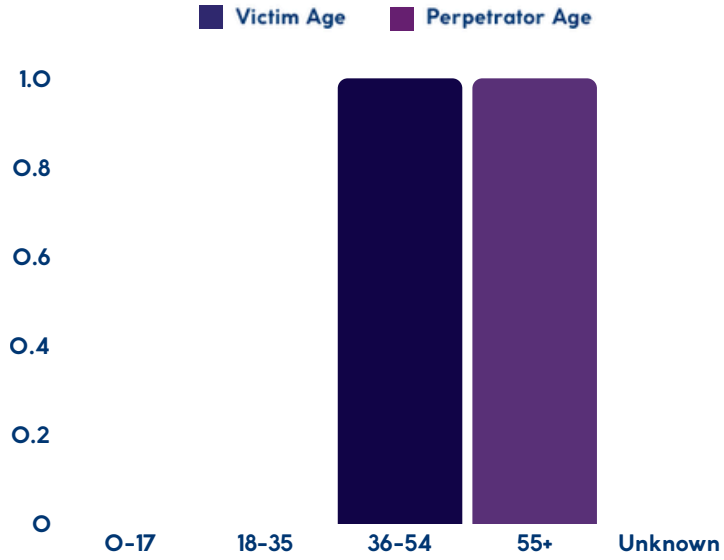
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Quick Facts

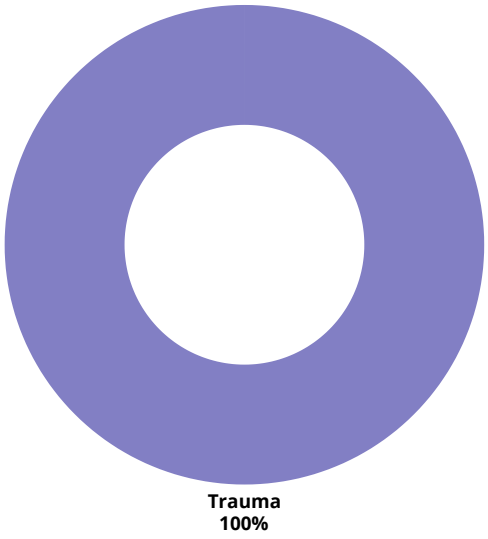
- OAITH's femicide definition includes a gender-related killing of a woman, child, trans woman, 2-Spirited Person, or gender non-conforming individual where a man has been charged in relation to the death

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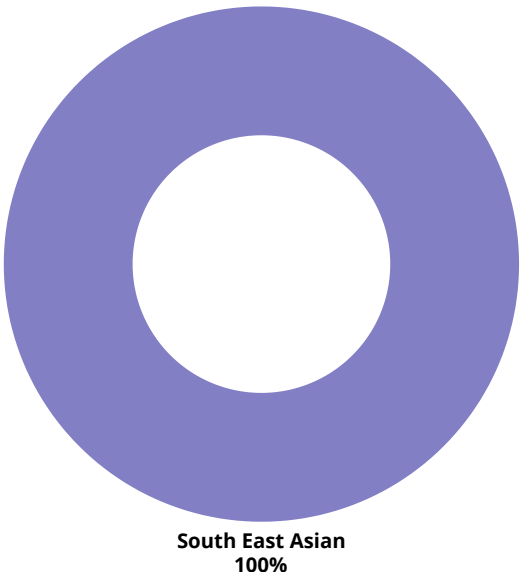
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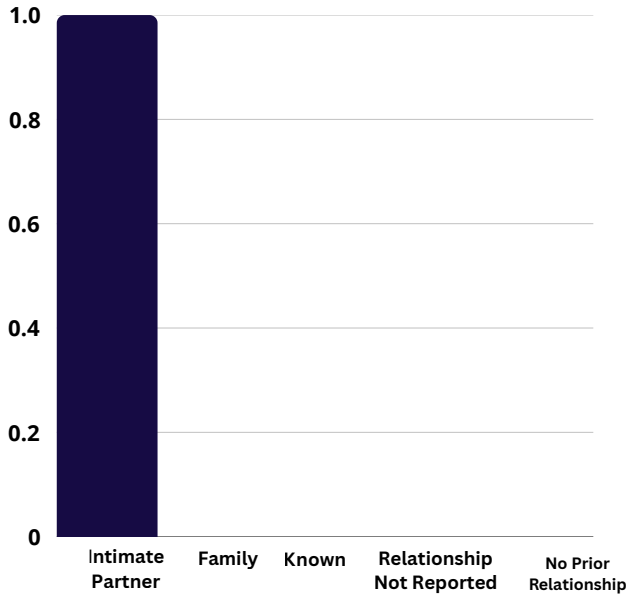
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Victim & Perpetrator Relationship Comparison



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1 *Femicides in Ontario October 2026*

37 *Ontario Femicides (since Nov. 26 2025)*

Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 1

Central Region



Gregoria Alilio, 47 - Toronto, ON

National Media: https://bit.ly/GregoriaAlilioTorontoStar

Local Media: https://bit.ly/GregoriaAlilioCP24

Television Media: https://bit.ly/GregoriaAlilioGlobalNews

Newly Confirmed Femicide Victims

Total: 2





Leia Cooper, 18 - Sarnia, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

Local Media: https://bit.ly/LeiaCooperSarniaObserver

Television Media: https://bit.ly/LeiaCooperCTVNews



Jane Doe (Cornwall), 83 - Cornwall, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

Local Media: https://bit.ly/CornwallStandardFreeholderJaneDoe

Television Media: https://bit.ly/CTVNewsJaneDoeCornwall

Unconfirmed

Total: 1



Jane Doe (Cornwall), 52 - Cornwall, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

Local Media: https://bit.ly/JaneDoeCornwallStandardFreehold

Television Media: https://bit.ly/JaneDoeCornwallCTVNews

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Shaping the Narrative: Using Media as a Tool for GBV Prevention

In October, one femicide case was confirmed in Ontario while one case remains unconfirmed as criminal charges have not yet been laid. Media sources also reported on charges laid in the deaths of two women from previous months. To date, 37 femicides have been confirmed in the province. Among the cases, charges have been laid or a current or former intimate partner has been deemed responsible in 30% of cases (11/37). Family members have been charged or deemed responsible in 16% of femicide deaths, and other men known to the victim have been charged/deemed responsible in 16% of cases. Police have indicated there was no prior relationship between the accused and the victim in 6% of cases. The relationship has not been reported in 32% of cases, with a number of cases protected by publication bans.

While femicide prevention often calls on government actors to collaboratively act, media partners also have a critical role to play in addressing and ending gender-based violence. Through selective reporting, narrative framing and mass dissemination, media has been known to play a powerful role in shaping public opinion and understanding of social issues, like gender-based violence and femicide (Gillespie et al., 2013). By enhancing public awareness and situating these deaths as a part of a broader gendered-issue, media reporting can help draw attention to the issue. Through reporting on femicides, media can also play a valuable role in bridging the gap between survivors, their own understanding of the issue, connecting them to local supports (Gillespie et al., 2013). It is also an important tool for the dissemination of information, supporting data collection efforts. For example, to track and understand femicide trends in Ontario, OAITH relies on publicly available media reported data. This data helps to identify emerging trends, informing community responses and ongoing provincial and federal advocacy.

Although progress has been seen within OAITH's Annual Femicide Media Analysis, data collection efforts continue to be hindered by gaps in media reporting, publication bans and other barriers to police and media disclosure. As noted above, 37 femicides have been reported in the province to date. Within this time frame, 5 additional lives were reported to be lost in the province. These deaths have been ruled to be criminal in nature, however, at the time of this report's publication, media articles have not confirmed that criminal charges have been laid. There are a number of other deaths that continue to be monitored, however, details indicating criminality and/or the victim's gender have not yet been released.

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There are also notable gaps in the data that is released pertaining to femicide cases, including the relationship between the victim and accused, which is at times omitted due to publication bans or at the discretion of police. Similarly, additional gaps emerge due to the lack of identification of victims, including limited data pertaining to the victim's age, race or ethnicity, which can obscure provincial trends, underestimating violence against certain populations. While some small increases have been seen within OAITH's Media Analysis, most reports fail to include information pertaining to histories of GBV, a notable warning sign and risk factor for future lethality (Domestic Violence Death Review Committee, 2024). In recent years there has also been minimal coverage in national media reporting on femicide cases. Last year 35% of femicide cases received no national media coverage, which may unintentionally reinforce the notion that some victims are more "newsworthy" than others (Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses, 2025). Not only can these trends obscure data collection efforts but it can also minimize the issue, inadvertently shaping policy makers' and the public's perception of the issue. Limited reporting may also impact how survivors understand the issue and recognize their own experiences of violence, missing critical opportunities to connect survivors to life-saving support.

While media partners are at times limited by police reporting, they have a role in shaping public understanding of femicide and working towards femicide prevention. By following up with police, reviewing past criminal histories, including help contact information and connecting with other non-traditional sources to contextualize the issue, like GBV advocates, media partners can help to enhance transparency and improve public understanding and awareness of femicides in Ontario. To support media reporting on femicide a number of resources are available through GBV in The Media, including a media toolkit and journalist scorecards. You can also learn more about femicide media reporting in the province through OAITH's Annual Media Analysis.

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