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April 25, 2020

Dear Friends;

Nothing is more important than protecting the health and well-being of Ontarians.

Since first learning of COVID-19, Ontario has taken decisive action to stop the spread of this virus, while ensuring the continuity of critical operations and services.

Given the evolving situation, the government has made an amendment to the emergency order under the [Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act as set out in O Reg. 104/20](#). This decision is endorsed by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Effective immediately, the Ontario government is allowing the use of allotment and community gardens across Ontario, provided that people practice physical distancing and do not gather in groups of more than five.

Those taking part in community and public allotment gardens are required to follow the advice of their local medical officer of health and adhere to the requirements that pertain to the use of any facilities.

The order is available at the following link, which will be updated within the next few days: [www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200104](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200104)

During these unprecedented times, I'm so proud to see Ontarians coming together to defeat this ruthless virus and to witness the awakening of an incredible spirit of duty and volunteerism. Community and allotment gardens play an important role in supporting people vulnerable to food insecurity amid this outbreak and I look forward to seeing community gardens across Ontario open as soon as possible.

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Good things grow in Ontario  
À bonne terre, bons produits

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If you require further information, please contact Service Ontario: 1-866-532-3161 or Stop the Spread Business Information Line – 1-888-444-3659.

I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

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Ernie Hardeman  
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April 24, 2020

Dear Head of Council/Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk:

As you may know, on January 1, 2019, amendments to the *Police Services Act* (PSA) came into force, which mandate every municipality in Ontario to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) plan.

As part of these legislative requirements, municipalities must consult with chiefs of police and police services boards or detachment commanders and various other sectors, including health/mental health, education, community/social services and children/youth services, as they undertake the planning process. As previously communicated, municipalities had two years from the in-force date to prepare and adopt their first CSWB plan (i.e., by January 1, 2021). Municipalities also have the flexibility to develop joint plans with neighbouring municipalities and/or First Nations communities, which may be valuable in order to meet the unique needs of the area.

With the COVID-19 outbreak, our government appreciates that municipalities are currently facing unprecedented circumstances in their communities. We also understand that some municipalities may experience delays in their planning and engagement processes as a result of the current provincial emergency.

In order to support our municipal, policing and community partners during this emergency, on April 14, 2020, the government passed the *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020*, which amends the PSA to allow the Solicitor General to prescribe a new deadline for the completion and adoption of CSWB plans past January 1, 2021. The amendments came into force immediately upon Royal Assent. This change will help ensure municipalities are able to meet the legislative requirements and complete their CSWB plans. The Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) will work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, as well as the City of Toronto, to determine an appropriate new deadline that will be set by regulation at a later date. For reference, the new Act can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-189>

This extension will ensure municipalities, police services and local service providers can continue to dedicate the necessary capacity and resources to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, while also providing adequate time to effectively undertake consultations, work collaboratively with partners, and develop meaningful and fulsome plans following the provincial emergency. Where possible, municipalities are encouraged to explore

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alternative options to continue on-going planning efforts, such as through virtual engagement (e.g., webinars, teleconferences, online surveys, etc.).

At this time, the ministry would also like to provide some additional resources and remind you of existing resources to further support municipalities and municipal partners as these CSWB plans are prepared and adopted.

The ministry has recently developed two resource documents, which outline examples of data sources and funding opportunities available to support the CSWB planning process (see Appendix A and B). These resource documents were developed in collaboration with the ministry's Inter-Ministerial Community Safety and Well-Being Working Group, which consists of representatives from nine Ontario ministries and the federal government. The documents highlight examples of sector-specific data available at the provincial, regional and local level, which can assist in the identification of local priority risks in the community, as well as funding opportunities that can be leveraged to support the development and implementation of plans.

As you may recall, in spring 2019, the ministry hosted webinar sessions on CSWB planning to assist municipalities, policing and community partners as they began the planning process. The webinars consisted of an overview of the CSWB planning requirements and provided guidance on how to develop and implement effective plans. A recording of these webinars has been made available and can be accessed through the following link: <http://mcscs-erb.adobeconnect.com/p3e0qppm8g30/>.

The ministry has also made updates to its Frequently Asked Questions document to provide more information and clarification regarding CSWB planning, including changes to the CSWB planning provisions that came into force as a result of recent legislation (see Appendix C).

Municipalities are encouraged to continue utilizing the *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet to support the planning process (see Appendix D). This booklet includes the CSWB Planning Framework as well as a toolkit of practical resource documents, including a tool on engagement, to guide municipalities, First Nations and their partners as they develop and implement their plans. The booklet is also available on the ministry's website at: <https://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/Publications/MCSCSSOPlanningFramework.html>.

If communities have any questions, please feel free to direct them to my ministry staff, Tiana Biordi, Community Safety Analyst, at [Tiana.Biordi@ontario.ca](mailto:Tiana.Biordi@ontario.ca) or Steffie Anastasopoulos, Community Safety Analyst, at [Steffie.Anastasopoulos@ontario.ca](mailto:Steffie.Anastasopoulos@ontario.ca).

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I greatly appreciate your continued support as we move forward on this modernized approach to CSWB together. Through collaboration, we can work to build safer and stronger communities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

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Sylvia Jones  
Solicitor General

Enclosures

## Data Sources to Support Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Planning

### Provincial Data Sources

- **Ontario Government's Open Data Catalogue** includes various data on existing services and health/wellness indicators available at local, regional and/or provincial levels (e.g., Early Development Instrument, Ontario Victim Services, Crime Severity, Violent/Property Crime, etc.): <https://www.ontario.ca/page/open-government>

### Education

- **School Board Progress Reports** with data on ten (10) education indicators available by school board: <https://www.app.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/bpr/index.html>
- **Suspension/Expulsion Rates** available by school board: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/statistics.html>

### Community and Social Services

- **Children's Aid Societies (CAS) data**, including number of children in care, referrals, and families served. Data is available for each CAS site location, regional and provincial level. Contact your Regional Office to obtain local data. For the appropriate Regional Office, please visit: <https://www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/regionalMap/regional.aspx>
- **CAS data on five performance indicators** that reflect the safety, permanency and well-being of children and youth in care. Data is available for each CAS site location, regional and provincial level: <http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/professionals/childwelfare/societies/publicreporting.aspx>
- **Poverty Reduction Strategy Annual Report (2018)** includes data on eleven (11) poverty indicators at the provincial level: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/poverty-reduction-strategy-annual-report-2018>
- **Towards a Better Understanding of NEET Youth in Ontario Report (2018)** provides an analysis of data to estimate the number, characteristics, and labour market status of youth not in education, employment or training (NEET) available at the provincial and census metropolitan area level: <https://blueprint-ade.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/NEET-Youth-Research-Initiative.pdf>
- **Violence Against Women (VAW) Service Provider Survey** highlights feedback on service delivery in the VAW sector available at the regional and provincial levels. For data, please email [REU@ontario.ca](mailto:REU@ontario.ca)
- **Employment Ontario Geo-Hub** contains datasets related to social assistance, including data on Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program recipients. Some datasets are available by Consolidated Municipal Service Manager or District Social Services Administration Board: <http://www.eo-geohub.com/>

### Justice

- **Risk-driven Tracking Database (RTD)**: Communities that have been on-boarded to the RTD have access to their own local data. For a copy of the RTD Annual Reports (which outlines regional and provincial data), please email [SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca](mailto:SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca)
- **Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Community Satisfaction Survey**: Contact your local Detachment Commander for local detachment data. 2018 provincial report available online: [http://www.opp.ca/tms/entrydata.php?fnc=3&\\_id=5afae17aaf4f9348be57b7c4](http://www.opp.ca/tms/entrydata.php?fnc=3&_id=5afae17aaf4f9348be57b7c4)
- **OPP Statistical Crime and Traffic data**: Contact your local Detachment Commander for local detachment data. 2018 provincial report available online: <https://www.opp.ca/index.php?&lng=en&id=115&entryid=5d0bdebf241f6e18586f0913>
- **Ontario Court of Justice Criminal Justice Modernization Committee Dashboard** outlines statistical information for various types of metrics, including offence-based statistics available at local court, regional and provincial levels: <http://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/stats-crim-mod/>
- **Ontario Court of Justice Criminal Court Offence-Based Statistics** outlines the number of new criminal cases filed available at local court, regional and provincial levels: <http://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/stats-crim/>
- **Inmate Data**, including reviews of inmates in segregation with possible mental health conditions available at the institutional and regional levels: <https://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/Corrections/JahnSettlement/CSDatainmatesOntario.html>

### Health

- **Health data**: For regional or provincial level health data/requests, please email [IMsupport@ontario.ca](mailto:IMsupport@ontario.ca)



## Data Sources to Support Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Planning

### Municipal Affairs and Housing

- **Financial Information Return** outlines municipal financial data, including expenses, revenues and debt per municipality: <https://efis.fma.csc.gov.on.ca/fir/Welcome.htm>
- **Homeless Enumeration** outlines data on the number of people experiencing homelessness over a specific time period available at the Service Manager level. Contact your local Service Managers to obtain local data. To determine the appropriate Service Manager, please visit: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/page1202.aspx>
- **Affordable House Price and Rent Tables** highlight data on house/rent affordability for different household incomes available at the Service Manager and provincial levels. For data, please email [Housing.Research@ontario.ca](mailto:Housing.Research@ontario.ca)

### Additional Data Sources

#### Statistics Canada and Other National Sources

- **Census Profile 2016:** <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E>
  - Examples of CSWB indicators include educational attainment, low income and unemployment
  - Canadian Socio-Economic Information Management System (CANSIM) tables (customized data tables by Ontario regions/communities for specific indicators)
- **Crime/Justice related statistics** through various surveys including:
  - Uniform Crime Reporting Survey: <http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=3302>
  - Homicide Survey: <http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=3315>
  - Adult Correctional Services Survey: <http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=3306>
- **Socio-economic/Health statistics** through various surveys including:
  - Labour Force Survey: <http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=3701>
  - Canadian Community Health Survey: <http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=3226>
  - Aboriginal Peoples Survey: <http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=3250>
  - General Social Survey (Canadian's Safety): <http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=4504>
- **Visualization tools** such as the Census Program Data Viewer which allows for the visualization of data by provinces/territories, and census metropolitan areas/subdivision: <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/interact/datavis>
- **Government of Canada - Open Government's Portal:** <https://open.canada.ca/en/open-data>
- **Canadian Institute for Health Information**, including Ontario Mental Health Reporting System, Discharge Abstract Database, National Ambulatory Care Reporting System, etc.: <https://www.cihi.ca/en/access-data-and-reports>
- **First Nations Information Governance Centre**, including the First Nations Regional Health Survey and First Nations Regional Early Childhood, Education and Employment Survey: <http://fnigc.ca/dataonline/>
- **First Nation Profiles** (available through Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada): <https://open.canada.ca/en/suggested-datasets/indigenous-and-northern-affairs-canada-first-nation-profiles>
- **Community Well-being Index** (available through Indigenous Services Canada): <https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/56578f58-a775-44ea-9cc5-9bf7c78410e6>

#### Local Sector-Specific Data Sources

- Police services (e.g., data on calls for service, offence occurrences)
- Municipal offices (e.g., data on economic development, services available)
- Local non-profit organizations and/or service providers (e.g., Vital Signs Report)
- School boards (e.g., truancy rates, graduation rates, school violence incidences)
- Hospitals (e.g., ER visits, waitlists for mental health/addictions services)
- Community-wide strategies or reports (e.g., Mental Health and Addictions, Drugs, Homelessness)
- Multi-sectoral tables (e.g., Situation Tables, Local Developmental Services System Planning Tables)

**Note:** This document includes examples of available data sources and does not represent an exhaustive list.

## Funding Opportunities to Support Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Planning

**Note:** The below list includes examples of funding opportunities that could be leveraged to support the development or implementation of local CSWB plans and does not represent an exhaustive list. Please note that the timing for Call-for-Applications and the eligibility criteria for funding differ for each program.

### Provincial Funding Opportunities

#### Ministry of the Solicitor General

- The **Safer and Vital Communities (SVC) Grant** is available to incorporated non-profit/community-based organizations and First Nations Band Councils to implement local CSWB projects. The theme of the program may differ for each grant cycle.
- The **Proceeds of Crime - Front Line Policing (POC-FLP) Grant**, reinvests assets seized by the provincial and federal governments during criminal prosecutions to support front-line policing efforts related to crime prevention and CSWB initiatives. The program is available to municipal and First Nations police services as well as the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). The theme of the program may differ for each grant cycle.
- The **Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant** supports police services in combatting crime on a more sustainable basis and aims to keep Ontario communities safe. The program is available to police services/boards (municipal and OPP municipal contract locations) who were eligible to receive funding under certain grant programs in 2018-19. The CSP Grant offers two funding streams – one focused on local priorities and the other focused on provincial priorities.

For more information on the above noted grant programs, please email: [SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca](mailto:SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca)

#### Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

- The **Youth Collective Impact Program** is available to local Youth Collaboratives across the province to learn about, develop, launch and implement collective impact approaches that directly improve outcomes for youth in their community. For more information, please visit: <https://laidlawfdn.org/funding-opportunities/youth-ci/>
- The **Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF)** provides funding for community-based, positive youth development projects that improve outcomes for youth. The YOF provides funding under three streams - Youth Innovations Stream, Family Innovations Stream and Systems Innovations Stream. Eligibility criteria differ for each stream. For more information, please visit: <https://otf.ca/yof>

#### Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- The **Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)** provides funding to Ontario's 47 Service Managers with the aim of preventing and addressing homelessness by improving access to adequate, suitable, and affordable housing and homelessness services for people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. For more information, please visit: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=15972>

#### Ministry of the Attorney General

- The **Civil Remedies Grant Program** supports projects and initiatives that assist victims of unlawful activity and prevent unlawful activities that result in victimization. The program is available to certain designated entities, primarily composed of law enforcement agencies, including provincial and municipal police, the RCMP and First Nations Police Services. For more information, please email: [MAG\\_CivilRemediesGrants@ontario.ca](mailto:MAG_CivilRemediesGrants@ontario.ca)

#### Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility

- The **Seniors Community Grant (SCG) program** is available to non-profit community organizations, municipalities and Indigenous groups for projects that target elder abuse prevention and reducing social isolation. For more information, please email: [seniorscommunitygrant@ontario.ca](mailto:seniorscommunitygrant@ontario.ca)

## Funding Opportunities to Support Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Planning

### Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

- The **Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC)** aims to stimulate economic development and diversification in Northern Ontario by partnering with communities, businesses, entrepreneurs and youth across Northern Ontario to create jobs and strengthen the economy. The NOHFC includes six programs – Northern Event Partnership Program, Northern Ontario Internship Program, Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program, Northern Community Capacity Building Program, Northern Innovation Program and Northern Business Opportunity Program. The NOHFC is available to organizations in all areas North of, and including, the Northern Ontario based incorporated enterprises including non-profits, First Nations Chiefs, Band Councils, municipalities, for profit business, social enterprises. For more information, please visit: [https://nohfc.ca/en/nohfc\\_programs](https://nohfc.ca/en/nohfc_programs) or email [AskNOHFC@ontario.ca](mailto:AskNOHFC@ontario.ca)

### Other Funding Opportunities

#### Federal Funding Opportunities

- Funding programs are offered by the **Government of Canada's** Public Safety Department and Department of Justice. For more information, please visit <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/crm-prvntn/fndng-prgrms/index-en.aspx> and <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/fund-fina/index.html>
- Funding opportunities are available through the **Government of Canada's** New Horizons for Seniors Program, which is a federal grants and contributions program that supports projects for seniors and includes a priority for expanding awareness of elder abuse. For more information, please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/new-horizons-seniors-community-based.html>

#### Other

- The **Ontario Trillium Foundation** offers funding opportunities that focus on improving the well-being of Ontario communities. For more information, please visit: <http://www.otf.ca/en/>

**Frequently Asked Questions: New Legislative Requirements related to  
Mandating Community Safety and Well-Being Planning**

**1) What is community safety and well-being (CSWB) planning?**

CSWB planning involves taking an integrated approach to service delivery by working across a wide range of sectors, agencies and organizations (including, but not limited to, local government, police services, health/mental health, education, social services, and community and custodial services for children and youth) to proactively develop and implement evidence-based strategies and programs to address local priorities (i.e., risk factors, vulnerable groups, protective factors) related to crime and complex social issues on a sustainable basis.

The goal of CSWB planning is to achieve the ideal state of a sustainable community where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging, access to services and where individuals and families can meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression.

**2) Why is CSWB planning important for every community?**

CSWB planning supports a collaborative approach to addressing local priorities through the implementation of programs/strategies in four planning areas, including social development, prevention, risk intervention and incident response. By engaging in the CSWB planning process, communities will be able to save lives and prevent crime, victimization and suicide.

Further, by taking a holistic approach to CSWB planning it helps to ensure those in need of help receive the right response, at the right time, and by the right service provider. It will also help to improve interactions between police and vulnerable Ontarians by enhancing frontline responses to those in crisis.

To learn more about the benefits of CSWB planning, please see Question #3.

**3) What are the benefits of CSWB planning?**

CSWB planning has a wide range of positive impacts for local agencies/organizations and frontline service providers, as well as the broader community, including the general public. A few key benefits are highlighted below:

- Enhanced communication and collaboration among sectors, agencies and organizations;
- Transformation of service delivery, including realignment of resources and responsibilities to better respond to priorities and needs;
- Increased understanding of and focus on local risks and vulnerable groups;
- Ensuring the appropriate services are provided to those individuals with complex needs;
- Increased awareness, coordination of and access to services for community members and vulnerable groups;
- Healthier, more productive individuals that positively contribute to the community; and
- Reducing the financial burden of crime on society through cost-effective approaches with significant return on investments.

**4) When did the new legislative requirements related to CSWB planning come into force and how long do municipalities have to develop a plan?**

The new legislative requirements related to CSWB planning came into force on January 1, 2019, as an amendment to the *Police Services Act* (PSA). Municipalities have two years from this date (i.e., by January 1, 2021) or until the later date prescribed by the Solicitor General to develop and adopt their first CSWB plan. The Solicitor General has the ability to prescribe a later deadline in regulation as a result of amendments to the *Police Services Act* that came into force on April 14, 2020 (see question #5 for more information). The CSWB planning provisions are set out in Part XI of the PSA.

The two-year timeframe was based on learnings and feedback from the eight pilot communities that tested components of the *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet (see Question #33 for more information on the pilot communities).

In the circumstance of a joint plan, all municipalities involved must follow the same timeline to prepare and adopt their first CSWB plan (see Question #11 and 12 for more information on joint plans).

**5) Given the current circumstances regarding COVID-19, will the ministry provide an extension on the timeline for municipalities to prepare and adopt a CSWB plan?**

With the COVID-19 outbreak, the ministry appreciates that municipalities are currently facing unprecedented circumstances in their communities. The ministry also understands that some municipalities may experience delays in their planning and engagement processes as a result of the current provincial emergency.

On April 14, 2020, the government passed the *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020*, which amends the PSA to allow the Solicitor General to extend the deadline to prepare and adopt CSWB plans. The amendments came into force immediately upon Royal Assent. The amendments allow the Solicitor General to prescribe a new deadline past January 1, 2021, which will help ensure municipalities are able to meet the legislative requirements and complete their CSWB plans. For reference, the new Act can be found at the following link: <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-189>.

The ministry will work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, as well as the City of Toronto, to determine an appropriate new deadline that will be set by regulation at a later date. The ministry will continue to keep stakeholders updated on this process.

**6) What changes to the CSWB planning requirements were implemented as a result of the introduction of the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019*?**

On March 26, 2019, the government passed the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019*, which included amendments to the CSWB planning provisions in the current PSA. These amendments came into force immediately upon Royal Assent (i.e., March 26, 2019) and include the following:

- Advisory Committee:
  - The chief of police of a police force that provides policing in the area (or delegate) must be included on the advisory committee.

- One person may satisfy multiple representation requirements on the advisory committee (e.g., one person could represent a community service as well as an educational service).
- Plans adopted in compliance with the PSA before these changes to the advisory committee section continue to be valid despite these changes.
- Transition:
  - A transition provision allows for plans where consultations took place before January 1, 2019, to be deemed to have met consultation obligations under the PSA if the Solicitor General determines there is substantial compliance with the PSA consultation obligations.
- Publication:
  - Reports relating to the CSWB plan (i.e., reports on the effect the plan is having, if any, on reducing the prioritized risk factors) must also be published on the Internet.

Further, the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019* created the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA). When it comes into force, the new CSPA will replace the PSA. The CSPA will contain the same CSWB planning requirements as the PSA. The following additional CSWB planning provisions will come into force under the CSPA:

- Additional transition provisions relating to the repealing of the PSA, including:
  - Plans that were prepared and adopted under the PSA before it was repealed are still valid under the CSPA despite any changes in the legislation.
- Municipalities must consult with individuals who have received or are receiving mental health or addictions services when preparing or revising a CSWB plan.

## 7) What are the main requirements for the CSWB planning process?

A CSWB plan must include the following core information:

- Local priority risk factors that have been identified based on community consultations and multiple sources of data, such as Statistics Canada and local sector-specific data;
- Evidence-based programs and strategies to address those priority risk factors; and
- Measurable outcomes with associated performance measures to ensure that the strategies are effective, and outcomes are being achieved.

As part of the planning process, municipalities are required to establish an advisory committee inclusive of, but not limited to, representation from the local police service/board, as well as the Local Health Integration Networks or health/mental health services, educational services, community/social services, community services to children/youth and custodial services to children/youth.

Further, municipalities are required to conduct consultations with the advisory committee, members of public, including youth, members of racialized groups and of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities, as well as community organizations that represent these groups.

To learn more about CSWB planning, please refer to the *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet. The booklet contains practical guidance on how to develop a plan, including a sample CSWB plan.

## **8) Who is responsible for developing a CSWB plan?**

As per the PSA, the responsibility to prepare and adopt a CSWB plan applies to:

- Single-tier municipalities;
- Lower-tier municipalities in the County of Oxford and in counties; and
- Regional municipalities, other than the County of Oxford.

First Nations communities are also being encouraged to undertake the CSWB planning process but are not required to do so by the legislation.

In the case of regional municipalities, the obligation to prepare and adopt a CSWB plan applies to the regional municipality, not the lower-tier municipalities within the region. Further, the lower-tier municipalities are not required to formally adopt the regional plan (i.e., by resolution from their municipal council).

However, there is nothing that prohibits any of the lower-tier municipalities within a region from developing and adopting their own CSWB plan, if they choose, but it would be outside the legislative requirements outlined in the PSA.

In addition, while lower-tier municipalities within counties are responsible for the development of a CSWB plan, under the legislation municipalities have the discretion and flexibility to create joint plans with other municipalities and First Nation band councils. This may be particularly beneficial for counties, where services are often shared across jurisdictions and to increase capacity by leveraging resources through the development of a county-wide plan.

## **9) Why did the Government of Ontario mandate CSWB planning to the municipality?**

CSWB planning was mandated to municipalities to ensure a proactive and integrated approach to address local crime and complex social issues on a sustainable basis. It is important that municipalities have a leadership role in identifying their local priority risks in the community and addressing these risks through evidence-based programs and strategies, focusing on social development, prevention and risk intervention.

Please remember that even though the municipality has been designated the lead of CSWB planning, developing and implementing a CSWB plan requires engagement from all sectors.

## **10) If a band council decides to prepare a CSWB plan, do they have to follow all the steps outlined in legislation (e.g., establish an advisory committee, conduct engagement sessions, publish, etc.)?**

First Nations communities are encouraged to follow the process outlined in legislation regarding CSWB planning but are not required to do so.

## **11) Can municipalities create joint plans?**

Yes, municipalities can create a joint plan with other municipalities and/or First Nation band councils. The same planning process must be followed when municipalities are developing a joint plan.

**12) What is the benefit of creating a joint plan (i.e., more than one municipal council and/or band council) versus one plan per municipality?**

It may be of value to collaborate with other municipalities and/or First Nations communities to create the most effective CSWB plan that meets the needs of the area. For example, if many frontline service providers deliver services across neighbouring municipalities or if limited resources are available within a municipality to complete the planning process, then municipalities may want to consider partnering to create a joint plan that will address the unique needs of their area. Additionally, it may be beneficial for smaller municipalities to work together with other municipal councils to more effectively monitor, evaluate and report on the impact of the plan.

**13) When creating a joint plan, do all municipalities involved need to formally adopt the plan (i.e., resolution by council)?**

Yes, as prescribed in legislation, every municipal council shall prepare, and by resolution, adopt a CSWB plan. The same process must be followed for a joint CSWB plan (i.e., every municipality involved must pass a resolution to adopt the joint plan).

**14) What are the responsibilities of an advisory committee?**

The main role of the advisory committee is to bring various sectors' perspectives together to provide strategic advice and direction to the municipality on the development and implementation of their CSWB plan.

Multi-sectoral collaboration is a key factor to successful CSWB planning, as it ensures an integrated approach to identifying and addressing local priorities. An ideal committee member should have enough knowledge about their respective sector to identify where potential gaps or duplication in services exist and where linkages could occur with other sectors. The committee member(s) should have knowledge and understanding of the other agencies and organizations within their sector and be able to leverage their expertise if required.

**15) Who is required to participate on the advisory committee?**

As prescribed in legislation, an advisory committee, at a minimum, must include the following members:

- A person who represents:
  - the local health integration network, or
  - an entity that provides physical or mental health services;
- A person who represents an entity that provides educational services;
- A person who represents an entity that provides community or social services in the municipality, if there is such an entity;
- A person who represents an entity that provides community or social services to children or youth in the municipality, if there is such an entity;
- A person who represents an entity that provides custodial services to children or youth in the municipality, if there is such an entity;
- An employee of the municipality or a member of municipal council;
- A representative of a police service board or, if there is no police service board, a detachment commander of the Ontario Provincial Police (or delegate);



- The chief of police of a police service that provides policing in the area (or delegate).

As this is the minimum requirement, municipalities have the discretion to include additional representatives from key agencies/organizations on the advisory committee if needed. Consideration must also be given to the diversity of the population in the municipality to ensure the advisory committee is reflective of the community.

As a first step to establishing the advisory committee, a municipality may want to explore leveraging existing committees or groups with similar multi-sectoral representation and mandates to develop the advisory committee or assist in the selection process.

#### **16) What is meant by a representative of an entity that provides custodial services to children or youth?**

In order to satisfy the requirement for membership on the advisory committee, the representative must be from an organization that directly provides custodial services to children/youth as defined under the *Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA)*. The definition of a youth custody facility in the YCJA is as follows:

- *A facility designated under subsection 85(2) for the placement of young persons and, if so designated, includes a facility for the secure restraint of young persons, a community residential centre, a group home, a child care institution and a forest or wilderness camp. (lieu de garde)*

The member must represent the entity that operates the youth custodial facility, not just provide support services to youth who might be in custody.

It is also important to note that, under the legislation, if a municipality determines that there is no such entity within their jurisdiction, the requirement does not apply.

#### **17) How does a member of the advisory committee get selected?**

The municipal council is responsible for establishing the process to identify membership for the advisory committee and has discretion to determine what type of process they would like to follow to do so.

#### **18) In creating a joint plan, do you need to establish more than one advisory committee?**

No, regardless of whether the CSWB plan is being developed by one or more municipal councils/band councils, there should only be one corresponding advisory committee.

At a minimum, the advisory committee must include representation as prescribed in legislation (refer to Question #15 for more detail). In terms of creating a joint CSWB plan, it is up to the participating municipal councils and/or First Nation band councils to determine whether they want additional members on the advisory committee, including more than one representative from the prescribed sectors.

**19) Who does a municipality have to consult with in the development of a CSWB plan? What sources of data do municipalities need to utilize to develop a CSWB plan?**

In preparing a CSWB plan, municipal council(s) must, at a minimum, consult with the advisory committee and members of the public, including youth, members of racialized groups, First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities and community organizations that represent these groups.

To learn more about community engagement, refer to the *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet which includes a tool on engaging the community. The booklet also includes resources which help to guide municipalities in their engagement with seniors, youth and Indigenous partners, as these groups are often identified as vulnerable.

In addition to community engagement sessions, data from Statistics Canada and local sector-specific data (e.g., police data, hospital data, education data, etc.) should also be utilized to assist in identifying local priorities. Municipalities and planning partners are encouraged to leverage resources that already exist in the community, including data from their multi-sectoral partners or existing local plans, strategies or initiatives that could inform their CSWB plan (e.g., Neighbourhood Studies, Community Vital Signs Reports, Public Safety Canada's Crime Prevention Inventory, etc.).

Recently, the Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) developed a resource document which outlines examples of data sources available to support the planning process. This resource document was developed in collaboration with the ministry's Inter-Ministerial CSWB Working Group, which consists of representatives from nine Ontario ministries and the Federal government. Specifically, the document highlights examples of sector-specific data that is available at the provincial, regional or local level, which can be leveraged to assist in the identification of local priority risks in the community. For a copy of this resource document, please contact [SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca](mailto:SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca).

Further, the ministry also offers the Risk-driven Tracking Database free of charge to communities that have implemented multi-sectoral risk intervention models, such as Situation Tables. The Risk-driven Tracking Database provides a standardized means to collect data about local priorities and evolving trends, which can be used to help inform the CSWB planning process. To learn more about the Risk-driven Tracking Database, please contact [SafetyPlanning@Ontario.ca](mailto:SafetyPlanning@Ontario.ca).

**20) What is the best way to get members of your community involved in the CSWB planning process?**

There are a variety of ways community members can become involved in the planning process, including:

- Attending meetings to learn about CSWB planning and service delivery;
- Volunteering to support local initiatives that improve safety and well-being;
- Talking to family, friends and neighbours about how to make the community a better place;
- Sharing information with CSWB planners about risks that you have experienced, or are aware of in the community;
- Thinking about existing services and organizations that you know about in the community, and whether they are successfully providing for your/the community's needs;
- Identifying how your needs are being met by existing services, and letting CSWB planners know where there are gaps or opportunities for improvement;

- Sharing your awareness of available services, supports and resources with family, friends and neighbours to make sure people know where they can turn if they need help; and
- Thinking about the results you want to see in your community in the longer-term and sharing them with CSWB planners, so they understand community priorities and expectations.

As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, municipalities may experience challenges undertaking planned or on-going consultation and engagement efforts. Where possible, municipalities may want to explore alternative options to continue with their planning efforts. This may include conducting virtual engagement and consultations with community members through webinars, teleconferences and online surveys.

### **21) What happens if some sectors or agencies/organizations don't want to get involved?**

Given that the advisory committee is comprised of multi-sectoral partners, as a first step, you may want to leverage their connections to different community agencies/organizations and service providers.

It is also important that local government and other senior public officials champion the cause and create awareness of the importance of undertaking the planning process to identify and address local priority risks.

Lastly, if after multiple unsuccessful attempts, it may be of value to reach out to ministry staff for suggestions or assistance at: [SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca](mailto:SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca).

### **22) Are there requirements for municipalities to publish their CSWB plan?**

The PSA includes regulatory requirements for municipalities related to the publication of their CSWB plans. These requirements include:

- Publishing a CSWB plan on the Internet within 30 days after adopting it.
- Making a printed copy of the CSWB plan available for review by anyone who requests it.
- Publishing the plan in any other manner or form the municipality desires.

### **23) How often do municipalities need to review and update their CSWB plan?**

A municipal council should review and, if necessary, update their plan to ensure that the plan continues to be reflective of the needs of the community. This will allow municipalities to assess the long-term outcomes and impacts of their strategies as well as effectiveness of the plan as a whole. Municipalities are encouraged to align their review of the plan with relevant local planning cycles and any other local plans (e.g., municipal strategic plans, police services' Strategic Plan, etc.). Requirements related to the reviewing and updating of CSWB plans may be outlined in regulation in the future.

### **24) How will municipalities know if their CSWB plan is effective?**

As part of the CSWB planning process, municipalities must identify measurable outcomes that can be tracked throughout the duration of the plan. Short, intermediate and longer-term performance measures need to be identified and collected in order to evaluate how effective the plan has been in addressing the priority risks and creating positive changes in the community.

In the planning stage, it is important to identify the intended outcomes of activities in order to measure progress towards addressing those pre-determined priority risks. This can be done through the development of a logic model and performance measurement framework. Some outcomes will be evident immediately after activities are implemented and some will take more time to achieve. The *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet provides a resource on performance measurement, including how to develop a logic model.

Municipalities are required to regularly monitor and update their plan, as needed, in order to ensure it continues to be reflective of local needs and it is meeting the intended outcomes.

### **25) How will the ministry monitor the progress of a local CSWB plan?**

The legislation identifies that a municipality is required to provide the Solicitor General (formerly known as the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services) with any prescribed information related to (upon request):

- The municipality's CSWB plan, including preparation, adoption or implementation of the plan;
- Any outcomes from the municipality's CSWB plan; and
- Any other prescribed matter related to the CSWB plan.

Additional requirements related to monitoring CSWB plans may be outlined in regulation in the future.

### **26) How does a municipality get started?**

To get the CSWB planning process started, it is suggested that communities begin by following the steps outlined below:

#### **a) Demonstrate Commitment at the Highest Level**

- Demonstrate commitment from local government, senior public officials, and, leadership within multi-sectoral agencies/organizations to help champion the process (i.e., through council resolution, assigning a CSWB planning coordinator, realigning resources, etc.).
- Establish a multi-sector advisory committee with, but not limited to, representation from the sectors prescribed by the legislation.
- Leverage existing partnerships, bodies and strategies within the community.

#### **b) Establish Buy-In from Multi-sector Partners**

- Develop targeted communication materials (e.g., email distribution, flyers, memos, etc.) to inform agencies/organizations and the broader public about the legislative requirement to develop a CSWB plan and the planning process, and to keep community partners engaged.
- Engage with partnering agencies/organizations to ensure that all partners understand their role in making the community a safe and healthy place to live.
- Distribute the *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet and other relevant resources to all those involved and interested in the planning process.

Once the advisory committee has been established and there is local buy-in, municipalities should begin engaging in community consultations and collecting multi-sectoral data to identify local priority risks. For more information on the CSWB planning process, please refer to the *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet.

### **27) What happens if a municipality does not develop a CSWB plan?**

Where a municipality intentionally and repeatedly fails to comply with its CSWB obligations under the legislation, the Solicitor General (formerly known as the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services) may appoint a CSWB planner at the expense of the municipality. The appointed planner has the right to exercise any powers of the municipal council that are required to prepare a CSWB plan that the municipality must adopt.

This measure will help ensure that local priorities are identified so that municipalities can begin addressing risks and create long-term positive changes in the community.

### **28) What if municipalities don't have the resources to undertake this exercise?**

Where capacity and resources are limited, municipalities have the discretion and flexibility to create joint plans with other municipalities and First Nation band councils. By leveraging the assets and strengths across neighbouring municipalities/First Nations communities, municipalities can ensure the most effective CSWB plan is developed to meet the needs of the area.

CSWB planning is not about reinventing the wheel – but rather recognizing the work already being made within individual agencies and organizations and build from their progress. Specifically, CSWB planning is about utilizing existing resources in a more innovative, effective and efficient way. Municipalities are encouraged to use collaboration to do more with existing resources, experience and expertise. The *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet provides a resource on asset mapping to help communities identify existing strengths and resources that could be leverage during the planning process.

The ministry also offers several different resources to support the CSWB planning process, including the *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet and other resources (please refer to question #29 for more information).

In addition, there are funding opportunities available that could be leveraged to support the development and implementation of local CSWB plans (refer to question #31 for more information). For example, the ministry offers a number of different grant programs that are mostly available to police services to support crime prevention and CSWB initiatives. Please visit the ministry's website for additional information on available grant programs:

<http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/Policing/ProgramDevelopment/PSDGrantsandInitiatives.html>

Funding programs are also offered by the federal government's Public Safety department. For more information on their programs and eligibility, please visit <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/crm-prvntn/fndng-prgrms/index-en.aspx>.

## 29) How is the ministry supporting municipalities and First Nation band councils with CSWB planning?

The ministry offers several different resources to support the CSWB planning process including booklets, resource documents, webinars and presentations, and the Risk-driven Tracking Database.

### **Booklets:**

First, as part of the work to develop Ontario's modernized approach to CSWB, the ministry has developed a series of booklets to share information and better support municipalities, First Nations communities and their partners with their local CSWB efforts. Specifically, the ***Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario*** booklet consists of the CSWB Planning Framework as well as a toolkit of practical guidance documents to support communities and their partners in developing and implementing local plans. The booklet also includes resources that can guide municipalities on their engagement with vulnerable groups such as seniors, youth and Indigenous partners. This booklet can be accessed online at:

<https://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/Publications/MCSCSSOPanningFramework.html>.

For reference, the other two booklets developed as part of the series includes:

- ***Crime Prevention in Ontario: A Framework for Action*** – this booklet sets the stage for effective crime prevention and CSWB efforts through evidence and research –  
<http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/sites/default/files/content/mcscs/docs/ec157730.pdf>.
- ***Community Safety and Well-Being in Ontario: A Snapshot of Local Voices*** – this booklet shares learnings about CSWB challenges and promising practices from several communities across Ontario –  
<http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/sites/default/files/content/mcscs/docs/ec167634.pdf>.

### **Resource Documents:**

Communities can also utilize the *Guidance on Information Sharing in Multi-sectoral Risk Intervention Models* document (available on the ministry website -

<http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/Publications/PSDGuidanceInformationSharingMultisectoralRiskInterventionModels.html>). This document was developed by the ministry and supports the CSWB Planning Framework by outlining best practices for professionals sharing information in multi-sectoral risk intervention models (e.g., Situation Tables).

In addition, the ministry recently developed two resource documents, in collaboration with the ministry's Inter-Ministerial CSWB Working Group, which consists of representatives from nine Ontario ministries and the Federal government.

1. The first resource document outlines examples of data sources available to support the planning process. Specifically, the document highlights examples of sector-specific data that is available at the provincial, regional or local level, which can be leveraged to assist in the identification of local priority risks in the community.
2. The second resource document outlines funding opportunities that can be leveraged to support the development and implementation of local CSWB plans.

For a copy of these resource documents, please contact: [SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca](mailto:SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca).

### **Risk-driven Tracking Database:**

Further, the ministry also offers the Risk-driven Tracking Database which provides a standardized means of gathering de-identified information on situations of elevated risk for communities implementing multi-sectoral risk intervention models, such as Situation Tables. It is one tool that can help

communities collect data about local priorities and evolving trends to assist with the CSWB planning process.

**Webinars and Presentations:**

Additionally, the ministry hosted webinars in spring 2019 to support municipal, policing, and community partners as they engage in the CSWB planning process. These webinars provided an overview of the new legislative requirements and the CSWB Planning Framework as well as guidance on how to develop and implement effective plans. A recording of the webinar is available at the following link: <http://mcscs-erb.adobeconnect.com/p3e0qppm8g30/>.

Lastly, ministry staff are also available to provide direct support to communities in navigating the new legislation related to CSWB planning through interactive presentations and webinars. For more information on arranging CSWB planning presentations and webinars, please contact [SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca](mailto:SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca).

For information on funding supports, please see Question #31.

**30) What is the ministry doing to support Indigenous communities with CSWB planning?**

Recognizing the unique perspectives and needs of Indigenous communities, the ministry has been working to better support Indigenous partners with the CSWB planning process. Specifically, the ministry has worked with its Indigenous and community partners to develop an additional resource to assist municipalities in engaging with local Indigenous partners as part of their municipally-led CSWB planning process (refer to Appendix D of the *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet).

In addition, the ministry is also continuing to work with First Nation community partners to identify opportunities to better support these communities in developing and implementing their own CSWB plans. Specifically, the ministry has identified a partnership opportunity with Public Safety Canada and established a joint approach that aligns the ministry's CSWB Planning Framework with Public Safety Canada's Aboriginal Community Safety Planning Initiative to support CSWB planning in First Nations communities within Ontario. The joint approach is currently being piloted in the Mushkegowuk region.

**31) Is any provincial funding available to support local CSWB planning?**

The ministry recently developed a resource document which outlines funding opportunities that can be leveraged to support the development and implementation of local CSWB plans. This resource document was developed in collaboration with the ministry's Inter-Ministerial CSWB Working Group, which consists of representatives from nine Ontario ministries and the Federal government. The timing for Calls-for-Applications and the eligibility criteria for funding differ for each program. For a copy of this resource document, please contact [SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca](mailto:SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca).

For example, the ministry currently offers different grant programs that are mostly available to police services, in collaboration with community partners, which could be leveraged for implementing programs and strategies identified in a local CSWB plan. Additional information on the ministry's grant programs can also be found on the ministry's website:

<http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/Policing/ProgramDevelopment/PSDGrantsandInitiatives.html>

### 32) What is Ontario’s modernized approach to CSWB?

The ministry has been working with its inter-ministerial, community and policing partners to develop a modernized approach to CSWB that addresses crime and complex social issues on a more sustainable basis. This process involved the following phases:

- Phase 1 – raising awareness, creating dialogue and promoting the benefits of CSWB to Ontario communities through the development of the ***Crime Prevention in Ontario: A Framework for Action*** booklet, which was released broadly in 2012. The booklet is available on the ministry’s website: <http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/sites/default/files/content/mcscs/docs/ec157730.pdf>
- Phase 2 – the strategic engagement of various stakeholders across the province, including the public. This phase concluded in November 2014, with the release of the ***Community Safety and Well-Being in Ontario: A Snapshot of Local Voices*** booklet. This booklet highlights feedback from the engagement sessions regarding locally-identified CSWB challenges and promising practices. The Snapshot of Local Voices is also available on the ministry’s website: <http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/sites/default/files/content/mcscs/docs/ec167634.pdf>
- Phase 3 – the development of the third booklet entitled ***Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario***, which was released in November 2017. The booklet consists of the Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework (Framework) and toolkit of practical guidance documents to assist communities in developing and implementing local CSWB plans. The Framework encourages communities to work collaboratively across sectors to identify local priority risks to safety and well-being and implement evidence-based strategies to address these risks, with a focus on social development, prevention and risk intervention. The Framework also encourages communities to move towards preventative planning and making investments into social development, prevention and risk intervention in order to reduce the need for and investment in and sole reliance on emergency/incident response. This booklet is available on the ministry’s website: <https://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/Publications/MCSCSSOPlanningFramework.html>.

### 33) Was the CSWB planning process tested in advance of provincial release?

The *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet was developed using evidence-based research, as well as practical feedback from the eight pilot communities that tested components of the Framework and toolkit prior to public release. Further, learnings from on-going community engagement sessions with various urban, rural, remote and Indigenous communities have also been incorporated. The booklet was also reviewed by the ministry’s Inter-ministerial CSWB Working Group, which consists of nine Ontario ministries and Public Safety Canada, to further incorporate multi-sectoral input and perspectives. As a result, this process helped to ensure that the booklet is a useful tool that can support communities as they move through the CSWB planning process.

### 34) What is a risk factor?

Risk factors are negative characteristics and/or conditions present in individuals, families, communities, or society that may increase social disorder, crime or fear of crime, or the likelihood of harm or victimization to persons or property in a community.

A few examples of risk factors include:

- Risk Factor: Missing School – truancy



- Definition: has unexcused absences from school without parental knowledge
- Risk Factor: Poverty – person living in less than adequate financial situation
  - Definition: current financial situation makes meeting the day-to-day housing, clothing or nutritional needs, significantly difficult
- Risk Factor: Sexual Violence – person victim of sexual violence
  - Definition: has been the victim of sexual harassment, humiliation, exploitation, touching or forced sexual acts

Municipalities and First Nations communities have local discretion to address the risks that are most prevalent in their communities as part of their CSWB plans, which should be identified through consultation with the community and by utilizing/leveraging multiple sources of data.

The *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet includes a list of risk factors and their associated definitions to assist communities in identifying and prioritizing their local priority risks.

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## FCM calls for emergency support for cities and communities

The COVID—19 pandemic has cities and communities on the brink of financial crisis. Revenues are falling, costs are rising, and municipalities can't run operating deficits. That leaves local leaders with stark choices—but this is no time to look at cutting back services.

That is why last week, FCM put out our call for the federal government to commit to emergency municipal operating funding—to keep essential services running strong, and to keep Canadians safe and supported. Our ask—at least \$10 billion to help municipalities of all sizes—was extremely well received by the media and by mayors and municipal leaders from coast-to-coast-to-coast.

When questioned about FCM's request, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland said, "Having city services in place is absolutely essential as we think about a potential for restarting the economy." We could not agree more.

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**Message of solidarity from mayors**

Last week, mayors across Canada came together to send a virtual message of solidarity to FCM members and Canadians. Municipal leaders urged citizens to continue to practice physical distancing and to remember that even though we're apart, we're flattening the curve together. The pandemic has brought forth unprecedented challenges for municipalities of all sizes. As always, municipal leaders and employees remain hard at work keeping communities safe and services going.

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For 20 years, the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) has helped municipalities reduce greenhouse gases (by 2.6 million tonnes) and mitigate the effects of climate change across Canada. On Earth Day 2020, we shared key lessons on how GMF built a successful, national model that can work in other countries around the globe. In this article, FCM's Managing Director of GMF, Chris Boivin, shares the top three approaches behind GMF's success.

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In the face of the COVID19 pandemic, communities are innovating to help care for people and flatten the curve. The City of Calgary is experimenting with closing roads, to allow people to walk, run and bike outside, while maintaining physical distance. In Canton De Gore, Quebec, the municipality set up a home delivery service, mobilizing volunteers to help care for the elderly and vulnerable. And in Halton Hills, Ontario, libraries are closed, but the town left the WiFi on, so people can use it in the parking lot to access educational resources and government benefits.

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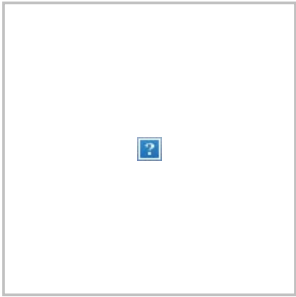
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**April 27, 2020****MEMORANDUM TO:** Municipal CAOs/Clerks**SUBJECT:** **Update on the Prosecution of *Provincial Offences Act* Charges Laid Alleging Violations of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act***

At the request of the Ministry of the Attorney General, I am sharing a communication regarding updates on the approach to prosecution of *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) charges laid alleging violations of emergency orders made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA).

Please review the attached memo from Assistant Deputy Attorney Generals Susan Kyle and Michel Hélie which provides further detail.

Attached to the memo is an updated set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that can be shared with enforcement personnel designated to enforce emergency orders under the EMCPA. Please note, these are intended to replace previous versions of the FAQs shared.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stubbings".

Richard Stubbings  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division

Attachment

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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Richard Stubbings  
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**FROM:** Susan Kyle  
Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
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Michel Hélie  
Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
Civil Law Division

**DATE:** April 17, 2020

**SUBJECT:** **Update on the Prosecution of *Provincial Offences Act*  
Charges Laid Alleging Violations of the *Emergency  
Management and Civil Protection Act***

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We are writing to advise you of updates on the approach to prosecution of *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) charges laid alleging violations of emergency orders made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA).

Previous communication identified that the prosecution of all charges laid under the POA alleging violations of emergency orders made under the EMCPA would fall to the Criminal Law Division of the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG).

Moving forward, to be consistent with current POA prosecution responsibilities, prosecution responsibility is clarified as follows:

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Attached is an updated set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that can be shared with employers of POOs designated to enforce emergency orders for distribution to their enforcement personnel, current as dated. Please note, these are intended to replace previous versions of the FAQs shared.

Thank you for your support and efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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Susan Kyle  
Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
Criminal Law Division

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michel Hélie', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Michel Hélie  
Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
Civil Law Division



**Qs and As for Municipal Enforcement Personnel and  
Ministry Provincial Offences Officers**  
**Updated April 17, 2020**

**General Questions**

**1. Are provincial offences officers and municipal law enforcement officers required to enforce emergency orders?**

The changes we are making do not require the use of provincial offences or municipal law enforcement officers to enforce emergency orders. It does provide the flexibility should there be a provincial or local need to increase enforcement. Provincial offences and municipal law enforcement officers are encouraged to seek guidance from their respective employers on expectations in this regard.

**2. What emergency orders are provincial offences officers and municipal law enforcement officers authorized to enforce?**

Provincial offences officers and municipal law enforcement officers are now authorized to enforce all emergency orders made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA).

**3. Who should provincial offences officers and municipal law enforcement officers contact for urgent matters?**

During the declaration of provincial emergency, if circumstances arise where a case under the EMCPA requires urgent attention, the prosecutor may work with the criminal court trial coordinator to bring the matter to the Local Administrative Judge or Regional Senior Judge for direction and potential scheduling.

Once the declaration of provincial emergency is over, and normal court operations resume, these matters will be scheduled and heard in the POA courts in the ordinary course.

**Available Charges**

**4. Is It an offence to fail to comply with an emergency order?**

Yes. It is an offence to fail to comply with an emergency order, or to obstruct any person acting pursuant to such an order.

Officers have discretion to enforce. Officers are encouraged to undertake a graduated approach to enforcement of the emergency orders; the approach should consider the severity of the specific situation and the Government of Ontario's public health intent to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The graduated approach to enforcement may include educational messaging to individual members of the public around the emergency orders, specific warnings to individuals, the issuance of a ticket under Part I of the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) or a summons under Part III of that Act.

The following offences are available under the EMCPA for violations of Ontario's declaration of emergency.

- (1) Fail to comply with an order made during a declared emergency, contrary to section 7.0.11(1) of the EMCPA.
- (2) Obstruct any person exercising a power in accordance with an order made during a declared emergency, contrary to section 7.0.11(1) of the EMCPA.
- (3) Obstruct any person performing a duty in accordance with an order made during a declared emergency, contrary to section 7.0.11(1) of the EMCPA.

The Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice has ordered and established set fines for offences under the EMCPA if individuals are charged under Part I of the POA, as follows:

- (1) Fail to comply with an order made during a declared emergency, 7.0.11 (1) (a), \$750.00.
- (2) Obstruct any person exercising a power in accordance with an order made during a declared emergency, section 7.0.11 (1) (a), \$1,000.00.
- (3) Obstruct any person performing a duty in accordance with an order made during a declared emergency, section 7.0.11 (1) (a), \$1,000.00.

If charged under Part III of the POA, the maximum punishment is one-year imprisonment or a fine of up to \$100,000 for an individual, \$500,000 for a director of a corporation, or \$10,000,000 for a corporation itself. If the defendant gained a financial benefit from their violation of an emergency order, the court may increase the maximum fine to match the benefit the defendant received.

Where violations occur on different dates, the Emergency Order allows for a separate charge to be laid for each day an offence occurs or continues.

The limitation periods that normally apply under the POA (whether Part I, II or III), including the 6 month limitation period set out in s.76 of the POA, have been suspended pursuant to [O. Reg. 73/20](#) made under ss. 7.1(2) of the EMCPA. The suspension is retroactive to Monday, March 16, 2020.

Additionally, the OCJ is no longer scheduling justices of the peace in POA courts to receive informations or review certificates of offence.

Proceedings may be initiated once the declaration of provincial emergency is lifted by the provincial government. However, if circumstances arise where a case under the EMCPA requires urgent attention during the state of emergency, the prosecutor may work with the criminal court trial coordinator to bring the matter to the Local Administrative Judge or Regional Senior Judge for direction and potential scheduling.

Once the declaration of provincial emergency is over, and normal court operations resume, these matters will be scheduled and heard in the POA courts in the ordinary course.

## **Bars and Other Public Establishments in Violation of the Declaration of Provincial Emergency**

### **5. What can we do if a bar is open in contravention of Ontario Regulation 51/20?**

The following potential charges are available:

1. An individual, including a patron, could be charged either under Part I or Part III of the POA, with the offence of Fail to Comply with an order made during a declared emergency contrary to section 7.0.11(1)(a) of the EMCPA:
  - If charged under Part I of the POA, a \$750.00 set fine applies
  - If charged under Part III of the POA, a fine of not more than \$100,000 and a term of imprisonment of not more than one year could be imposed
2. An individual who is a director or officer of the corporate entity could be charged under Part I or Part III of the POA, with the offence of Fail to Comply with an order made during a declared emergency contrary to section 7.0.11(1) of the EMCPA:
  - If an individual who is a director or officer commits an offence as an individual (as opposed to as a result of the actions or directions of the corporate entity of which they are director or officer), they may be charged pursuant to 7.0.11(1)(a) under Part I or Part III of the POA. A \$750.00 set fine could be imposed under Part I, or a fine of not more than \$500,000 and a term of imprisonment of not more than one year could be imposed under Part III.
  - If an individual who is a director or officer commits an offence as a result of the actions or directions of the corporate entity of which they are director or officer, they may be charged pursuant to 7.0.11(1)(b) under Part III of the POA. A fine of not more than \$500,000 and a term of imprisonment of not more than one year could be imposed.
3. The corporate entity could be charged under Part III of the POA, with the offence of Fail to Comply with an order made during a declared emergency contrary to section 7.0.11(c) of the EMCPA. A fine of not more than \$10,000,000 applies.

### **Powers of Arrest**

#### **6. Can provincial offences officers or municipal law enforcement officers arrest individuals for violations of the EMCPA?**

No. The EMCPA does not include any arrest provisions for provincial offences officers or municipal law enforcement officers.

### **Powers under the *Criminal Code***

Additional relevant powers may be available to police officers under the *Criminal Code* and the common law. We recommend you contact your local police service for assistance in this regard.

**Prosecution****7. Who will prosecute EMCPA charges?**

Previous communication identified that the prosecution of all charges laid under the POA alleging violations of emergency orders made under the EMCPA would fall to the Criminal Law Division of the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG).

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Lesley Donnelly

**From:** Ontario Heritage Trust <marketing@heritagetrust.on.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:30 AM  
**To:** Brock General  
**Subject:** You make Ontario's heritage matter | #HeritageMatters | Le patrimoine de l'Ontario compte, et c'est grâce à vous | #QuestionsDePatrimoine

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Photo: Ruby meadowhawk dragonfly at our Yaremko-Ridley property, near Milton

April 28, 2020

Dear friend and supporter of the Ontario Heritage Trust,

This spring, we are reaching out to the many friends of the Ontario Heritage Trust to connect with you and to let you know that you are in our thoughts as we find ourselves in this extraordinary time. **Today, we want to celebrate YOU** – as a friend of the Trust and a supporter of the important work that we do.

The Trust values the people, places and events that have influenced and continue to shape our heritage and culture in Ontario. **Our work extends to every corner of the province** and includes the identification, conservation, protection and promotion of some of Ontario’s architectural treasures, natural heritage sites and our diverse cultural heritage, for today and future generations.

During this period of uncertainty, community touchstones like heritage buildings, natural spaces and landscapes, cultural objects, stories and traditions become even more

important as expressions of our identity. In protecting them, **we help to provide for dynamic and resilient communities that are adaptive in the face of change.**

Each of us has the opportunity to make a difference, and we thank you for your generosity to the Trust. Every day across the province, our precious heritage is threatened. Your support truly does make a difference!

Over the past year, the Ontario Heritage Trust has made great strides in the areas of **conservation, youth participation and education, and in forging vital partnerships to engage all Ontarians in new ways.** Here are just a few of our achievements:

- The **Trust works with partners in communities across the province** to steward and interpret our sites. Partner contributions are invaluable in keeping these spaces vibrant and viable for the people of Ontario to experience. From the Moose Cree First Nation who operate the [Hudson's Bay Company Staff House](#) at Moose Factory to the volunteers of the Thunder Bay Field Naturalists who steward the Harvais property (a reserve for rare orchids), and from event partners to the Friends of [Macdonell-Williamson House](#) (a National Historic Site in Chute-à-Blondeau), whose conservation initiatives have developed the house into a successful cultural, historical and bilingual tourist centre.
- Since reopening in September 2018, the [Cheltenham Badlands](#) has received **over 120,000 visitors who have experienced the site's new visitor infrastructure.** We are proud to work with Credit Valley Conservation and the Bruce Trail Conservancy in providing new opportunities for the public to experience this remarkable site while protecting its fragile landscape. The National Trust for Canada recognized this initiative with the 2019 Ecclesiastical Insurance Cornerstone Award.
- [The Doris McCarthy Artist-in-Residence Program](#) continues to thrive, providing a unique living and working creative space for Canadian artists. In 2019, we **welcomed eight artists and provided mentorship opportunities** for a further 50 emerging artists. The Trust is grateful to the RBC Foundation's Emerging Artists Project for its support of this program.
- [Doors Open Ontario](#) 2019 enjoyed **more than 450,000 visits and opened almost 1,000 sites across the province.** We capped off the 2019 season in late October with an event organized in partnership with the Niagara Parks Commission to open the stunning decommissioned William B. Rankine Power Generating Station in Niagara Falls for two days, providing a rare opportunity for approximately 3,000 visitors to tour the facility and see a part of Ontario's industrial heritage that has been closed for the past decade.

This year, we are **celebrating community** – the unique sites and treasured stories and traditions that define the places where we live. Over the coming months, we will bring this theme to life through content on our website and social media channels. **We invite you to visit [MyOntario](#)** and become storytellers, historians and visionaries, and share the places, memories, photos, artifacts, artworks and traditions that inspire you, that motivate you, and help define who you are.

We look forward to the time that we can gather again in celebration of our communities. As we move forward, **natural and cultural heritage will continue to be important touchpoints for Ontario's communities.**

Once again, thank you! **Your support has been critical to protecting Ontario's shared heritage.**

Thank you, merci, miigwetch, nia:wen, marsi.

*Harvey McCue Beth Hanna*

Harvey McCue, Chair

Beth Hanna, CEO

P.S. Here are **some links to fun and interesting information** to help you fill your time while you are staying safe at home this spring:

- **To watch:** Make [butter tarts](#) using a recipe found in the archives of Toronto's Ashbridge Estate.
- **To listen:** CBC Radio's Ideas show, with former host Paul Kennedy, interviewing artist Kent Monkman who was speaking about Decolonizing Art History at the [Trust's fall lecture](#) at the Winter Garden Theatre in November 2018.
- **To tour:** Take a [virtual tour](#) of the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre.



Photo : Sympétrum à dos roux dans notre propriété de Yaremko-Ridley, près de Milton

Le 28 avril 2020

Chers amis et soutiens de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien,

Nous vous écrivons ce printemps, à vous et aux nombreux autres amis de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien, pour vous assurer que nous pensons à vous en cette période exceptionnelle. **Aujourd'hui, c'est VOUS que nous souhaitons mettre à l'honneur** pour l'intérêt et le soutien que vous témoignez à la Fiducie et à son important travail.



Lesley Donnelly

**From:** Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations <communications@foca-on-ca.ccsend.com> on behalf of Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations <communications@foca.on.ca>  
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## FOCA Elert - April 2020



### Cottage Country Considerations & COVID-19

FOCA posts the most up-to-date and relevant information about the pandemic and impacts on waterfront Ontario on our website, here:  
<https://foca.on.ca/covid-19-update-from-foca/>

**Recent news of note:**

- Ontario has extended the Declaration of Emergency to May 12 (*see April 14 item*)
- the Prime Minister announced the Canada/U.S. border will remain closed until May 21 (*see April 18 item*)
- Parks Canada announced that the opening of the [Trent-Severn and Rideau Waterways](#) are delayed until at least May 31 (*see April 15 item*)
- some municipalities have closed public boat launches (*see April 12 item*)
- [short-term rentals](#) to the general public are not considered essential services, and are restricted (*see April 6 item*)

- seasonal trailer parks and recreational campgrounds are listed as non-essential businesses, except for Ontarians whose only Canadian residence is in one of these locations (*see April 3 item*)
- marinas are considered essential services but only to the extent necessary to enable individuals to access their primary place of residence, or in support of emergency services, or the food supply chain (*see April 1 item*)

FOCA will continue to post news to our website, and to provide monthly Eleret updates. [Ensure we have your consent](#) to continue sending you the Eleret.

~

FOCA will be working with the Provincial government, our municipal partners and others to communicate the impact of the various restrictions on waterfront property owners. And, when we can do so safely, we will be encouraging the gradual return to 'normal.' This might not come for some time, as the current mantra of "Stay Safe. Stay Home" is pervasive among our public health partners, and politicians are taking a very cautious "long view" approach.

Watch a brief update from FOCA's Executive Director from a few days ago:



## Event recap: FOCA webinar Cottage Country Considerations & COVID-19

On April 14, 2020 FOCA hosted a one-hour webinar for our members and municipal partners; over 250 of you participated, and attendee feedback was positive:

- *"very informative, timely on pertinent issues"*
- *"session was clear, to the point, visuals helpful"*
- *"excellent. thank you for putting this on. was really informative and is consistent with the messaging we've been*

### The presenter:

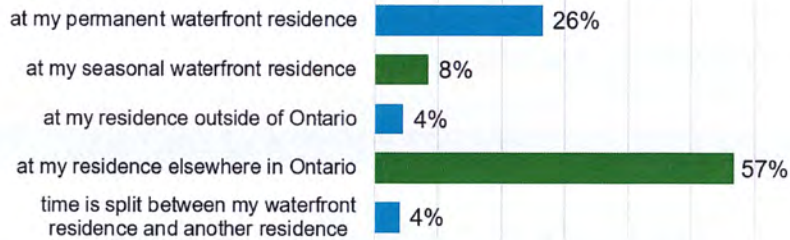
Terry Rees  
FOCA Executive Director



FOCA Members' Director Cottage Country Considerations & COVID-19 April 14, 2020

giving our members... AND provided additional info and links we can use"

POLL 1: Where are you mostly located during the pandemic?



source: FOCA member webinar on COVID-19 and cottage country, April 14, 2020

FOCA notes: Above are live poll results from the event attendees.

FOCA Members can watch the webinar recording and download the slides (including links to additional resources), from our webpage:

<https://foca.on.ca/covid-19-update-from-foca/>

\* You will need your FOCA Member Web Login to access this material. Don't have, or recall, the Login? [Contact us by email](#), clarifying your association affiliation or member status; we will reply during business hours with details.

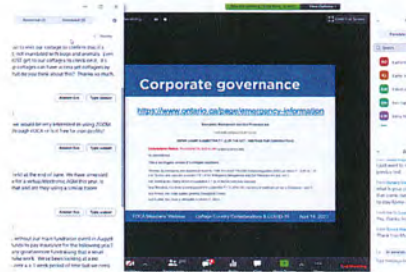
## Next Member Webinar

### Governing our Lake Associations during the pandemic: practical tips and legal guidance with our partners at BLG

Wednesday, May 6, 2020  
from 7:00pm - 8:00pm by webinar

Join FOCA and Katherine Carre of **Borden Ladner Gervais LLP** for a webinar about governance considerations for not-for-profit associations, such as:

- how to hold your Annual General Meeting if you can't meet in person this summer
- what means of "voting" can be used, and whether proxies are required
- questions about quorum and electing new Directors.



A screen capture from FOCA's last webinar

FOCA members can register for this webinar at no charge.\*  
**Pre-registration for this event is required before 5:00pm on May 6th:**

[Click here to register now for the webinar](#)

You will receive a confirmation email including the webinar link, once your registration has been approved by FOCA.

\* *Not yet a member? Find out more about why you should be:*

<https://foca.on.ca/who-supports-foca/>

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## Advocacy, Policy & Program Updates

### Water Quality Testing and the Lake Partner Program

Despite FOCA's best intentions to continue with the **Lake Partner Program** (LPP) in 2020, the volunteer sampling and sample submission, plus any laboratory work by the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) has to be **postponed indefinitely**. Given the many closures, particularly the lab services at the Dorset Environmental Science Centre, it will be impossible to deliver this program.

**Many of you are already in receipt of your sampling packages, and we ask that you please hold on to these for when the program eventually resumes.**



For those of you still looking for the **data from the 2019 season**, despite FOCA's repeated efforts over the past months, there has been no information released from MECP, and no indication of when this might change. Read more, including what you can do to add your voice, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>

## Electricity News

Time-of-use pricing is still suspended (until mid-May) under the Province's Emergency Order. Follow this issue and get background about FOCA's work on the electricity file:

<https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing/>

### Electricity rates & prices

Off-peak	Mid-peak	On-peak
10.1 c/kWh	10.1 c/kWh	10.1 c/kWh

## Protecting public participation under the EBR

FOCA and nearly 50 other organizations from across the province have jointly appealed to the Province of Ontario to amend their provisions to **suspend the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR)**, to maintain the right of the public to participate in important environmental decisions, and to ensure the environment is adequately considered in their decisions. See more, and read the letter:

<https://foca.on.ca/environmental-bill-rights/>



An excerpt from the letter to the Province

## Lake Environments

### Water Levels

There are flood watches and warnings issued for some parts of waterfront Ontario. Link to the **Ontario Flood Map** (pictured at right, early on April 27) and other related high water preparedness information, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/high-water-flood-events-in-cottage-country/>

#### Current flood information

Flood information updated as of: April 27, 2020 - 08:00 am

#### Ontario flood map



## Celebrating Citizen Science

April is [Global Citizen Science Month](#), and FOCA takes this opportunity to thank all the hundreds of dedicated volunteer samplers who have participated in the **Lake Partner Program** of water quality monitoring! Learn more about the importance of citizen science in this short video from FOCA: [https://youtu.be/owliN\\_D8WZc](https://youtu.be/owliN_D8WZc)



## More Volunteer Appreciation

National Volunteer Week was April 19-25!

FOCA thanks all the volunteers on our Board of Directors and in our 500+ member Associations who do so much for waterfront Ontario. Across Canada, 12.7 million volunteers regularly give their time in support of multitude of causes and services. We recognize the valuable economic and community impacts of volunteerism. Three cheers, to all of you!

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2020**

APRIL 19-25

**IT'S TIME TO APPLAUD  
THIS COUNTRY'S VOLUNTEERS**



#NVW2020

Here's just one great example of volunteers-in-action in our lake communities:

**Planet Haliburton** is an environmental show on a local all-volunteer radio station, producing free podcasts on topics of interest to lake associations, including septic systems and re-inspection, shoreline and water level information. Find the podcasts here <https://canoeFM.com/planet-haliburton/> or on Spotify or iTunes.



Planet Haliburton  
By Terry Moore | Canoe FM

*Thanks to our colleagues at the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations, for bringing this resource to our attention!*

### FOCA's Silver-level Sponsors



## Safety & Risk Management

### Wildfire Safety

Effective April 3rd, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has implemented a Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ) across the entire legislated fire region of Ontario due to impacts related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Many municipalities have also implemented fire bans during this time. See more on FOCA's fire safety webpage:

<https://foca.on.ca/fire-safety-overview/>



### Carbon Monoxide & Home Fire Safety

If you are using gas, oil, propane or wood-burning heating systems or appliances, or portable generators in confined spaces, FOCA reminds you to install, test

and replace batteries in carbon monoxide detectors at the same time that you check your smoke detectors each spring and fall. Learn more here:

<https://foca.on.ca/beat-the-silent-killer-co-safety/>



### Signs of Spring

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ontario Provincial Police remind Ontario residents to exercise caution as bears come out of hibernation this spring. Get tips for your home and neighbourhood, and find out what to do if you DO sight a bear, here:

<https://news.ontario.ca/mnr/en/2020/04/be-bear-wise-and-prevent-bear-encounters.html>



### Boating Safety

A message from our colleagues at [Boating Ontario](#), posted to Facebook on April 20th:

*"It should go without saying but.. sometimes boating responsibly means waiting to boat. We know you're looking forward to getting out on the water - so are we! - but now is not the time. Let's all be responsible boaters and stay home."*



## Sponsors' Corner

### Welcome to Sawmill Structures

Sawmill Structures is FOCA's newest Bronze Corporate Sponsor. They make beautiful, affordable cottage bunkie and shed kits that can be assembled in one day at your property. Do-it-yourself, or choose a full assembly package and let them do everything for you.



### Sawmill Structures gives back: food bank donation

FOCA is especially pleased to announce that, for every bunkie or shed purchase made during the COVID-19 pandemic, **Sawmill Structures will donate \$350.00 in your name directly to the local food bank in your cottage area.** Remember to mention FOCA when you access this offer on behalf of your rural community!



Chris Hillert, owner of Sawmill Structures, started this 'cottage-give-back-local' initiative to help food banks in crisis in cottage country during the pandemic. "Now more than ever is the time to support these wonderful communities that we all love and cherish so much," he says. Visit online, call or email for information:

[www.sawmillstructures.com](http://www.sawmillstructures.com) 416.407.6501 [sales@sawmillstructures.com](mailto:sales@sawmillstructures.com).

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*Sponsors support FOCA's work; please, support them! See more about all the offers available to you: <https://foca.on.ca/member-services/benefits/>*

## Regional Notices & Event Updates

### Muskoka floodplain mapping

As reported in the Muskoka Watershed Council's "[Downstream](#)" Newsletter earlier this month, the District Municipality of Muskoka has acquired updated floodplain mapping for parts of the Muskoka River Watershed. To view the mapping, find the tab "Muskoka Flood Plain Maps" on this webpage:

<https://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/live-and-play/flood-plain-mapping.aspx>





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## Earth Day Celebrations

Last week saw the celebration of the [50th anniversary of Earth Day](#) on April 22nd. This year's theme was 'Climate Action' and events were entirely digital, due to the pandemic. Here's what the organizers wrote about the spirit of the day:



*"The real goal of Earth Day is to change the world around you, for the better. ... Earth Day brings you back to the roots of environmentalism: Building a planet that works better for everyone. You'll do this through voting, changing laws and leaders, updating school curriculum, supporting science and inspiring your neighbors to make positive changes."*

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## MLA Annual Seedling Day

**CANCELLED** - [MLA's Seedling Day](#) was scheduled for May 16, 2020.

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## Bird Surveys suspended if travel is required

As reported by our member group, the Otty Lake Association in their April 15th enews, **Bird Studies Canada** has made the decision to suspend all surveys that require volunteers to leave their own property (including going out on a boat). See more:

<https://www.birdscanada.org/some-frequently-asked-questions-about-surveys-and-field-work-during-covid-19-2/>



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## ASHMuskoka ash collection postponed

As reported in late March in the newsletter of the [Friends of the Muskoka Watershed](#), the **ASHMuskoka** project is asking participating community members



to safely store their cold, clean ash in a dry, safe place until the collection process can resume. The project requires 80-100 tonnes of ash by the fall of 2021, for the second phase of the three-year project. [Read the blog post from ASHMuskoka here.](#)

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## Waterfront Land Use Planning during COVID-19

Like all of us, municipal planning departments are adjusting to these challenging times, and many are carrying on while working remotely. Lake associations can learn more about the situation in a short article from our partners at [EcoVue Consulting](https://foca.on.ca/land-use-planning-overview/) on the FOCA webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/land-use-planning-overview/>



## Facebook Finds

We've been keeping track of developments from our member associations, partner organizations, and sponsors on social media. Here are just a couple of stories that we think are well worth sharing:

- FOCA member group, the [Severn River Association of Property Owners](#) (SRAPO) has donated \$2,000 to the Coldwater Food Bank on behalf of all their members. As they wrote on their Facebook post: "Together we can show warmth and compassion to others; we are all very much together as a community!" This is one of several great examples of member Associations who are finding ways to support their rural communities during this unusual time.
- A "shout-out" to our corporate sponsors, [Sunspace Sunrooms](#), for their ongoing efforts to re-tool their windows as hygiene shields in grocery and corner stores in recent weeks! *(image at the side)*



Have you connected with FOCA on Facebook yet?  
Find us here:

<https://www.facebook.com/foca.on.ca>

## Materials for your Association Newsletters

In addition to FOCA's ongoing work on behalf of waterfront Ontario, our members have access to several specific benefits, offers and discounts from our partners and corporate sponsors. Review member benefits, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/member-services/benefits/>

Member Associations: **Do all your members know about their FOCA benefits?** Use a reminder "ad" on your association website, or an upcoming Newsletter.

Could you use a short article about the value FOCA brings to your members? **Contact the office** for a draft article and/or a copy of the ad at the side.



## 2019 FOCA Year in Review

Read about electricity pricing, the Lake Partner Program of water quality monitoring, and more about FOCA's recent work on behalf of waterfront Ontario. Please share this link with your members!

<https://foca.on.ca/2019-year-in-review/>

**Government Relations & Effective Policy Work**  
FOCA works with policy makers to ensure that waterfront property owners are adequately informed and involved on issues affecting waterfront communities.

**Encouraging Involvement**  
In early 2019, FOCA released a *Guide to Municipal Engagement for Ontario Lake Area Residents*, encouraging property owners to actively participate in decisions that affect their waterfront water from drinking, to fishing & boating to what to do as a member or guest to build a relationship with their new municipality. Download the guide: <https://foca.on.ca/2019-06-14/guide-to-municipal-engagement>

**Focusing on Policies**  
FOCA works on *Advocacy of Policy Files!* You can start by viewing at <https://foca.on.ca/2019-06-14/policy-files> for updates. FOCA's policy initiatives, and the progress we have made this year:

- Water Issues & Basin Management Planning
- Conservation Authorities
- Algonquin Land Claim Agreement
- Land Use Planning & the Provincial Policy Statement
- Mining & the Aggregate Resources Act

Most of FOCA's work takes place over years or decades, so it can be hard to prepare the press release of FOCA's advocacy each year. However, for 2019, the result is more education.

**Success Story**  
FOCA was pleased to see the *Success of Offshore Cable* story in the *Financial Post* in the summer of 2019, including a year-long "no-till" amendment!

**80 Million Saved**  
Our members saved, due to FOCA's efforts to reduce electricity rates, more than **84,000 seasonal families' annual electricity bills**, by \$1,000 each.

**2019 YEAR IN REVIEW**

FOCA is... **F O C A**  
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**Advancing Science into Action**  
FOCA is proud of the long-standing citizen science efforts of volunteer Lake Stewards across Ontario in the *Lake Partner Program* delivered in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

**LPP Facts at a Glance**

- Over 800 volunteers
- 16 over 600 Lake Partner Stations
- Something on over 1500 different lakes
- All over 800 sample sites
- Contributing over 2000 hours annually
- To gather over 4,000 environmental samples
- Contributing over half a million to in-lake data research every year
- With over 200 years of data collected

An estimated 70% of Canada's freshwater biologists in Ontario, yet only 1-2% is involved in water quality. This is the first of the many initiatives that affect the health of the water quality in our province. It is important that water quality is monitored consistently, so that trends are identified and used to inform policy. The Lake Partner Program monitors and analyzes local parameters: phosphorus, calcium, water clarity, and chlorophyll - a full range of parameters that are critical to the health of our lakes and water quality. <https://foca.on.ca/2019-06-14/lake-partner-program>

**Did You Know?**  
The citizen science activities of the Lake Partner Program was featured at an *international workshop* about Open Data and Water Monitoring in Singapore, India and the 2019 Great Lakes Basin Council's presentation to the Great Lakes Basin Council in the fall. <https://foca.on.ca/2019-06-14/lake-partner-program>

## FOCA's Bronze-level Sponsors





## A free edition of Cottage Life

FOCA's partners at Cottage Life Media have invited us to share with you an offer to **download the May 2020 edition of the Cottage Life Magazine at no charge**. They wrote:

*We know that during tough times, sometimes it's the little things that get us through. In the May issue of Cottage Life, we celebrate the simple pleasures of life at the lake. We are offering free access to the current digital edition of Cottage Life, and inviting everyone to escape with us even if only for a few minutes. This is our way of giving back to the community we serve.*

Access your free issue from Cottage Life, here:

<https://cottagelife.zinioapps.com/shop>

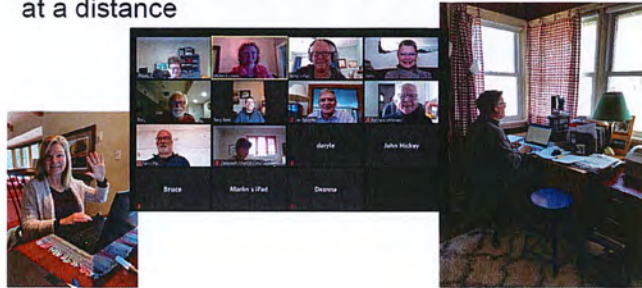


## FOCA's Operations Continue

In light of the ongoing pandemic, FOCA continues to abide by the Ontario government order related to the closure of non-essential businesses, and has transitioned our staff away from our Peterborough office to physically distance.

## FOCA's operations

The staff and Board of Directors continue to work, at a distance



We are carrying on serving our members digitally, during regular business hours. [Our contact information is here.](#) You can still leave phone messages, although email inquiries may be addressed more rapidly.

### Staying in Touch

Please encourage fellow members and waterfront neighbours to provide their consent to receive monthly Evert messages like this, from FOCA. You can circulate this call-to-action:

**Your Role**

Get on the Evert list for free cottage country updates from FOCA:  
[http://bit.ly/FOCA\\_Evert](http://bit.ly/FOCA_Evert)

This is one of many member benefits that we hope you will highlight to fellow members. For more, visit: <https://foca.on.ca/member-services/benefits/>.

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Lesley Donnelly

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April 27, 2020

## AMO COVID-19 Update – What You Need to Know Today: Provincial Re-Opening Approach, PPE Access, LTC Orders, Increased COVID Pay, Community Gardens

### Provincial Direction on COVID-19 Re-Opening Approach

Today, the government released [A Framework for Re-opening our Province](#) to assist planning for stage by stage approach to re-opening the economy in a safe manner. According to Premier Ford, it is a “roadmap, not a calendar”. The framework does not set out hard dates nor provide specific detail on which businesses will re-open. Rather it outlines criteria to guide Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts to use when advising the government on the loosening of emergency measures.

As well, there are guiding principles for the safe, gradual reopening of businesses, services, and public spaces. The framework also provides details of an outreach strategy to help inform the restart of the provincial economy. This will be led by the [Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee](#). Further information on the announcement is found in the [Ontario Newsroom](#).

### **New Orders regarding Long-Term Care Homes**

The Province has introduced new and has amended some emergency orders under subsection 7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* regarding Ontario's long-term care homes. These orders provide for the redeployment of staff to allow health service providers, including hospitals, to temporarily reassign frontline staff to provide services and supports in long-term care homes.

We understand that these provincial orders have been put in place for those few urgent situations where hospital staff needs to be redeployed immediately to a long-term care home to protect residents' and staff health and safety. It is expected that such extreme measures would only be used only if absolutely necessary and that all other additional support and assistance methods available had been exhausted.

### **Additional Pandemic Pay for Some Frontline Workers**

The Ontario government is now providing frontline staff with a temporary pandemic payment to recognize the dedication, long hours, and increased risk of working to contain the COVID-19 outbreak. Those eligible to receive the payment are staff working in long-term care homes, retirement homes, emergency shelters, supportive housing, social services congregate care settings, corrections institutions and youth justice facilities, as well as those providing home and community care and some staff in hospitals.

We understand that paramedics nor LTC management are not currently part of this program; however, the Province has indicated that they “are continuing to consult with our health care partners to address questions and determine who might meet the criteria for pandemic pay”.

### **Community Gardens**

The opening of community and allotment gardens has been an area of great public interest with the start of better spring weather. It was announced on April 25<sup>th</sup> that the use of allotment gardens and community gardens across the province is now permitted. These gardens are an essential source of fresh food for many individuals and families, including those who face food insecurity.

Local Medical Officers of Health will be providing operating direction and instructions for these gardens – such as physical distancing, and cleaning and disinfecting commonly used equipment and surfaces.

### **Two Methods to Access PPE for Municipal Purposes:**

**Provincial Process:** (text provided by the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services)

On March 17, 2020, the Government of Ontario declared a state of emergency to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public. Significant efforts have been made and continue to be underway to support the Province's battle against the pandemic.

Ontario, like many other jurisdictions, faces significant shortages of critical supplies and equipment for frontline workers across the public sector. We are experiencing a highly competitive market, hardening borders and disrupted supply chains, so working together to take advantage of any and all opportunities available to us makes sense.

On March 28, the Ontario government enacted regulations that enabled the Province to require data from certain public sector entities. This requirement includes gathering information on inventories, orders, and supply constraints for critical COVID-19 products.

The information is being collected in a Virtual Inventory to provide an aggregated view of urgent and near-term demand and supply requirements allowing government to prioritize buying what is needed most, deploying them, and allocating them on a priority basis to support the delivery of essential services to Ontarians.

The list of critical supplies and equipment the Province is centrally procuring, and tracking is evolving and currently includes:

- ventilators
- eye protection
- masks
- hand sanitizer
- swabs and test kits
- gloves
- gowns
- sanitation supplies
- thermometers.

### **How can municipal governments participate in provincial process?**

Participating in the Provincial COVID-19 supply chain gives municipalities access to provincially purchased critical supplies and equipment, in addition to their current supply chains.

Municipalities currently participating should continue to report inventory and demand to:

- the Ministry of Health (e.g. health centres, paramedic services, LTC homes)
- the Ministry of the Solicitor General for municipal fire and police services.

**For all other critical municipal PPE supply needs** to support frontline workers and/or the people they serve (e.g. homeless shelters, supportive housing, community housing, and transit), a municipality can choose to participate in the integrated public sector supply chain through the Virtual Inventory.



In addition, the federal government, through the Public Health Agency Canada (PHAC), is also undertaking bulk purchasing of critical supplies and equipment to support COVID-19 response. The Province is working closely with PHAC to access these needed supplies and equipment. The federal government recently indicated that municipalities should work through the Province as part of our ongoing orders. The best way for municipalities to send their requests for these critical products is to participate in our inventory and demand process.

If municipalities decide to opt-in, the Province asks that the COVID-19 supply and demand requirements for all municipal services that aren't yet captured, be included in the reporting. They have tools and training available to support municipal participation.

If your municipality is interested in participating in an integrated public sector supply chain, please contact [doingbusiness@ontario.ca](mailto:doingbusiness@ontario.ca) and provide a single point of contact for your municipality to receive the survey link, training options and instructions.

**LAS Process:** (Local Authority Services is AMO's business service)

Need PPE? Look no further than the LAS Municipal Group Buying Program. Our partnership with Grainger Canada provides masks, gloves, and other safety equipment for municipalities and their frontline staff, including paramedic and police services. [Contact LAS](#) for more information or to [connect with Grainger directly](#).

### **Suspension of Timelines in the *Ontario Heritage Act***

AMO has been asking many Ontario ministries about the application of [Ontario Reg. 73/20](#) on their respective legislation that includes statutory timelines.

On April 24<sup>th</sup> a letter from the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries to municipal governments clarified that Ontario Reg. 73/20 applies to *Ontario Heritage Act*, specifically the timeframes under subsections 32(2), 33(4), 34(2), and 42(4) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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**Lesley Donnelly**

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April 28, 2020

Please be advised that in accordance with the Association's governing by-law, the Secretary-Treasurer is requesting nominations to the 2020 – 2022 AMO Board of Directors.

**Attached** please find:

- A summary of the offices for which elections will be held at the 2020 Annual Meeting;
- An estimate of the annual time commitment required to serve on the AMO Board of Directors and for those who will then serve on the AMO Executive Committee; and
- Nomination Form

Candidates reflecting Ontario's diversity are encouraged to seek election to the AMO Board. The names of all qualified individuals who are duly nominated will appear on the ballot for election to the Board. From the [AMO By-Law No. 2](#) Part 3, qualifications are:

### 3.3 Qualifications of Directors.

a) Every Director shall:

- be an individual of eighteen (18) or more years of age;

- be an elected official of a Member Municipality or an employee of a Member Municipality of the Corporation;
- not be an undischarged bankrupt; and
- not be declared incapable.

b) The position of Secretary-Treasurer is to be filled by an employee of a Member Municipality and also meet the qualifications of 3.3 a).

Qualified Nominees must obtain a Council resolution of support which must also specify the Caucus or position for which the individual is being nominated. In order to provide the broadest representation possible, AMO By-law No. 2 stipulates that a member municipality can only have one representative on the Board unless another representative is on the Board as an appointed official from a municipal group. See Section 3.4(e)\*

A completed Nomination Form and supporting material must be received no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, June 22, 2020. Nominations will not be accepted beyond that date. AMO's Chief Returning Officer, Peter Fay, will certify the nomination. A Nominations Report will be issued no later than Friday, July 24, 2020.

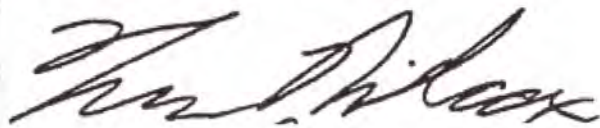
Please forward a completed Nomination Form to the Association via email [amoelections@amo.on.ca](mailto:amoelections@amo.on.ca) or fax at (416) 971-6191 or mail to the attention of Brian Rosborough, Executive Director. Scans and photographic images of documents are acceptable.

All candidates will be contacted to confirm receipt of their nominations and at that time will receive further information on the election process.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Brian Rosborough, Executive Director at (416) 971-9856, ext. 362, e-mail [brosborough@amo.on.ca](mailto:brosborough@amo.on.ca) or Lorna Ruder, Executive Assistant, ext. 341, email [lruder@amo.on.ca](mailto:lruder@amo.on.ca)

Trevor Wilcox, Secretary-Treasurer

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Re: Support Resolution - High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario

At its meeting held on April 28, 2020, the Council of the Township of Armour passed Resolution #6 supporting our Councillor Rod Ward's letter regarding the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in the rural areas of Ontario.

A copy of Council's Resolution #6 dated April 28, 2020 and Councillor Ward's letter is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlene Watt  
 Deputy Clerk

Cc: MPP Norm Miller, MP Scott Aitchison and Ontario Municipalities

Enclosures



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

## RESOLUTION

**Date:** April 28, 2020

**Motion #** 6.

That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the letter, dated April 15, 2020 from Councillor Rod Ward, on the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas. Furthermore, that this resolution and the letter be circulated to Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka and all Ontario municipalities requesting their support.

**Moved by:**

Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Seconded by:**

Blakelock, Rod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

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*[Signature]*

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**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:**

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April 15, 2020

To whom it may concern,

The COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario has highlighted both our positive responses to a crisis, and some definite shortcomings in infrastructure, systems and services which need to be addressed on a long-term basis. Setting priority on solving these issues will be a challenge, given the differing agendas and the strained budgets. Solving fundamental issues should focus on the most basic needs as a starting point. One of the clear needs in a rural community such as the Almaguin Highlands, highlighted further by recent events, is the need for proper high-speed internet connectivity. Healthcare and education are both going down a path where appropriate connectivity is assumed. Like many models that move outward from metropolitan areas, this assumption is lost on rural areas. For the vast majority of households in our community, true high-speed connectivity simply does not exist. For the vast majority of future strategies in healthcare and education, there is an assumption that it does exist.

Even in areas in the Almaguin Highlands which have 'high-speed' internet, the overall infrastructure is still limited. It is certainly not designed to deal with a sudden huge peak in demand. Whereas the capacity in large urban centres is built to handle the added throughput, there are clear limitations here. The best way to explain it is a comparison to hydro. Imagine if everyone went home at the same time and turned their lights on, but because there wasn't enough hydro capacity overall, all lights were 50% dimmer than normal and some appliances simply didn't work. We no longer have to imagine what happens with internet speed during peak usage. Suddenly during the COVID pandemic, people are working from home who have never worked from home. Kids are trying to do courses on-line. People who are not working are turning on-line to stay connected. Video-conferencing, which was a totally foreign concept to many, is now part of daily routine. Any idea how much internet bandwidth video uses? It's no wonder we hit a wall.

The future of healthcare sees patients being monitored and cared for in their own homes, through the use of technology. The future of education sees students doing much of their learning on-line. The future of business and commerce sees the ability to function outside the 'bricks and mortar' of an office location. Malls disappear and on-line shopping is the norm. For some, that future has already arrived. Our area has already been drastically affected by cutbacks in the area of healthcare and education through gradual decreases in budgets and services. Technology offers us the ability to level the playing field to a great extent. High-speed connectivity cannot be seen as a luxury or a nice-to-have, any more than hydro should be seen that way. In order to solve some other problems (i.e. skyrocketing budgets in healthcare and education) the wise investment is in providing connectivity for every resident in the province.



Rod Ward  
Councillor  
Armour Township



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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April 23, 2020

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**Subject: Request to Regulate and Enforce Odour and Lighting Nuisances  
Related to the Cultivation of Cannabis Plants**

Dear Minister/Attorney General Lametti, Premier Ford and Attorney General Downey:

At its meeting of April 22, 2020, Hamilton City Council approved Item 5.4(d), which reads as follows:

**5.4 (d) Repeal and Replace Public Nuisance By-law 09-110 and Amend  
Administrative Penalty By-law 17-225 (PED20076) (City Wide)**

- (a) That the draft by-law, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED20076, which repeals and replaces By-law 09-110, being a By-law to Prohibit and Regulate Certain Public Nuisances within the City of Hamilton, and amends the Administrative Penalties By-law 17-225 which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be approved and enacted by Council;
- (b) That the Mayor be directed, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to write to the relevant federal and provincial governments to regulate

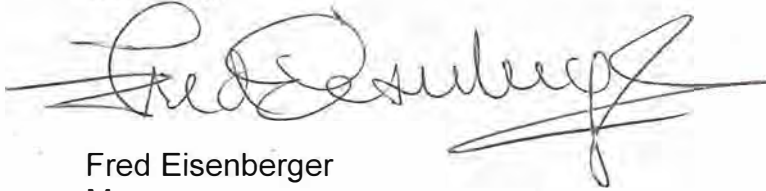
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and enforce odour and lighting nuisances related to the cultivation of cannabis plants;

- (c) That the Mayor contact the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Attorney General, and local Members of Parliament to request that the Province extend authority to Municipalities to enforce odor and lighting nuisance complaints stemming from licensed and unlicensed cannabis cultivations within the its jurisdiction; and,
- (d) That the request be sent to other municipalities in Ontario, including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement.

We respectfully request your consideration with regard to this request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor

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Good morning Ontario Network of Accessibility Professionals (ONAP):

In the spirit of sharing resources, we are pleased to share with you our [2020 to 2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan](#).

In times of emergency and calm, York Region and York Regional Police are committed to providing accessible service to both staff and residents. The importance of accessibility is embedded in our work and continued commitment to remove and prevent barriers.

York Region and York Regional Police have updated our joint Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. This Plan highlights actions approved by Regional Council to strengthen the accessibility of York Region and York Regional Police programs, services and facilities.

Developing this plan was a Region-wide effort, involving our staff and community. It updates and builds on the 2015 to 2021 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan approved by Regional Council in 2015.

It also specifies new work ahead of us. Some of that work helps meet legislated standards, while other actions go beyond compliance, such as our continuous quality improvement initiatives. These actions affirm our commitment to creating welcoming and inclusive communities.

Please share this Plan with those who may be interested. Hard copies are available upon request. To request a hard copy or to provide feedback, please email [AODA@york.ca](mailto:AODA@york.ca).

Thanks,

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# York Region 2020 to 2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Update to the York Region 2015 to 2021  
Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

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## A Message from York Region Chairman and CEO and Members of Regional Council

York Regional Council is committed to ensuring residents of all ages and abilities can enjoy the same opportunities as they live, work, play and invest in York Region.

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) sets out accessibility standards for organizations to implement with the goal of making Ontario accessible by 2025. York Region is committed to meeting — and, in certain circumstances, exceeding — these standards by removing and preventing barriers through sound and effective accessibility planning.

The 2020 to 2023 York Region Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (the Plan) highlights and guides the important work that The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) and York Regional Police are doing to create accessible programs, services, supports and facilities for everyone. Together, more than 850 initiatives have been implemented that promote accessibility since planning efforts to respond to provincial legislation began in 2003.

Through our focus on customer service excellence and with the support of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, York Regional Council will continue to create welcoming and inclusive communities that value the diversity of our residents and allow every person to thrive, free of barriers and without discrimination.



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**Not pictured:** York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson (Ex-officio), Sandy Palombo.

## Message from the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

Everyone is likely to be affected by disability at some point in their life – whether personally or indirectly through the experiences of family, friends or coworkers. For each person, their experience of disability is unique. A disability can be visible or invisible and can require different adaptations, such as mobility or sensory adaptation. One can be born with a disability, or acquire it through an accident or simply through the act of aging. Better access helps not just people with disability, but everyone. Making services, programs and facilities more accessible, and, ultimately, more inclusive, improves the quality of life of our entire community.

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee advises York Regional Council and York Regional Police about accessibility initiatives to create a barrier-free York Region.

Committee members are from all nine local municipalities and are made up of diverse backgrounds and abilities. This allows us to offer many perspectives to improve accessibility for York Region residents. Accessibility means ensuring that all people, including people with disabilities, have the freedom and opportunity to participate in their community.

This updated York Region Multi-Year Accessibility Plan builds on the accomplishments of York Region's previous accessibility plans and activities to implement the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). It also outlines the work ahead to help achieve the vision of creating an accessible Ontario by 2025.

Our Region is enriched by the contributions of people of all abilities. Our community is strengthened when everyone is included. It is our privilege to continue to advise Regional Council and York Regional Police on identifying and removing barriers, changing attitudes, and creating more awareness around both disability and the importance of accessibility in York Region.



# DISABILITY IN YORK REGION

Nearly **one in five** York Region residents has at least one disability. This represents

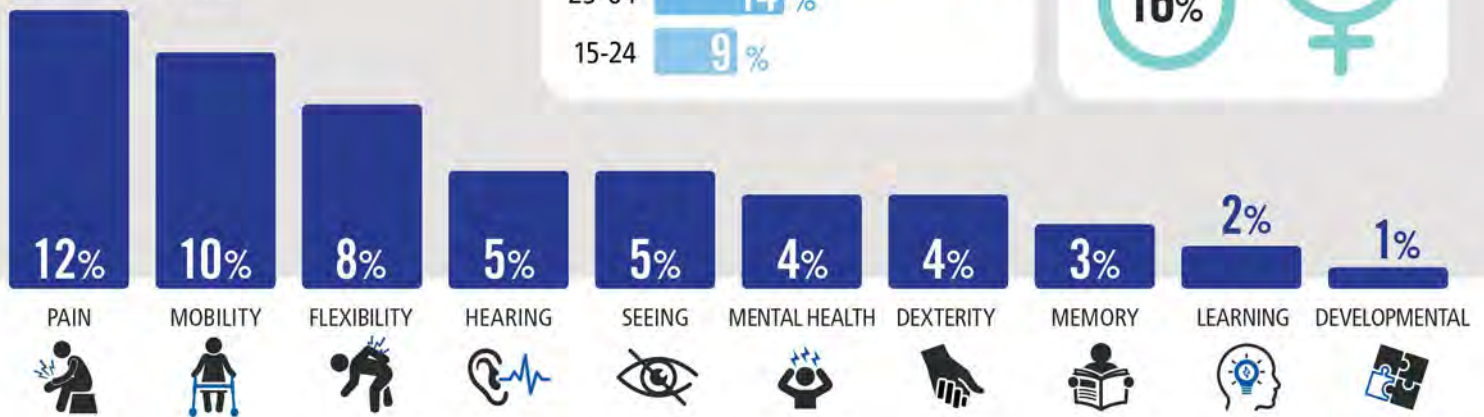
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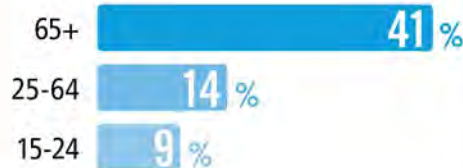
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Percentage of residents with at least one disability:

## DISABILITY TYPE



## AGE



## SEX



Due to cost, **33,000** York Region residents with disabilities were unable to afford aids or assistive devices,



and **21,500** were unable to afford prescription medication.

Of adults aged 25-64 **with** disabilities:



Of adults aged 25-64 **without** disabilities:



Among seniors with disabilities,



Among youth with disabilities, **62%** had a mental health related disability.





## About the 2020 to 2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

### York Region at a glance

York Region is home to nearly 1.2 million people of all ages and backgrounds. It is one of Canada’s fastest growing communities and the third largest municipality in Ontario. According to the 2017 Canadian Survey on Disability, approximately one in five residents aged 15 years and over (or 18%) has at least one type of disability.

York Region has nine local municipalities: Town of Aurora, Town of East Gwillimbury, Town of Georgina, Township of King, City of Markham, Town of Newmarket, City of Richmond Hill, City of Vaughan and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. It is a diverse region which combines urban and rural areas and is in the northern part of the Greater Toronto Area.

The Region provides services and programs that are delivered across wide areas and require large-scale coordination. These include children’s services, court services, economic development, forestry, housing services, long-term care, paramedic services, planning, public health, regional roads, social assistance, seniors services, transit, waste management and water.

York Regional Police provide police services to residents. Key priorities include working with partners in addressing community safety issues, delivering sustainable and effective police services to communities, and ensuring roads, schools and communities are safe through prevention and enforcement.

The Plan outlines the long-term strategies of both organizations to achieve legislated accessibility requirements and improve accessibility within programs, services and facilities. The 2020 Plan builds off the success of Council’s direction with the previous 2015 Plan.

Each local municipality also has its own multi-year accessibility plan and accessibility advisory committee, as required by the AODA.



## The Plan must be reviewed and updated at least once every five years

The AODA became law in 2005. The overarching purpose of the AODA is to make Ontario accessible by 2025. Under the AODA, York Region and York Regional Police must establish, review and update a multi-year accessibility plan at least once every five years. The legislation also requires organizations to prepare annual status reports on actions taken to improve accessibility and to implement legislated requirements.

The AODA sets out accessibility standards for private and public organizations. The following provides a description of each standard and the general requirements, all of which are addressed in this Plan:

- **Information and Communications:** Create, provide and receive information and communications in ways that are accessible to people with disabilities
- **Employment:** Incorporate accessibility practices across all stages of employment
- **Transportation:** Make it easier to move around through accessible public transportation services
- **Design of Public Spaces:** Make public spaces more accessible
- **Customer Service:** Provide accessible customer service to people with disabilities
- **General Requirements:** Implement actions to enhance accessibility across the organization

## York Region and York Regional Police plan together

York Region and York Regional Police have developed a joint Plan and implemented actions to achieve compliance with the AODA since 2010 when the first requirements of the AODA became law. York Region is the compliance lead for both organizations.

Creating communities where every person can participate is important for people, businesses and community life. An accessible community allows everyone to develop to their full potential, participate freely in society and live with respect, dignity and freedom from discrimination. York Region and York Regional Police continue to plan so services are accessible and welcoming for everyone.

Accessibility planning supports the Region's vision of strong, caring and safe communities. The Plan outlines strategies and actions approved by Regional Council to prevent and remove barriers for people with disabilities in our programs, services and facilities. It details our approach for meeting the requirements of the AODA. Most actions in the Plan are already in effect and part of regular business practices.

Creating a community that is welcoming, inclusive and accessible for everyone aligns with goals set out in Regional strategies and policies, including *Vision 2051, Regional Official Plan, 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan – From Vision to Results, Accessibility Policy* and York Regional Police Business Plan. To learn more, visit [york.ca](http://york.ca) and [yrp.ca](http://yrp.ca).

This Plan highlights actions to strengthen the accessibility of York Region and York Regional Police programs, services and facilities. It updates and builds on the 2015 to 2021 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan approved by Regional Council in 2015 and is designed to align with the term of Council and 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan. It is integrated with the Region’s business planning and budget process with an update planned for 2023 when that new budget cycle begins. Annual status reports will continue to be posted at [york.ca/accessibility](http://york.ca/accessibility).

The following table illustrates how the Plan updates and builds on actions from the previous one since multi-year accessibility planning was first established in 2013.

**Table 1: Actions build from one Plan to the next**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>2013 to 2021 Plan</b>											
Multi-year accessibility planning established	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Accessibility policies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transportation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Training		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Accessible Purchases		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Employment		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Websites WCAG* Level A		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
<b>2015 to 2021 Plan</b>											
Plan updated			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Accessible information			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Design of public spaces				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Customer service amendments				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>2020 to 2023 Plan</b>											
Plan updated								✓	✓	✓	✓
Websites WCAG Level AA									✓	✓	✓

\*Web Content Accessibility Guidelines

## How the Plan was developed for York Region and York Regional Police

The AODA requires the Plan to be developed, reviewed and updated in consultation with persons with disabilities and an accessibility advisory committee. York Region and York Regional Police collect feedback about the Plan from people with disabilities, the community and the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee. This requirement was met through the use of public meetings, social media and an online survey conducted during the Plan's development phase.

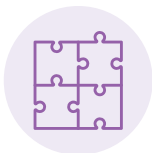
York Region Transit (YRT) consults annually with people with disabilities on the transportation-specific section of the Plan, as required by the AODA. Feedback collected from YRT consultations has also been used to inform the development of this Plan.

## The Plan in action

With this Plan, York Region and York Regional Police will continue to maintain compliance with the Province's accessibility standards. Both organizations will continue to assess services for barriers outside the legislation. To ensure access, the Plan goes beyond the requirements of the AODA to include actions not addressed by the AODA.

### I. Continuing actions

The following actions required by the AODA are already in place as a result of earlier plans. The actions in this Plan are aimed at ensuring that York Region and York Regional Police remain compliant with the AODA requirements already in effect.



#### A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Continue to implement the general requirements of the AODA through the following actions designed to enhance accessibility across the organization:

- Continue to use the Accessibility Policy which governs how York Region and York Regional Police achieve and maintain compliance with the requirements of the AODA. Both organizations have a policy
- Implement a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan that outlines long-term strategies to achieve AODA requirements and improve accessibility within programs, services and facilities. Report annually on the status of the Plan
- Include accessibility criteria in purchases and acquisitions including self-service kiosks
- Train all employees, volunteers and agents on the AODA Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation and the Human Rights Code as it pertains to people with disabilities



## B. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS

Continue to provide accessible information and communication to residents, visitors and employees through the following actions:

- Ensure processes for receiving and responding to feedback are accessible to people with disabilities
- Provide and arrange for the provision of accessible formats and communication supports upon request, in consultation with the requestor and taking into account the person's accessibility needs. This includes emergency plans and public safety information
- Ensure all existing York Region and York Regional Police websites and web content conform to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA in accordance with the timelines set out by the AODA Integrated Regulation



## C. EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Continue to ensure employment policies and practices are inclusive of people with disabilities with these established actions:

- Ensure all employees and successful applicants with disabilities are informed of available supports and accommodations
- Ensure applicants with disabilities are informed of available accommodations during the recruitment, assessment and the selection processes



- Consult with employees to provide and arrange for accessible formats and communication supports
- Provide employees, upon request, individualized workplace emergency response information
- Maintain a return to work process and provide individual documented accommodation plans for employees with disabilities when required
- Ensure the needs of the employees with disabilities are taken into account for the purposes of performance management, career development, advancement and redeployment



**D. TRANSPORTATION STANDARDS**

(Not applicable to York Regional Police, who do not provide public transportation service)

Continue to ensure York Region’s conventional and specialized transportation services are accessible to people of all abilities with these established actions:

- Ensure information on the accessibility equipment and features of vehicles, routes and services is available upon request



- Establish documented emergency preparedness and response policies that provide for the safety of people with disabilities
- Ensure people with disabilities are able to board or deboard at the closest available safe location if the official transit stop is not accessible
- Offer safe storage and handling of mobility aids
- Provide alternate accessible arrangements to transport persons with disabilities to their destination if there is a service disruption
- Offer specialized transportation to visitors who are eligible in the jurisdiction where they live
- Coordinate specialized transportation services between adjacent municipalities with connections made from one transportation service to another
- Provide same hours of operation for conventional and specialized transportation services
- Ensure service delay information is provided to passengers using specialized transportation in a mutually agreed manner
- Provide clearly marked priority seating for people with disabilities
- Allow companions and dependents to travel on specialized services with a person with a disability, with notice and paid fare. A support person who accompanies a person with a disability is not charged a fare
- Ensure transit operating contractors provide accessibility training for staff on how best to provide service to people with disabilities, the safe use of accessible equipment and features, emergency response procedures and addressing temporary barriers, in addition to the other AODA training requirements
- Provide an eligibility application process for those wanting to use specialized transit. Riders can be deemed eligible for full specialized transportation services, the Family of Services or conventional transportation under three categories: Unconditional (no limit), Temporary (with a time limit) and Conditional (with some conditions for use)
- Offer temporary specialized services for emergency needs or on compassionate grounds
- Accept same day bookings for specialized services and provide same day service based on availability. Registrants can also book any number of trips within regular hours of service
- Offer automated electronic pre-boarding and on-board announcements
- Implement transportation specific accessibility performance measures (see Table 2)

**Table 2: Transportation Performance Measures**

AODA REQUIREMENT	REGIONAL ACTION
<p>Process for managing, evaluating and taking action on customer feedback</p>	<p>The process includes but is not limited to the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer feedback/complaints are received by York Region Transit (YRT) and Mobility On Request staff representatives, tracked in the complaint tracking system and forwarded to the appropriate functional area for investigation and resolution, and customer follow-up, where requested</li> <li>• Monthly reports summarize the number of complaints received and categorize them according to functional area. Customer feedback is used to identify opportunities for service improvement</li> </ul>
<p>Demographic and ridership projections for specialized transportation services</p>	<p>YRT undertakes a demand analysis for Mobility On Request as part of the five year service plan. The five year service plan for Mobility On Request includes ridership projection as well as measures to reduce waiting times.</p>
<p>Steps to reduce waiting times</p>	<p>As part of the five year service plan for Mobility on Request, YRT identifies steps to reduce waiting times, including maintaining contractual obligations for on time service delivery and providing same day service.</p>
<p>Accessibility equipment failures</p>	<p>Measures to identify, prevent and address accessible equipment failure is documented in the operating contract between YRT and the operating contractors. These include pre-trip, in-trip and post-trip inspections and regularly scheduled maintenance of vehicles.</p>
<p>Development of accessible design criteria to be considered in the construction, renovation or replacement of bus stops and shelters</p>	<p>YRT ensures that there is a staff representative at every York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting. YRT continues to provide updates and solicit feedback on transit-related matters, including the design of bus stops and facilities, when required.</p> <p>YRT continues to upgrade stops and terminals using accessible design criteria to increase accessibility.</p>





## E. DESIGN OF PUBLIC SPACES STANDARDS

Continue to ensure new or redeveloped public spaces comply with specific accessibility design requirements for the following areas:

- Trails, beach access routes and forest trails
- Outdoor public eating areas
- Public play spaces and accessible parking
- Exterior paths of travel including sidewalks and accessible pedestrian signals
- Service counters, fixed queuing lines and waiting areas
- Implement emergency and preventative maintenance in public spaces as follows:
  - Review and update procedures for the preventative and emergency maintenance of the accessible elements required in the Design of Public Spaces Standards, such as curbs and ramps, handrails and tactile indicators on stairs
  - Review and update procedures for dealing with temporary disruptions when these accessible elements are not working



## F. CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS

Continue to offer an excellent accessible customer experience to everyone through the following actions:

- Provide Accessible Customer Service training to all staff and volunteers, and to agents who provide service to the public on our behalf
- Accommodate the use of assistive devices, support persons and service animals
- Receive and respond to feedback regarding the manner in which goods or services are provided to people with disabilities
- Provide notice of temporary service disruptions to programs, services or facilities



## II. New actions

The Plan includes actions to achieve compliance with requirements of the AODA that have yet to come into effect. As of 2020, one requirement of the AODA is pending: all websites and web content (existing and new) will need to meet specific accessibility standards by January 1, 2021.

At the start of 2021, all websites and web content need to be Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) Level AA compliant. WCAG is an international standard for making websites and web content accessible to a broader range of users with disabilities. WCAG 2.0 A and AA refer to a series of technical checkpoints to make websites more accessible, with Level AA building on the checkpoints of Level A.

For example, Level A includes:

- Text descriptions of images so users with vision disabilities can understand what the image represents
- Web content that can be changed into large print so a user can read the content with ease

Examples of Level AA include:

- Headings and labels that help users navigate and find content with minimal barriers
- Colour-contrast of 3:1 on navigational graphics to help users with vision disabilities

To achieve the standard by January 1, 2021, York Region and York Regional Police will:

- Implement a strategy to ensure all websites and web content conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA
- Provide accessible formats of content published before 2012, upon request, as historic content does not need to be modified to meet current standards

## III. Additional actions

There are additional actions in the Plan. Although not a requirement of the AODA, York Region and York Regional Police implement continuous quality improvement actions aimed at ensuring programs, services and facilities continue to be accessible to everyone. This includes reviewing compliance processes for requirements of the AODA to identify improvements in practices and procedures which have been implemented in the past to ensure our approaches remain current.

The Plan includes the following additional actions:

- Develop detailed work plans to review activities that address AODA requirements which have been implemented in the past
- Conduct accessibility reviews of York Region and York Regional Police facilities with high public access
- Coordinate forum for local accessibility advisory committees and other York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee-led events

## Actions to meet monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements

As legislated, York Region and York Regional Police will review and update this plan at least every five years. An annual status report outlining the progress of the actions in the plan will also be prepared. These documents are posted on the York Region and York Regional Police websites and can be made available in an accessible format or with communication supports upon request. Accessibility (compliance) reports will be submitted as required to the Government of Ontario, which regulates compliance for all Ontario organizations.

## Helping achieve strong, safe and caring communities through accessibility planning

Including accessibility in the Region's everyday work has become the way of doing business. With the 2020 to 2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, York Region and York Regional Police will continue to strive for excellence to meet Ontario's requirements and enhance accessibility in our communities.

In addition to meeting legislated requirements, accessibility planning supports York Region's vision of strong, safe and caring communities. Creating communities where every person can participate fully is important for people, businesses and community life. Accessibility not only helps people with disabilities, it benefits everyone. Accessibility means giving people of all abilities opportunities to participate fully in everyday life.



## Let us know what you think

We welcome your feedback. Please let us know what you think about the York Region 2020 to 2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and accessibility matters in general.

To view this plan online visit [york.ca/accessibility](http://york.ca/accessibility)

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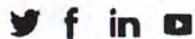
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## Keeping municipal services going strong

Across the country, local leaders are working like never before to protect Canadians, support local businesses, and keep essential services running. These are extraordinary times—and our cities and communities are on the front lines of it all.

But in every conversation I have with members, I hear different accounts of the same basic challenge. Revenues are drying up. Unanticipated costs are rising. And with limited fiscal tools—and no ability to run deficits—our cities and communities are on the brink of financial crisis.

That's why, last Thursday, [FCM urgently called on the federal government](#) to commit a minimum of \$10 billion to emergency operating funding for municipalities nationwide. This is about ensuring you have the tools you need to keep vital local services going strong.

More than ever, Canadians depend on the services we provide. Police, fire and ambulance when people need help. Clean water and garbage collection. Safe public transit for essential workers. Support services for the vulnerable. Cutting back now would be unthinkable—for Canadians, and for the economy.

Canadians expect all orders of government to work together. Our federal-municipal partnership has already delivered real progress in communities across the country. And right now, that partnership is key to getting through this crisis.

The national press picked up our call for federal leadership almost immediately. Within an hour of our “virtual press conference,” reporters were asking the prime minister about it. So our message is breaking through—and we’re determined to keep it up to get municipalities the support you need.

### Gearing up for Canada’s recovery

I’m so proud of the work FCM is doing to support members. Our incredible staff is working flat out (from home, of course) to convene local expertise, share helpful resources and help coordinate local response efforts. They even launched a major [new funding offer](#) from FCM’s Green Municipal Fund—the first of three new initiatives flowing from Budget 2019’s historic new investment in GMF. All things considered, that’s not a bad way to mark GMF’s 20th anniversary.

FCM also continues to drive unprecedented engagement with senior federal decision-makers, including Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland and the ministers responsible for infrastructure, housing and rural economic development. We’re bringing your local realities to the federal pandemic response—helping to secure expanded support for workers, local businesses and hard-hit industries.

Through all of this, we’ve also got an eye on Canada’s recovery—and the crucial role municipalities of all sizes will play. The fact is, recovering from this pandemic is going to require a massive nation-building effort. Investing in our communities is going to be key to creating jobs and getting our economy moving.

As the governments closest to daily life, local leaders are well-placed to deliver stimulus funding quickly and efficiently. Delivering results—on the ground, where people live—is what we do. And we’ll be ready to work alongside our federal partners to lead Canada to recovery. This crisis has also exposed fundamental flaws in this country’s municipal toolbox, and when the time comes, we’ll need to address that as well.

But right now, we’re focused on helping you see Canadians through this pandemic. Because we’re in this together.



Bill Karsten is a councillor for the Halifax Regional Municipality, NS. He was elected FCM President in June, 2019.

### SEND ME YOUR THOUGHTS

Please send me your comments. I would love to hear from you.

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April 23: Municipalities across Canada are facing a financial crisis at a scale we have never seen before. @FCM\_online is calling on the #GOC to commit to emergency operational funding to help #cdnmuni keep Canadians safe and essential services running.  
<https://bit.ly/2W9EtII> #cdnpoli

April 22: As we celebrate 20 years of @FCM\_online's Green Municipal Fund, communities across Canada are benefiting from the 1,300+ projects it made possible. Lower GHG emissions are the way of the future. Thanks #GOC for partnership & financing.

April 17: Today's #GoC announcement of support for sectors shaken by #COVID-19, including energy, is welcome news for small and rural #CDNmuni. It's a meaningful response to advocacy by @FCM\_online, our Rural Forum, and our Western Economic Solutions Task Force.  
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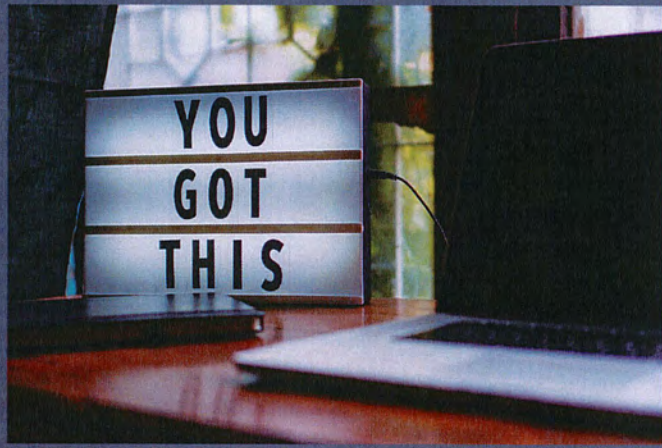
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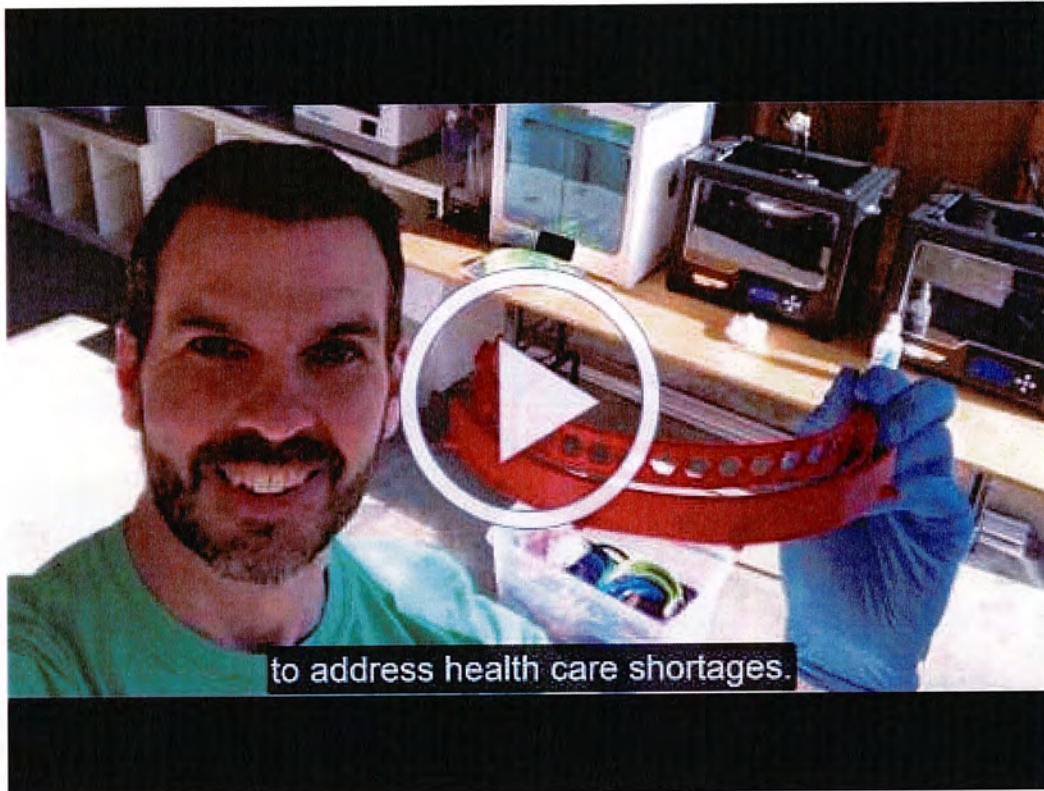
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# Industry Report

Connecting, engaging and informing Durham Tourism's valued stakeholders

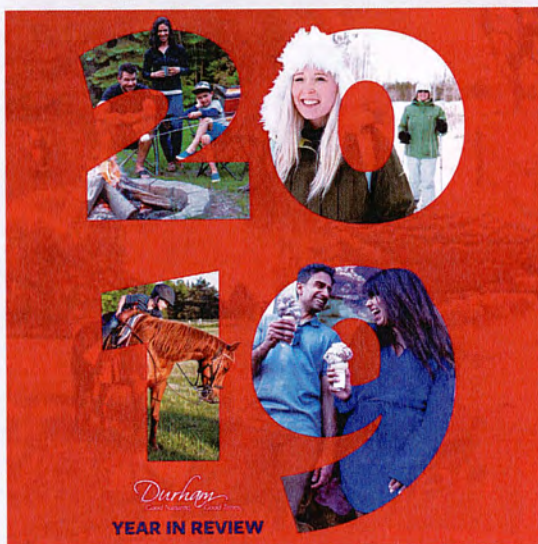


Businesses of Durham Region: for the latest resources, financial supports and information from all levels of government, please visit [investdurham.ca/covidresponse](http://investdurham.ca/covidresponse).



**Durham Region is an innovation community. We are home to a network of businesses that innovate with a conscience and have a history of adapting and overcoming challenges.**

**Together, we are #DurhamStrong.**



### **2019 Durham Tourism Annual Report**

Durham Tourism is pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report. The report provides tourism businesses and partners in Durham Region with a high-level overview of programs, activities, accomplishments, social media successes, initiatives and imagery that was captured throughout the year.

We look forward to continuing to support and develop our tourism industry in 2020, recognizing that these are challenging and changing times for all.

Read the full report



## TeleTownhall with Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries April 23, 2020

- Minister MacLeod reflected on the challenges in Nova Scotia and acknowledged the many people in Ontario who share in their grief and have family and friends there. She grew up in Nova Scotia and is proud that Ontario is flying the Nova Scotia flag. In this moment, we're all together.
- In less than two months, 300,000 jobs have been lost in Ontario and the \$75 billion tourism sector has dropped by \$17.5 billion.
- The province has extended emergency measures to May 6.
- The legislature will reconvene May 12.
- The Minister has been assigned to the Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee which is chaired by Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance.
- The work of the 14 ministerial advisory committees is underway. For example, the Amateur Sport Committee is developing new protocols for sport. One of the co-chairs is Karen Stintz of Variety Village. The Festivals and Events committee is determining what events will look like in the future. The tourism committee includes representation from hotels.
- This is the largest consultation exercise the Ministry has ever undertaken.
- Norm Miller is working daily with MPPs on COVID-19 recovery planning.
- All of this work will be used to develop the 2020-25 Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries strategy.
- The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development has developed COVID-19 workplace health and safety guidance for various industries and jobs (e.g. cashiers, curb-side delivery, etc.) which are available for download here:  
<https://www.wsps.ca/covid19#downloads>.

- Minister MacLeod has been advocating for federal government support for businesses' commercial rent payments and has requested that Ontario be allocated 40 per cent of the \$500 million COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations announced by the federal government last week, based on our population and the percentage of artists and athletes in Ontario. She has been trying to get more details on this \$500 million fund.
- Celebrate Ontario, Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) funding and funding for youth camps and other community programs will continue to flow. The \$1.65 billion budget for the Ministry remains whole but there are some treasury challenges due to the liquidity needs of all Ministries.



### Complimentary Membership

We would like to thank the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries for making it possible for TIAO to extend complimentary membership to the entire tourism industry in Ontario for 2020.

For our current members, we will be reaching out to them directly. They will be provided an option to choose:

- To extend their existing membership by another year or
- Become a Green shoots sponsor. For those members that can afford to pay their membership, we will recognize the value of their existing membership through sponsorship (Green shoots

### Recognize Excellence in Tourism

It has been an incredibly challenging time for all of us, both professionally and personally, because of COVID-19. That's why it's never been more important to ensure that when we have defeated COVID-19 we recognize the achievements of those in our industry who make our province so attractive to visit.

This is an opportunity for organizations, businesses, and individuals to be recognized on the main stage at the [2020 Ontario Tourism Summit](#), the province's premier tourism industry event of the year. More importantly, it's a chance to be acknowledged

### Destination Northern Ontario hosts webinar series to support tourism industry

A series of webinars will begin the week of April 27, 2020 and continue throughout the month of May. ADAPT 2020 – A Webinar Series for Tourism is intended to support Northern Ontario's tourism businesses and communities through the challenges our industry faces considering COVID-19. The webinar series is outlined to provide resources, tools, action plans, strategies, and connections for both today and the future.

sponsor) and use this value of their membership to continue the research and vital actions to rebuild and represent the industry's voice to government in Ontario.

by industry peers for the incredible work you do for Ontario's vibrant tourism sector.

[Register now](#)

[Submit your nomination](#)

If you are new to TIAO and are interested in becoming a member, please reach out to [membership@tiaontario.ca](mailto:membership@tiaontario.ca).

[Learn more](#)



## Have a Listen to Episode #58 of FEO on the Air

**Featuring Lisa LaVecchia, President and CEO of Destination Ontario**

In this episode of FEO on the Air we are joined by Lisa LaVecchia, President and CEO of Destination Ontario.

Lisa speaks about the plan moving forward for when the province does eventually re-open for business and tourism. The health and safety of all Ontarians continues to be the number one priority for Destination Ontario, and they have created a valuable three-step plan so that when the time is right, a positive and welcoming message can be sent out to anyone looking to come to Ontario.

Lisa LaVecchia also talked about the role of her organization in keeping



## Central Counties Tourism Update

Central Counties is working hard with our stakeholders to come up with new ways to market their products during the COVID-19 crisis. Whether it's a virtual tour, online course, or a new innovative way to deliver experiences, they want to work with you to make it happen.

In response to COVID-19 and social distancing, our stakeholders are staying top-of-mind by sharing creative and educational content. This is a fantastic and economical way to let the people know you care about them, showcase your expertise and generate consumer loyalty.

They are here to assist you in the following ways:

- Brainstorm with the CCT marketing team
- Logistical assistance
- Storyboarding
- Assessing equipment needs

tourism industries informed about government decisions and the need to put forward a positive message of hope to festival and event organizers during a difficult and unprecedented time in history.

To reach Destination Ontario for questions or support, you can email [do.partnerships@ontario.ca](mailto:do.partnerships@ontario.ca) or visit [www.tourismpartners.com](http://www.tourismpartners.com).

Listen now

- Promotional planning – social media calendar creation

To discuss this opportunity further, please contact your regional field manager: [Eleanor Cook](#)



## Suggested Guidelines for Safe Fishing in Canada During Covid-19

Written by Braden Kemp & Dan Miguel @ National ProStaff

Every year about this time anglers begin to retrieve their boats from storage, dig rods and reels out of the back of the garage, and start getting organized for the various season openers that are just around the corner.

This year is different.

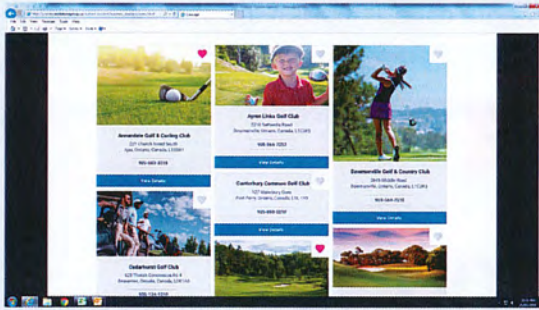
This year we are facing a global pandemic that threatens to (or already has) shut down boat ramps, public lake access points, and municipal parks that offer river and stream fishing for spring steelhead.

National ProStaff (NPS) is an outdoors company that connects influential anglers and hunters with brands who need promotion — both online and in physical spaces. Our team is made up of diehard anglers that want nothing more than to be able to get out fishing as much and as soon as possible — and we will, but we have to do it responsibly and within the law.

In order to assist both anglers and decision-makers to navigate the difficult issue of fishing regulations and access during Covid-19 we have developed a set of suggested fishing guidelines. These guidelines have been created by applying the principles of physical distancing provided by Public Health Ontario — the province where NPS Head Office is located. We encourage you to check the resources provided by your local Office of Public

Health before participating in any outdoor activity as these are suggestions and are always superseded by official government guidelines, laws, and regulations.

[Continue reading...](#)



## Online Business Listing

Please take a moment to ensure that your online business directory listing and image is up to date on [durhamtourism.ca](http://durhamtourism.ca).

To log into your account, or register yourself as a new user - please click [here](#).

If you require any assistance, please reach out to [tourism@durham.ca](mailto:tourism@durham.ca).



## State of Tourism in Canada During COVID-19 Dashboard Report #1

The Tourism Industry Association of Canada (TIAC) has released a Dashboard Report #1 in partnership with Twenty31 Analysts. This report is a snapshot report of recent key global, regional and domestic tourism health and economic updates. The purpose of this report is to provide *insights* on a weekly basis of the current impact of COVID-19 on the travel and tourism industry.

### KEY INSIGHTS - Twenty31 Interpretation from multiple sources

- There is indication that the easing of travel restrictions will occur gradually starting with interand intra-provincial travel (around mid/end of June/beginning of July), followed by regional travel (mid-July), and eventually international (mid-July), then short-haul (after summer) and long-haul travel (into the fall).
- Opportunities are beginning to emerge for local travel (i.e., within a three hour drive) by end of June/mid-July consisting of short summer trips with a focus on coastal and beach areas.
- Due to the rolling process of when travel begins again, and the possibility of shorter trips in the summer, we expect opportunities for smaller hotels at first, versus larger resorts due to the need to continue social distancing.
- Nevertheless, the need to reconnect with loved ones in family gatherings or postponed celebrations like weddings that have been put off due to the virus, will increase the attraction of more family-oriented destinations.

- There may also be pent-up demand for luxury/high-end sector as travel restrictions ease.
- Some major events slated for the first half of the summer are being cancelled or postponed for later in the fall.
- Many of Canada's City DMOs have furloughed or laid off staff...in some cases upwards of 50 to 90 per cent of all staff as their primary revenue source, hotel DMFs are held back from previous years or not collected given the current severely reduced hotel occupancies.

[Read more](#)



## Attractions Ontario

### **Online Initiatives:**

Our goal is to continue to draw awareness and pique interest in Ontario attractions throughout this pandemic. Many of the attractions we represent are offering online activities for patrons to engage in. Here is a list of ways we have added to our website to provide easy access to these online activities. If you would like your attraction to appear on these lists, please email [tine@attractionsontario.ca](mailto:tine@attractionsontario.ca).

### **Virtual Tours**

Visit Ontario attractions right from your home! Check out our list of attractions offering VIRTUAL TOURS and ride the coasters 🎢, view wild animals 🐘, or tour a museum with the click of a button! This list is being updated often so check back soon.

### **Online Educational Activities**

Got kids at home? We have the solution! Check out this list of attractions offering education printouts or videos that align with the Ontario curriculum! Great to fill the day with learning.

### **Attractions Quiz**

Check your Ontario attractions knowledge! We have created a quiz to get people thinking about the many different attractions in this province. If you want your attraction to be featured in the next one, please email [kate@attractionsontario.ca](mailto:kate@attractionsontario.ca).

### **YouTube Videos**



Check out our Youtube Channel that features videos showcasing Ontario attractions! Take a filmed tour, watch our Ask-a-Local city campaigns, or just peruse the many videos we have uploaded.

**New Initiative:** *Get To Know Ontario Attractions - Who's Behind Your Local Attraction.* This is a video initiative where the owner of an attraction talks about who they are, why they opened and the importance of their attraction to their community and Ontario Tourism. To be a part of this, please contact [kate@attractionsontario.ca](mailto:kate@attractionsontario.ca).

Contact Attractions Ontario



To help us and the local area municipalities better understand the specific impacts on the sport community and how we can help, Sport Durham sent out a **COVID-19 Durham Region Sport Community Impact Survey** to local sport organizations and private facilities. Our municipal partners also shared the survey with their sport contacts. The survey was open from **April 9 to 27**.

Thank you to those who responded. A total of 97 responses were received. Results are being compiled and analyzed and will be shared with municipal partners.

We will be working on follow up activities in the weeks ahead, which will include providing additional information and facilitating sessions with the sport community. It's a challenging time with sport events and programs being cancelled or delayed, but we are inspired by the work of many in the sport community to provide virtual opportunities, to keep their members engaged and to collaborate with other organizations. Working together on recovery plans will enable us to be ready and stronger than ever when it's time to play and compete #InTheDR once again. #DurhamProud #DurhamStrong

Contact Sport Durham

# COVID-19

## Coping with COVID-19

Virtual Networking Event for Not-For-Profits

*Clarington*

### **Clarington Community Development – Coping with COVID-19 - Virtual Event for Not-For-Profits**

On **April 22**, Clarington Community Development hosted a virtual event for not-for-profits on coping with COVID-19.

The event featured speakers from the Region of Durham Social Services, Ontario NonProfit Network, Sport Durham, Clarington Community Development, Autism Homebase and Darlington Soccer who provided information, resources and stories about how community organizations are operating during COVID-19.

The recording is available here: <https://youtu.be/mE-vb-Fa79s>.

To receive copies of presentations or for more information, please contact [communitydevelopment@clarington.net](mailto:communitydevelopment@clarington.net).

## Virtual Spotlight



## Canadian Automotive Museum

The Canadian Automotive Museum exhibits and interprets the world's most significant collection of Canadian-built and Canadian-owned antique and classic cars.

Be sure to take a moment to visit the [Canadian Automotive Museum Facebook](#) page for daily features on museum updates, photos, news articles, favourite car crafts, videos, and of course, virtual tours!

The children will love to follow the adventures of their mascot Chippy as he makes his way exploring through the museum!

*\*\*During these times of physical distancing, Durham Tourism applauds our local tourism businesses in their efforts to provide virtual tours, educational opportunities, no-contact pick up location and deliveries. Please be sure to tag @DurhamTourism in your posts to ensure that we can help to spread the word about your wonderful offerings to our residents and visitors.*

## Connect with us!

Connect and engage with Durham Tourism and Sport Durham on our social media pages:



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**AMO COVID-19 Resources**

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources page](#) is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

In a 3-part special series of our On Topic Podcast, Nigel Bellchamber and David Siegel examine the role of CAOs during COVID-19. Parts 1 & 2 [available now](#), part 3 coming Friday.

Many municipalities are offering tax deferrals and waiving late payment penalties. Here is [a list assembled by AMO](#). The list is not exhaustive but it gives a sense of municipal efforts to support property taxpayers. If you have a council-approved plan to

add a deferral, please email: [mstaveley-watson@amo.on.ca](mailto:mstaveley-watson@amo.on.ca).

### **AMO Matters**

Please be advised that in accordance with the Association's governing by-law, the Secretary-Treasurer is requesting nominations to the 2020 - 2022 AMO Board of Directors. A completed nomination form and supporting material must be received no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, June 22, 2020.

AMO is looking for feedback on the draft municipal comments on a Blue Box regulation. If you haven't done so already, direct comments to Amber Crawford ASAP at [acrawford@amo.on.ca](mailto:acrawford@amo.on.ca).

### **Provincial Matters**

Ontario's Cyber Security Community of Practice (CoP) is for cyber practitioners in the broader public services to discuss monitored cyber events, and to share research and insights on keeping public service delivery systems secure. Email [cyber.advice@ontario.ca](mailto:cyber.advice@ontario.ca) to request an invitation.

### **Eye on Events**

AMO's partnership with BEACON provides members with an innovative approach to support the mental health of employees. Join us on May 14 at noon for a webinar where we will demonstrate how you can help your employees and their dependents, easily access effective mental health care through the BEACON platform.

AMO 2020 will connect municipal leaders to the information they need most. Planning is well underway for a contingency approach that would transform AMO 2020 into a virtual conference. An update will be provided to members soon. Contact Poonam Ruparelia with questions. Visit the AMO website for updates, details and registration information.

For AMO industry partners, the AMO Conference is an unparalleled opportunity to make and solidify relationships. We are currently working on a contingency plan that will transform the conference to a virtual conference. An update will be provided to our valued partners soon. In the meantime Exhibitor information can be found here.

Recordings of AMO's Social Media webinar series are now available for a nominal fee through AMO's Municipal Education Portal. Register now.

### **LAS**

Like nearly everything, commodity pricing has been impacted by recent global events. Check out the LAS Blog to see how our Natural Gas Commodity Program is doing in this rapidly changing environment.

Webinar May 14, 2020 @ 10am - The Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service software is being improved to serve you better! Join us to learn about key updates and for a sneak peek at the new mobile work order management tool in Streetlogix. Register here.

### **Municipal Wire\***

Please find attached a message of thanks from colleagues at the Nova Scotia

Federation of Municipalities for the support Nova Scotia received, at this exceptionally difficult time, from the Canadian municipal sector.

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AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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