

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

Delegation

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

Announcements

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

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Chair

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

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

Operations Committee

Presented by: Glenn Doncaster, Chair

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

Corporate Services Committee

Presented by: Jennifer Murphy, Chair

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

Community Services Committee

Presented by: Anne Giardini, Chair

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

Health Committee

Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair

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

Additional Information

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To the municipal council of Killaloe Hagarty and Richards

As a resident of K H R for the past 43 years , I am deeply ashamed to be called a resident of K H R today . Since our last election , the constant bickering , face book postings , letters to the editors , etc. have placed a dark stain over K H R in Ontario . Since the last election , this council has failed to produce any meaningful results , all the while we citizens continue to pay there salaries .

This lack of action is not because of a lack of resources but because Dave won , proving that the citizens of K H R wanted a change . So live with it and work as a team . I'm no fan of strong mayor powers , but when I see how this council is behaving GO FOR IT DAVE . This behavior has nothing to do with strong mayor powers , this behavior started soon after the election . Strong mayor powers just gave this council a bigger stick to beat our mayor with . This proves to me and the rate payers of K H R that you are not qualified to make the important decisions required by us in our municipality . We the residents are your boss , we pay your salaries , so prove to us you deserve it , or do the honorable thing by resigning , or better yet learn to work together as a team and prove to Dave that strong mayor powers are not needed in our community .

Raymond Hennion

1532 Round Lake Rd.

Killaloe .



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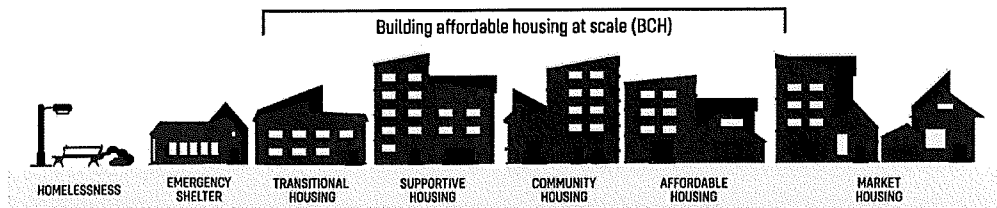


Newsletter

September 2025

EOWC Advocacy Update

The EOWC Submits Recommendations for Build Canada Homes



Our mission

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The EOWC Advocates Against Via Rail Changes in Eastern Ontario



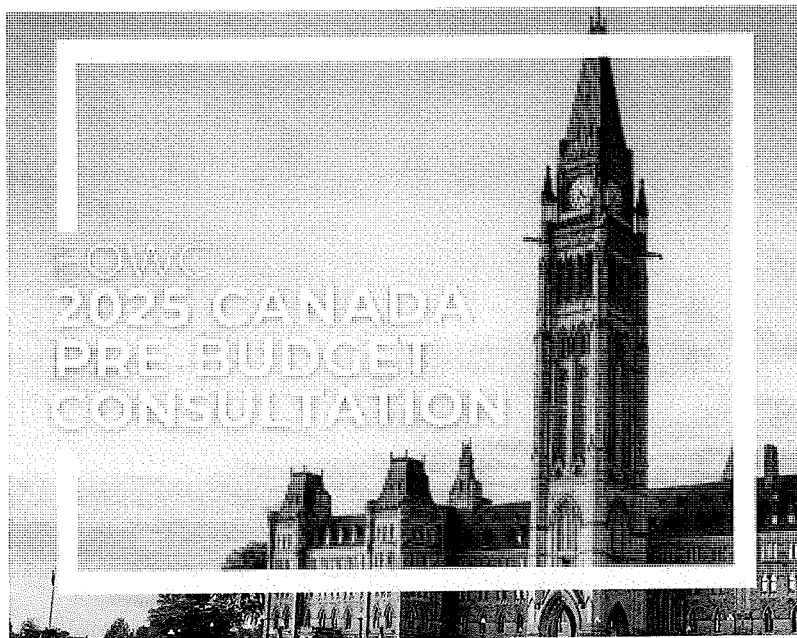
The EOWC is voicing against VIA Rail Canada's recent pilot project that eliminates several key passenger stops between Toronto and Montreal, a move that directly impacts communities across eastern Ontario.

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

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

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

The EOWC Submission: Federal 2025 Pre-Budget Consultation



The EOWC has submitted its 2025 Pre-Budget recommendations to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance and the Department of Finance Canada, calling for federal action to support

sustainable growth, infrastructure investment, and service delivery in eastern Ontario's rural and small urban communities.

The submission outlines seven key recommendations:

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

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

[Read the EOWC's 2025 Pre-Budget Consultation Submission](#)

In The Media

Kingston Airport to Host Canada's First Digital Aviation Facility



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

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

The County Renfrew Hosts Municipal Day



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

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

New Affordable Housing Units Open in Peterborough



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

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

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

Regional Updates and News



Ontario Invests in St. Lawrence River Restoration

The Ontario government is investing \$435,829 in a new project led by the River Institute to restore sections of the St. Lawrence River near Cornwall and Akwesasne. Funded through the Great Lakes Program, this initiative is one of 63 projects across the province aimed at improving water quality, restoring habitats, and strengthening ecosystems connected to the Great Lakes.

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

Ontario Boosts Infrastructure Funding for Rural and Northern Communities

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Ontario government has started construction on people Care Peterborough, a new 224-bed long-term care home that will be part of Trent University's Seniors Village. The project is supported by the provincial Construction Funding Subsidy top-up and is a key step in improving long-term care across the province.

The home will feature seven Resident Home Areas, a secure landscaped courtyard, therapy and quiet rooms, a bistro, and a

multipurpose spiritual space. It will also include teaching and research facilities for university students and faculty, connecting healthcare and education in a meaningful way.

The home is expected to open in 2027.

Ontario Launches New Program to Help Seniors Age Safely at Home

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

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

Ontario Increasing Minimum Wage to \$17.60 on October 1

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

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

Province Expands Police Training Program to Boost Community Safety

The Ontario government is expanding the Basic Constable Training (BCT) program this fall to help police services recruit and deploy more officers across the province. For the first time, training will be offered at two locations simultaneously, the Ontario Police College in Aylmer and a new temporary site in Cornwall.

This expansion will allow for an additional 121 recruits, increasing the total intake to up to 641 recruits for this training session. The Cornwall-

based training will be held at the DEV Hotel and Conference Centre from October 6 to December 17.

Ontario to Ban Municipal Speed Cameras

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Once complete, the complex will feature:

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

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

Additional investments include:

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

Upcoming Events



Eastern Ontario
HOUSING SUMMIT 2025

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OCTOBER 8

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Hosted By:

- Rockland County Home Builders Association
- Ontario Home Builders Association
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- OHBA

10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Ottawa Conference & Events Centre
200 Coventry Road, Ottawa

Eastern Ontario Housing Summit 2025

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

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

[Register here](#)

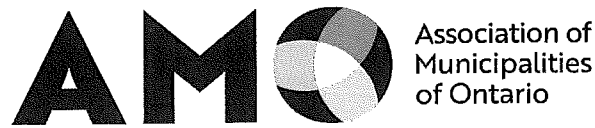


Western Ontario Municipal Conference 2025

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

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

[Register here](#)



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AMO Second Annual Healthy Democracy Forum

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

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

- Day 1: Explore strategies to increase voter turnout, attract and retain diverse candidates, and boost public engagement.
- Day 2: Dive into AMO's Municipal Civility and Anti-Harassment Strategy with tools and resources to foster respectful, safe, and inclusive municipal environments.

[Register for the forum here](#)

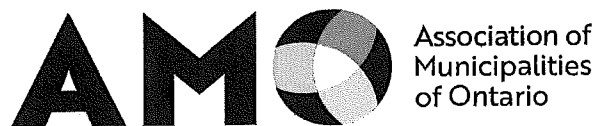


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EOWC Parliament Hill Advocacy Day

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

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



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

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

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

[Register for the forum here](#)

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About the EOWC

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

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

Visit the EOWC's website at eowc.org.

Connect with the EOWC

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Subject: Niagara Region Motion Respecting State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions

Please be guided by the attached.

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September 30, 2025

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Motion Respecting State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2025, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Niagara Region issued three separate declarations of emergency in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction on February 23, 2023, recognizing that the scope and scale of the crisis surpasses the Region's capacity to respond effectively; and

WHEREAS following the submission of the three declarations of emergency, the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) has engaged with the Region's Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC); and

WHEREAS these issues have continued to intensify and add further strain to the social support system in Niagara over the past two years; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are continuing to experience similar challenges; and

WHEREAS a coordinated, province-wide approach and associated funding support is required to address the growing emergency of mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction, the scale of which falls well beyond the scope of what a municipality can address.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Region **ADVOCATES** that the Province support a coordinated approach between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to address ongoing challenges related to mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction;
2. That Niagara Region **FORMALLY ADVOCATES** for Provincial funding to address identified gaps in programs and services contributing to the state of emergency including affordable housing, supportive housing, addictions treatment, and mental health supports for vulnerable populations; and

3. That this motion **BE SENT** to the Provincial and Federal Governments, FCM, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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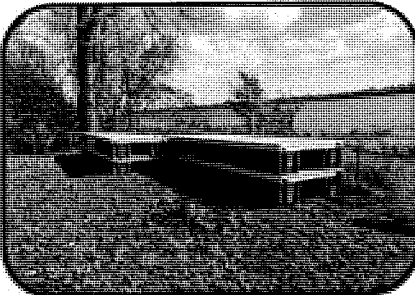


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From: mayor@khrtownship.ca
Sent: October 2, 2025 9:57 AM
To: Tammy Gorgerat
Subject: Fw: Killaloe and Area Pickleball (KAP) Club Outdoor Statistics - September 2025

Hello Tammy,

Could you put into correspondence.

David Mayville

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Subject: Killaloe and Area Pickleball (KAP) Club Outdoor Statistics - September 2025

Hi KAP Committee,

Please see below for statistics for play at Killaloe Recreation Centre (KRC), 28 Cameron St:

1. First outdoor session of 2025 - April 12, 2025
2. Total **SEPTEMBER** sessions - **32**
3. Total **SEPTEMBER** player attendance - **340**
4. Total running count of all sessions of 2025 - **152**
5. Total running count of all player attendance of 2025 - **1823**
6. Total number of KAP Club members - **109**
7. Total number of 2025 Outdoor KAP Club members - **82**
8. Last outdoor session of 2025 - ??

The Committee would like to thank all the volunteer Hosts.

Regards

Don Barnett

Killaloe and Area Pickleball Club, Treasurer