



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 078

Moved By: Joe Lumley **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

Whereas public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

And whereas interlibrary loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

And whereas reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

And whereas recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

And that Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried: Defeated:


Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhall		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		

From: Heather InwoodMontrose <HInwoodMontrose@countyofrenfrew.on.ca>
Sent: March 2, 2026 9:35 AM
Subject: ERC Sponsorship Opportunities
Attachments: ERC Sponsorship Packages 2026-2027.pdf

Good Morning,

Having received positive feedback from the Enterprise Renfrew County presentation to the Development & Property Committee of Council on February 25, 2026, thank you to those who have already reached out with questions and to sponsor! Appreciating your interest in collaborating to support small business programming and events across the region in 2026-2027.

Enterprise Renfrew County is seeking sponsors for the upcoming year's entrepreneurial programs and small business month events! For more information, please see the attached package. I am happy to address any questions you may have and to provide clarification. To sponsor, please fill out the form located here: Salesboom.com - Surveys

In Gratitude, H 😊

Heather Inwood-Montrose

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ENTERPRISE RENFREW COUNTY

ENTREPRISE COMTÉ DE RENFREW

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

2026-2027

PRESENTED BY ENTERPRISE RENFREW COUNTY IN
SUPPORT OF SMALL BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURIAL
PROGRAMMING, TRAINING, AND EVENTS



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ABOUT US

Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) encourages and contributes to the enterprising spirit and economic development of the County of Renfrew by assisting entrepreneurs with the development of new or existing companies.

By offering free, confidential business coaching, assistance developing business & marketing plans, financial projections, training programs, grants, workshops, networking events, business resources, and referrals to partner organizations, funders, or municipalities, Enterprise Renfrew County ensures entrepreneurs have access to current information and contacts to help their business thrive.

Enterprise Renfrew County is a non-profit Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) funded by the Province of Ontario, County of Renfrew, City of Pembroke and Town of Renfrew.



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Through collaborative relationships with community, municipal, government, and funding partners, ERC ensures regional entrepreneurs have access to current information and program contacts to help their business thrive.

How do we do it?

By offering free, confidential business coaching, training programs, grants, workshops, networking events, business resources, and referrals.



BUSINESS
CONSULTATIONS



WORKSHOPS
& EVENTS

**Summer
Company**

SUMMER COMPANY
YOUTH TRAINING
PROGRAM

**STARTER
COMPANY
PLUS**

STARTER COMPANY
PLUS NEW & EXISTING
BUSINESSES

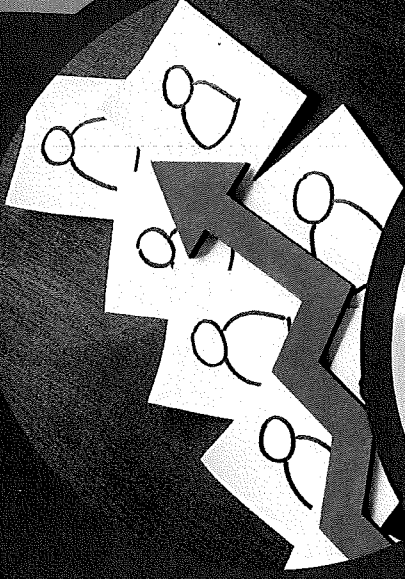
PROMOTIONAL PORTFOLIO

To foster long-term client loyalty and brand recognition, organizations must remain relevant by offering supports that focus on the client's needs and preferences. Here are some key strategies that have proven successful:

▶ **EXCEPTIONAL CLIENT SERVICES & LINKING APPROPRIATE RESOURCES TO CLIENT NEEDS**

▶ **WEBINAR TOPICS ON RELEVANT & CURRENT BUSINESS STRATEGIES**

▶ **REGULAR COMMUNICATION VIA SOCIAL MEDIA, EMAIL CAMPAIGNS, NEWSLETTERS, RADIO, COLLABORATIVE MARKETING**





PROMOTIONAL PORTFOLIO

Avenues to gain recognition of your municipal or organizational brand include the following opportunities:

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS: BI-MONTHLY VIRTUAL WEBINARS (24+ ANNUALLY) SMALL BUSINESS WEEK/MONTH COLLABORATIVE IN PERSON EVENTS

SUMMER COMPANY: PROMOTED JAN-MAY TRAINING JUNE/JULY/AUGUST GRANT FOR TRAINEES, YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR CELEBRATION

STARTER COMPANY PLUS: PROMOTED YEAR-ROUND TWO INTAKES ANNUALLY SPRING/FALL GRANT OPPORTUNITY




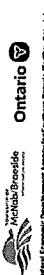



BRIDGES TO BUSINESS GROWTH

LINKING PASSION, PURPOSE & PROFIT


To Register: www.EntrepreneurRenewCounty.com/bridges-to-business

Join us for this dynamic four-part event series held across Renfrew County in celebration of Small Business Month!

Designed for entrepreneurs at every stage, to gain practical learning, meaningful connections, and actionable insights to help grow your small business with confidence.




Presented in Partnership with the Federal Government (Small Business Agency) and the Province of Ontario



Summer Company 2025

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE COURSE
EXPERIENCED CAREER DEVELOPMENT



Ontario



STARTER COMPANY 2025 PLUS



Ontario

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS

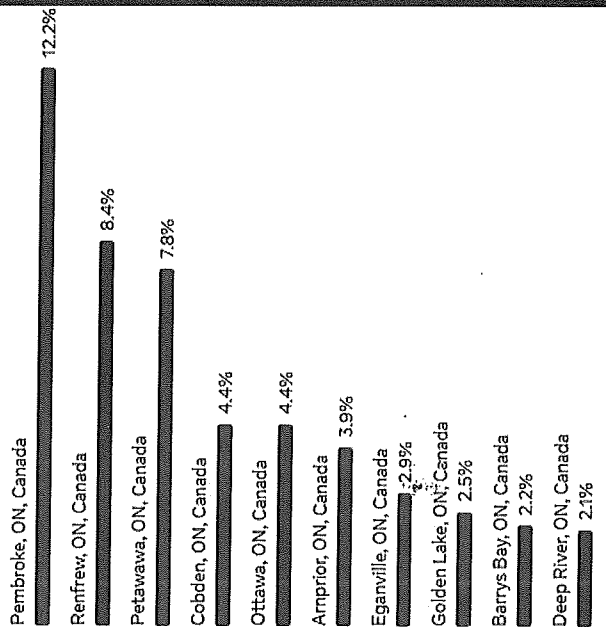
ERC uses Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and a website to reach clients in addition to client specific outreach to promote programs & services (schools, networking events, community partnerships)

- Facebook: 1779 Followers 80.2% women 19.8% men 99.9% in Canada
- Instagram: 997 Followers 80.6% women 19.4% men 96.3% in Canada
- LinkedIn: 181 Followers Top job function Business Development
- Website: Main goal is to drive clients to site from social media to register for webinars and events, obtain more info on programs, & book consults

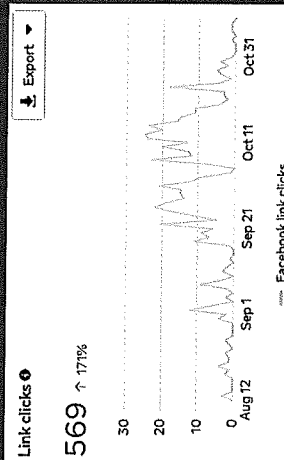
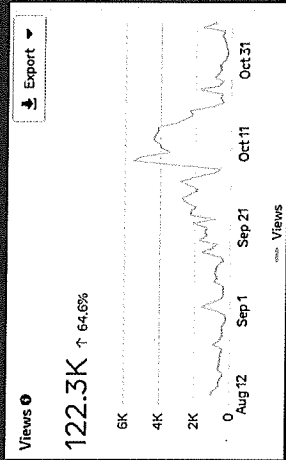
Following are samples of % towns/cities followers reside in, views & link clicks during Small Business Month promotions & Starter Company Plus fall 2025 promotions as examples of interaction with sponsor branded content

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS FACEBOOK SAMPLES

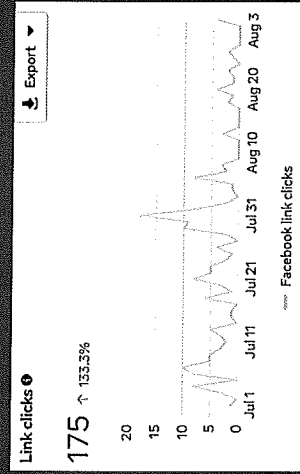
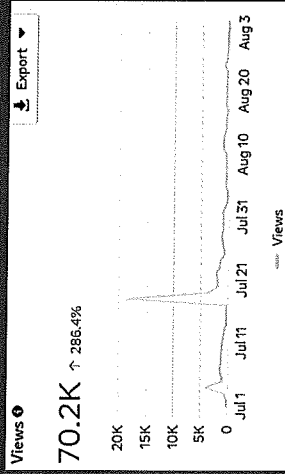
Top cities



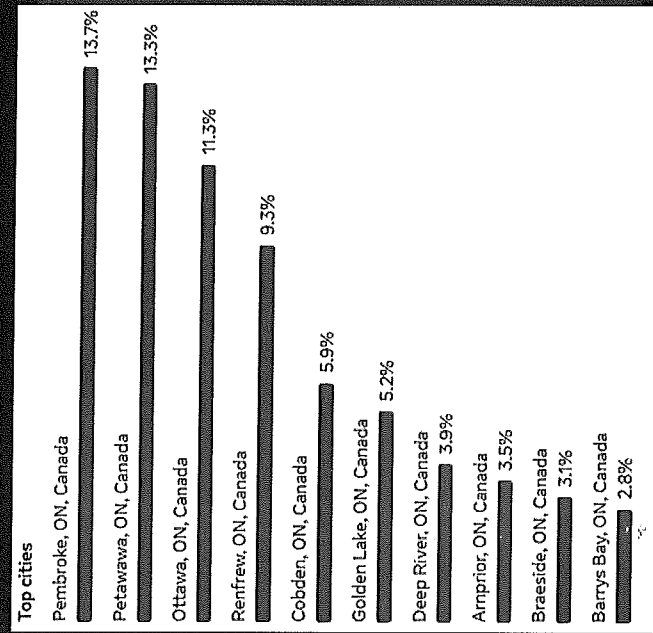
Small Business Month



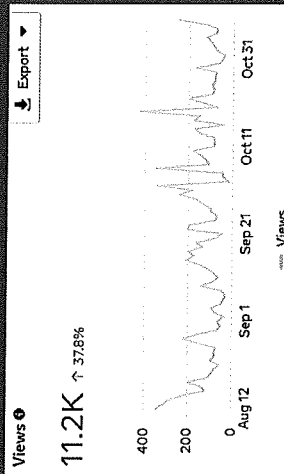
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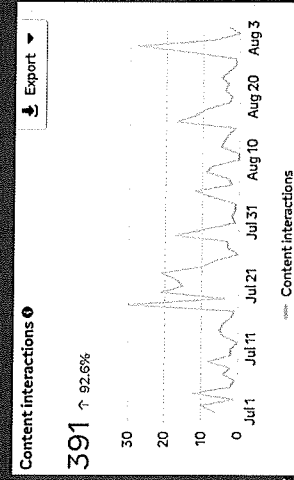
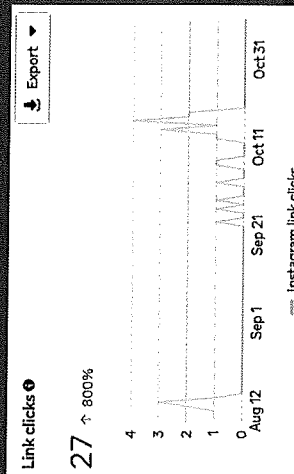
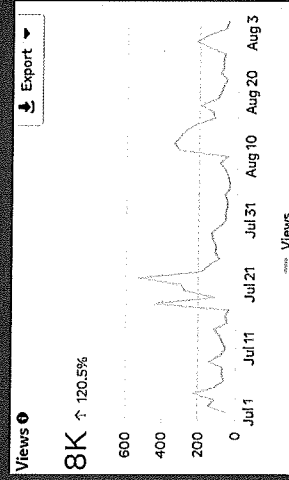
SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS INSTAGRAM SAMPLES



Small Business Month

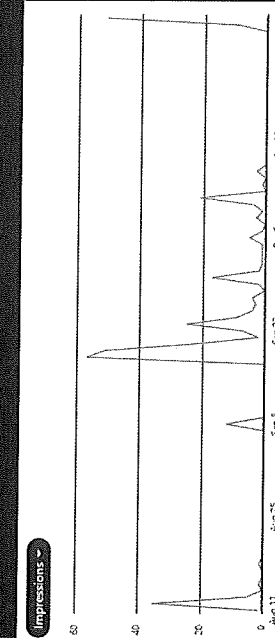
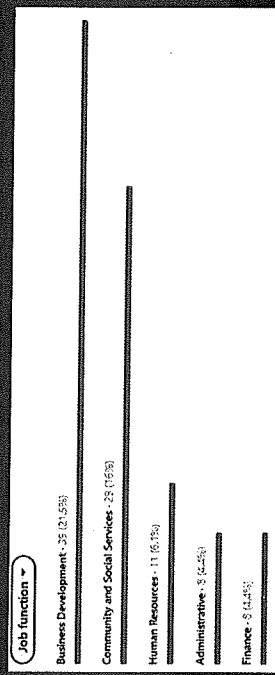
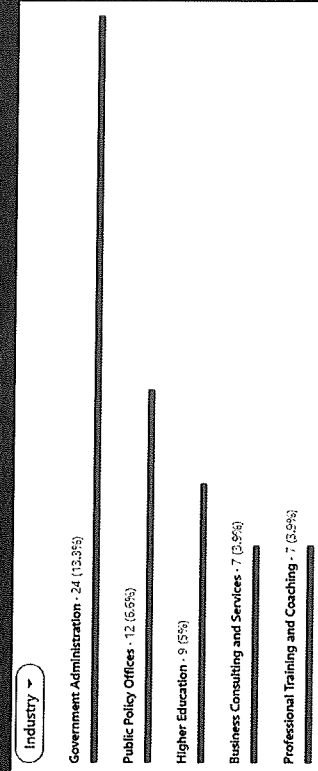
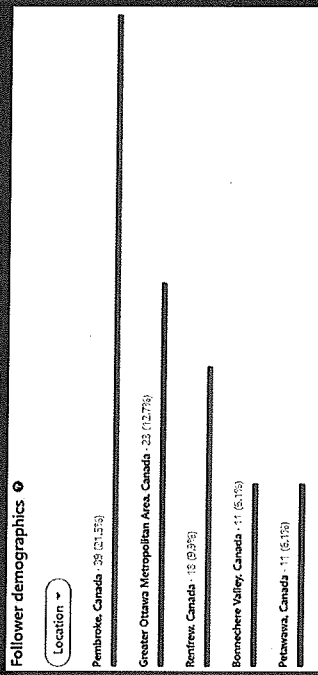


Starter Company Plus



SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS LINKEDIN SAMPLES

Top 5 Categories of Follower Demographics by Location, Job Function & Industry



Impressions during SBM & StCo+ Promotions

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Sponsorship packages have been designed to create a visible association between your organization and Enterprise Renfrew County. Maximum exposure for your organization is provided based on the level of support selected. For your convenience, a variety of contribution levels have been established to fit various budgets.

Small Business week events are hosted regionally with a maximum of 3 Small Business Week level sponsors per region. Sponsors will be matched to their respective region for Small Business Week events.

We hope that you will find a sponsorship level that best suits your organization's goals and objectives and we look forward to working together to further economic growth in our communities. Together we thrive!



Sponsorship Level	Champion \$5000	Premier \$3000	Sustainer \$1000	Community \$500
Logo placement on the official Enterprise Renfrew County website ABOUT page	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on Starter Company Plus social media promotions & grant announcements	✓			
20 sponsor recognitions on StCo+ workshop/webinar/social media promotions	✓			
Logo on Summer Company social media promotions & grant announcements		✓		
10 sponsor recognitions on SuCo workshop/webinar/social media promotions		✓		
Logo featured on 10 webinar posters and in opening/closing remarks of webinar	✓	✓	✓	
20 sponsor posts on webinar social media	✓	✓	✓	
Small Business Month event brought to your region and speaking opportunity at event (max 3 combined sponsors per event)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on SBM promotional materials and recognition in event opening remarks	✓	✓	✓	✓
Display booth opportunity & swag in event packages	✓	✓	✓	✓
Champion, Premier, and Sustainer sponsors matched to their closest region	✓	✓	✓	✓

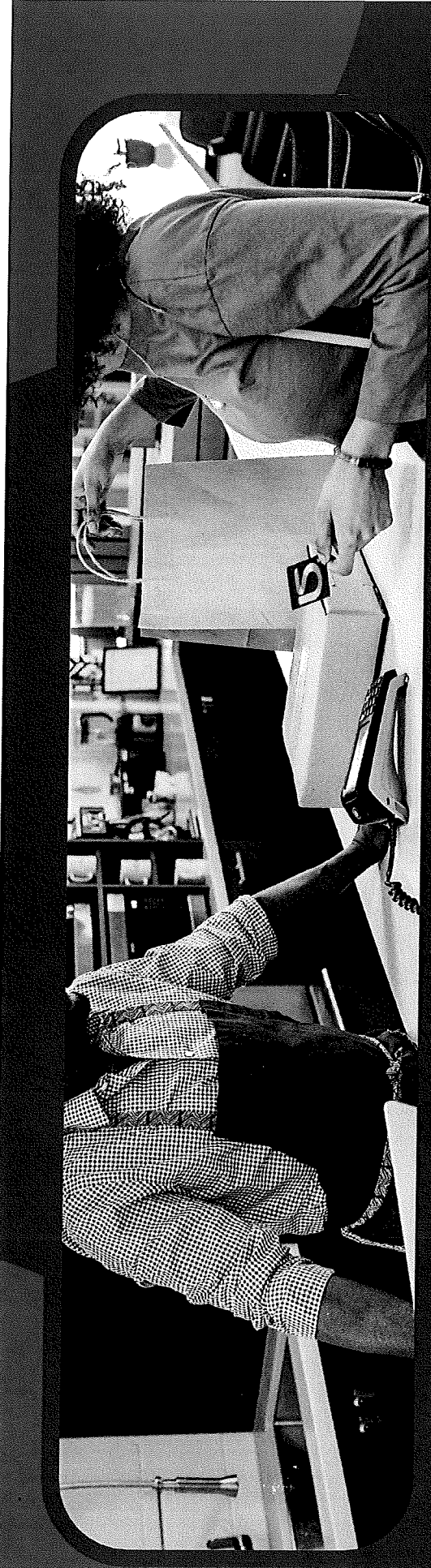
SPONSORSHIP FORM LINK

Yes! We are interested in supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses in Renfrew County! To confirm sponsorship, please fill out the form available at:

<https://bit.ly/ERCSponsorship202627>

(Note: sponsorships are not exclusive;
Sponsorship is valid April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027.)

Heather Inwood-Montrose, Small Business Advisor will follow up with an invoice from the County of Renfrew. Thank you!
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THANK YOU

We appreciate your consideration of these sponsorship opportunities. Enterprise Renfrew County values our community sponsors, partners, and collaborators and strives to ensure consistent, relevant promotions of workshops and events. We look forward to working together!

www.enterpriserenfrewcounty.com



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Subject: Request for Support - Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

Good afternoon,

Please consider supporting the Township of McNab/Braeside in their effort to advocate for the modernization of the Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG).

The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives. The maximum annual grant of \$1,545 has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years and has not been adjusted for inflation, significantly eroding its real value. Municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring value, and community archives are a practical and cost-effective means of fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller communities. As operating costs continue to rise, the stagnant HODG funding envelope places increasing pressure on municipal budgets to absorb the gap.

Mandy Cannon

Interim CAO/Clerk, Dipl. M.M., Dipl. M.A.

My work hours and your work hours may differ; please do not feel obligated to reply outside of your normal working hours.

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TOWNSHIP OF
McNab/Braeside

Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: February 17, 2026 No: RESOLUTION - 56-2026
 Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien Disposition: CARRIED
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Item No: 14.2

Description: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring and historical value, and community archives play a critical role in fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller municipalities; and

WHEREAS The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives and historical societies across Ontario; and

WHEREAS The maximum annual HODG grant of \$1,545 per organization has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years, resulting in a significant erosion of its real value due to inflation, such that its current purchasing power is approximately two-thirds of what it was in 2010; and

WHEREAS Rising operating costs related to insurance, utilities, records preservation, digitization, accessibility, and volunteer coordination have increased financial pressure on heritage organizations, often requiring municipalities to absorb additional costs to ensure continuity of service; and

WHEREAS Strengthening HODG would represent a modest but high-impact provincial investment that would help stabilize community archives, reduce pressure on municipal budgets, and safeguard Ontario's public records and local heritage for future generations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally support a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

[Signature]
MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	_____	_____
Councillor Kevin Rosien	_____	_____
Councillor Robert Campbell	_____	_____
Councillor Jill Campbell	_____	_____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: _____
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
 abstained from discussion and did not vote

Motion: Support for Modernizing the Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG)

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EORN Cell Gap Project Monthly Update

February 2026

Regional view

	Planned	Completed	New this month
Upgrades to existing towers	311	311	n/a
New towers in service	257	174	7
New co-locations	89	78	0
Land use authority	257	256	0
Please note that this information is collected monthly and is subject to change as the project moves forward.			

Renfrew County

	Planned	Completed	New this month
Upgrades to existing towers	25	25	n/a
New towers in service	47	41	3
New co-locations	11	10	0
Land use authority	47	46	0
Please note that this information is collected monthly and is subject to change as the project moves forward.			

Note: data is updated by Rogers on the 15th of each month. Data provided for this update was received on February 15, 2026.

Renfrew County Uplifts Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C0367	Chalk River	Town of Laurentian Hills	In-service
C1911	Deep River	Town of Laurentian Hills	In-service
C1948	Petawawa	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C4723	Petawawa Blvd. and Festubert Blvd.	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C4724	Petawawa Blvd and Sharon St.	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C4820	Petawawa and Civic Centre	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C3434	Douglas	Township of Adamston-Bromley	In-service
C3425	Eganville	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C3439	Constant Lake	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C3049	Calabogie	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C1910	Mackey	Township of Head, Clara and Maria	In-service
C1912	Bisset Creek	Township of Head, Clara and Maria	In-service
C2382	Renfrew Town	Township of Horton	In-service
C3437	Killaloe	Township of Killaloe, Hagarly and Richards	In-service

Renfrew County Uplifts Build Schedule

Tower Identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C0377	Cobden	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C0414	Pembroke	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C2706	Barry's Bay	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C2914	Combermere	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C3438	Wilno	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C4077	Barry's Bay Town	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C0410	Renfrew	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C7844	Braeside	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C3436	Golden Lake	Township of North Algona Wilberforce	In-service
C2569	Highway 17 and Haley Station	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C4088	Highway 17 and Cobden	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service

Renfrew County Co-location Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C4084	Chalk River at Ottawa River	Town of Deep River	2026
C4087	Deep River Town	Town of Laurentian Hills	In-service
C6629	Meilleurs Bay	Town of Laurentian Hills	In-service
C8544	Janet Road at Granzies Lake	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C6623	Black Donald Lake	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8470	Highway 41 and Highway 71	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8478	Trans Canada Highway and Brent Road	Township of Head, Clara and Maria	In-service
C8487	ON-60 and Cardinal Road	Township of Killaloe, Haggarty and Richards	In-service
C6619	Halfway Lake	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C8265	Highway 41 and Greenlake Road	Township of North Algona Wilberforce	In-service
C6754	RioCan Renfrew Centre	Town of Renfrew	In-service

Renfrew County New Tower Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8474	Trans Canada Highway at Orange Road	Town of Petawawa	2026
C8265	Colton Road and Quilty Road	Township of Adamston-Bromley	In-service
C8465	ON-60 and Haley Road	Township of Admaston-Bromley	In-service
C8625	Dunmore Road and Barr Line	Township of Admaston-Bromley	In-service
C8623	Opeongo Road West and Klondike Road	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8704	O'Connor Road and Wolfe Road	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8705	Boldt Road and Donegal Road	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8511	Perrault	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8622	Corrigan Road and Silver Lake	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8497	Hardwood Lake	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service

Renfrew County New Tower Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8533	Highway 28 and Little Ireland Road	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service
C8620	Letterkenny Road and Lost Nation Road	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service
C8621	Heins Road and Quadeville Road	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	2026
C8702	Schutt Road and Wingle	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	2026
C8706	Quadeville Road and Murk Lake	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	2026
C8618	Oscar Boehme Road and River Bend Drive	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	2026
C8619	Rochefort	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Ragland	In-service
C8703	Gorman Lake	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Ragland	In-service
C8713	Long Point Way and Inglis Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8498	Highway 41 and Doorley Creek Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	2026

Renfrew County New Tower Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8668	Denzil Lane and Upper Spruce Hedge Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8532	ON-41 and Dunagans Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8711	Glenfield Road and Matawatchan Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8712	Holywell Road and Mt. St. Patrick Road	Township of Grater Madawaska	2026
C8501	Trans Canada Highway and Bissett Creek Road	Township of Head, Clara, Maria	In-service
C8531	Trans Canada Highway 17 at Stonecliffe	Township of Head, Clara Maria	In-service
C8637	Jim Barr Road and Mullins Road	Township of Horton	In-service
C8627	Gunns Road and Round Lake Road	Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards	In-service
C8696	Simpson Pit Road and Round Lake Road	Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards	In-service
C6620	Doran and Round Lake Road	Township of Laurentian valley	In-service
C8473	Forest Lea Road at Pembroke	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C8628	Doran Road and Witt Road	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C8616	Dafoe Road and Micks Road	Township of Madawaska Valley	2026

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Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8626	Etmanski Road and Paugh Lake Road	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C8707	Stanley Olsheski Road and Hasenville Lane	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C8615	Kubesheski Road and Siberia Road	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C4086	Highway 17 and Glasgow Station	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C8515	White Lake Road and Mountain View Road	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C8636	River Road and Lochwinnoch Road	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C8512	Deacon	Township of North Algona Wilberforce	In-service
C8624	Connaught Road and Bulger Road	Township of North Algona Wilberforce	In-service
C8635	Kerr Line and Magnesium Road	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8630	Branch Trail and Nangor Trail	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8631	Westmeath Road at Westmeath Provincial Park	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8632	La Passe Road and Hawthorne Road	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8633	Zion Line and Pappin Road	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8634	Grants Settlement Road at Grants Settlement	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service



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February 26th, 2026

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By electronic submission

Re: Proposed New Regulation under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act

Dear Solicitor General,

Please be advised that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of February 25, 2026, considered and approved the following motion:

MOTION

Moved by / Motion de: Councillor S. Plante
Seconded by / Appuyée par: Mayor M. Sutcliffe

WHEREAS the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025* (RPCISA) was brought into force on June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) is considering regulatory amendments to the RPCISA to prescribe special constables employed by authorized public transit agencies, including OTranspo special constables for the purpose of the Act, thereby granting them the same enforcement powers as police officers, and is seeking public input on this proposal until March 1st; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has invested significant resources to improve public safety in the downtown core and the ByWard Market; and

WHEREAS OC Transpo deploys on average approximately 4 special constables in the downtown daily, and 13 deployed across the city-wide transit network, who are already present in high-traffic transit environments, including stations, platforms, and bus stops throughout the downtown core and across the city; and



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WHEREAS public transit riders include workers, students, seniors, people with disabilities, youth, and low-income residents who rely on transit as their primary or only mode of transportation and require a safe environment at all times; and

WHEREAS restoring ridership is essential to the financial sustainability of Ottawa's public transit system, to achieving the City's climate and transportation goals, and to ensuring equitable access to employment, education, healthcare, and community services; and

WHEREAS enabling OCTranspo special constables to enforce the RPCISA would allow for timely, proportionate, and location-specific interventions focused on transit spaces, while reducing reliance on police response for matters that occur primarily within the transit system; and

WHEREAS any extension of authority under the RPCISA would be accompanied by appropriate training and would operate alongside existing public health, outreach, and harm reduction services, recognizing that enforcement alone does not address substance use but that clear rules and safe public spaces remain necessary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa endorse the proposed regulatory amendments under the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Solicitor General of Ontario in support of the proposal before March 1st, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk share this motion with other Municipalities in Ontario, prior to March 1st, 2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write the Solicitor General of Ontario to renew or extend the funding associated with the Ontario-Ottawa agreement.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Mark Sutcliffe
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March 10, 2026

Dear Senator,

Re: Rideau Lakes Concerns re Alto High Speed Rail Project (Bill C-15 Budget)

We in Rideau Lakes Township are writing this letter because of major concerns about the Alto High Speed Rail Project (HSR), as well as a request to fully evaluate our concerns of Bill C-15 in relation to Alto HSR and expropriation of land.

The Alto HSR is lacking full and meaningful consultation of critical information for the early design and development phase. We recognize that having this information is important to the engineers in determining routes that minimize disruptions to the communities, residents, businesses, farmland, waterways, environment, and ecosystems that they pass through. What we have experienced is less than adequate information upon which to base our ability to conduct impact assessments involving our rural communities, agriculture, businesses, and countless heritage buildings and monuments. Alto's recently proposed Southern Ontario route included a 10 km wide corridor, and they provided high-level maps which are not useful in determining the impacts which more detailed route maps would give us and that are vital to our informed feedback. Without more information from Alto, this reduces our more local and valuable ability to provide critical information to Alto planners and engineers.

HSR will divide communities. There will be a major impact on our roadways for school buses, public transportation and emergency vehicles given the many closed roadways when fences are erected along the HSR route. This will increase mortality and morbidity as it will take longer to receive timely care. Farther to travel will also increase emissions and costs for plowing and road maintenance. Without more information from Alto, this reduces our local and valuable ability to provide critical information to Alto planners and engineers.

The Southern route would traverse the UNESCO recognized Frontenac Arch Biosphere Region, the ancestral lands of the Haudenosaunee (Kanien'kehá:ka) and Anishinaabeg (Algonquin); where a land bridge of the Canadian Shield connects the Algonquin and Laurentian Highlands to the Adirondack Mountains in the USA. Many animals use this migration route in both directions every year, and unless wildlife corridors are included in the ALTO plans, this would cut off their migration.

This does not begin to speak to the negative impact on tourism which is estimated in the order of \$30 million for the UNESCO Rideau Canal system from Ottawa to Kingston.

Another major concern is that the government proposes to grant Alto, as a Crown Corporation, the right to 3 methods of property expropriation! Until now the government itself held the right to a single method of property expropriation. This causes our residents varying degrees of stress ranging to mental anguish if their properties are affected and they will not get full current market value if they decided to sell. Under the new proposed legislation, they would be forced to sell to the Corporation! This is of particular concern to many potentially affected property owners who are in the business of farming and feeding our population.

Cost analysis to build the railway in the northern and southern routes has not been done. We have also been told that a route parallel to the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario is not viable. We do not have enough information to understand why this option is not viable.

Rideau Lakes Township is asking you, and your Senate colleagues, to undertake your considered review of our concerns that are being sent to you for First Reading. We hope that you will see that this portion of Bill-C15 (HSR and expropriation) is premature, given that there are many unanswered questions and important issues have not been adequately addressed in the information provided. There has been inadequate public consultation to move to the development stage of this generationally important Canadian transportation project affecting so many lives along whatever corridor may eventually be approved. Should the Senate determine that a delegation to a Senate committee be appropriate with a view to consolidating recommendations for changes that would go back to the House of Commons, we would be available to participate, of course upon invitation.

Thank you for your attention in this very important matter affecting all of us here and across Ontario! It would be very much appreciated if I could receive a response in order to brief my Council.

Yours respectfully,



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All Ontario Municipalities



Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board

February 24th, 2026

HEALTH PROTECTION

Immunization

Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA):

As of February 12th, 2026, the number of students not meeting ISPA requirements has decreased by an additional 909 students. Since the start of the immunization surveillance initiative, this represents an overall reduction of approximately 45%.

As of February 4th, 2026, all 11 ISPA high school clinics were completed, along with 15 community catch-up clinics offered at multiple locations across Renfrew County and District.

Immunizations continue to be available through health care providers or at Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) catch-up clinics. Appointments can be booked online through the RCDHU booking system or by calling the Immunization Intake Line. Parents are reminded that immunizations administered by health care providers must be reported to RCDHU through Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON), or by fax, mail, or email.

To expand outreach and ensure families are aware of clinic options and reporting requirements, RCDHU is using social media platforms to share clinic schedules, booking information, and reminders. In addition, staff are conducting direct phone outreach to parents and guardians of students who remain overdue for required immunizations to provide support, answer questions, and facilitate access to vaccination services. As of February 13th, 2026, 415 outreach calls have been completed by staff.

In early March 2026, second notices and suspension orders will be mailed to students who continue to be overdue for mandatory immunizations. This step aims to ensure families are fully informed of the requirements and timelines to avoid school suspensions when possible.

RCDHU continues to work closely with schools, families, and health care providers to ensure students meet ISPA immunization requirements.

RCDHU Farmers' Market Food Safety

Renfrew County and District (RCD) has a strong agricultural base, making local farmers' markets an important venue for accessing fresh, locally produced food. RCDHU's role is to monitor the safety of food offered at these markets and to ensure compliance with provincial food safety standards.

As part of RCDHU's food safety mandate, public health inspectors collaborate with market operators to offer education on provincial legislative requirements, including criteria for farmers' market exemption status. Early contact is made with operators each season to share relevant health unit information, review vendor lists, and offer guidance on food safety best practices.

Public health inspectors conduct at least one annual inspection of each market to verify safe food handling, identify potential risks, and prevent the sale of uninspected high-risk foods that could lead to severe foodborne illness, particularly among vulnerable populations such as older adults.

Infectious Diseases

Respiratory Illness Activity:

Respiratory outbreak activity has shown a weekly decline since the end of December, with the rate of new outbreaks reducing by two thirds between week 50 of 2025 and week four of 2026. A total of 11 respiratory outbreaks were declared in January versus 18 in December. Despite the decline, new respiratory outbreak rates remain high at an average of two per week. RSV and COVID-19 overtook Influenza A as the primary pathogens identified in confirmed outbreaks as January progressed to February.

Very high rates of hospital bed occupancy in weeks 50 through week one (2026) declined to moderate by weeks two and three of 2026. By week four, the hospital bed occupancy rate was low (0).

Community cases of influenza declined drastically, confirming the likely peak at week 52 of 2025. Eighty-eight Influenza A cases were reported in week 52 versus five cases in each of weeks two and three. Influenza A declined from a positivity rate of 44% (week 52) to 6.5% (week three 2026). The incidence rate of RSV increased to a high level by the end of January, with RSV constituting 11.8% of positive cases.

HEALTH PROMOTION

Renfrew County and District Drug Strategy

Renfrew County and District Drug Strategy (RCDDS) Steering Committee members were provided with a comprehensive progress report on 2025 indicators, including the year-over-year reductions in suspect drug toxicity deaths and opioid-related emergency department visits reported to the Board in January. Additional indicator reporting and status updates can be found in the Progress section of the RCDDS [webpage](#).

As reported to the Board in January, RCDDS partners issued an [Overdose Alert](#) following an increase in suspected drug toxicity deaths in the Renfrew and Arnprior areas. Notably, for the first time a text message version of the alert was sent directly to people who use drugs, fulfilling one of the Harm Reduction Pillar Priorities of the RCDDS. RCDHU continues to monitor multiple data sources and communicate with partners as part of the early warning system as defined in the [Drug Toxicity Response Plan](#).

Outreach Team and SPRITE Testing

The Outreach Team continues to bring RCDHU services to clients across Renfrew County and District and forge partnerships with community agencies. In February, the team will complete nine visits to locations across Renfrew County and District to provide STI testing, harm reduction supplies, and information about other services at RCDHU.

As part of an initiative through Health Canada's Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP), the RCDHU Outreach Team has partnered with the Mesa Community Paramedics to offer mobile, real-time drug checking. This service will allow individuals to have substances from the unregulated supply analyzed for their contents, helping them make more informed decisions about use and reduce their risk of overdose. The initiative will also provide valuable local data on the unregulated drug supply in Renfrew County and District.

Syphilis Point of Care Rapid Test and Immediate Treatment Evaluation (SPRITE) testing for sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBIs) continues to be offered at suitable Outreach Team events and at RCDHU's Pembroke office. Since its implementation in August 2024, RCDHU nurses have completed 224 tests for syphilis, HIV, and hepatitis C (HCV) for individuals at high risk of infection.

Nutrition – You're the Chef

Implementation of the You're the Chef program continues to progress steadily during the 2025–26 school year. Since last month's Board of Health update, three additional schools have expressed interest in participating, bringing the total to 22 schools engaged to date and approximately 38 teachers who have expressed interest in delivering the program. An additional training session has been completed with three teachers, with two more planned, further expanding local capacity to implement the program in classrooms. At present, four program cycles are actively running across two schools.

Planning and coordination with participating schools is ongoing to support implementation this spring and into the remainder of the school year. The sustained growth in interest reflects continued enthusiasm among educators for practical, curriculum-connected food literacy programming that supports student skill development and confidence in food preparation. While the school year is still underway, current engagement levels indicate continued expansion, and preliminary planning has begun to support program delivery in the 2026–27 school year.

PRIMARY CARE PILOT PROGRAM

RCDHU is collaborating with the Pembroke Family Medicine Teaching Unit (PFMTU) to deliver Let's Grow public health services onsite to PFMTU patients.

This pilot will assess the effectiveness and operational efficiency of providing onsite services to rostered PFMTU patients one day per week. The intent is to reduce service duplication by co-locating preventive services that public health is well-positioned to deliver, enabling primary care providers to roster additional patients. Anticipated immediate benefits include improved continuity of care for families, improved management of immunization records, enhanced

access to and awareness of public health services, and timely access to primary care providers for consultation and referrals. The pilot also creates operational efficiencies through shared administrative support and streamlined information exchange between providers.

The pilot is expected to launch by the end of March 2026.

SERVICES FOR UNATTACHED PATIENTS

The Services for Unattached Patients program provides a coordinated, system-wide approach that leverages the strengths of Ottawa Valley Ontario Health Team (OVOHT) partners—including RCDHU and the Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (VTAC)—to support individuals awaiting attachment to a primary care provider.

This integrated model reduces duplication, improves continuity, and enhances patient experience. It offers interim care coordination and navigation for those on the Health Care Connect waitlist, grounded in principles of social prescribing, prevention, and health promotion.

Through a shared coordination structure, partners will deliver aligned clinical, public health, and system navigation support, ensuring accessible and patient-centred services. RCDHU will continue to apply a health promotion and protection approach to support individuals during their wait for primary care attachment.

NURSING STUDENT PLACEMENTS AT RCDHU

RCDHU maintains an affiliation agreement with Algonquin College (Waterfront Campus) to support nursing student placements in the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program. Each student is paired with an RCDHU Public Health Nurse (PHN) preceptor for the duration of the placement and may shadow additional programs to broaden their understanding of public health nursing.

From January to April 2026, RCDHU will preceptor three fourth-year consolidation students: one in Outreach and two in Vaccine Preventable Diseases.

Outreach

The student will participate in core program activities, including community site visits, SPRITE, clinic preparation and support, and documentation. The student will also attend team meetings and those with external partners.

Vaccine Preventable Diseases

The students will support community surveillance and assessment of school-aged children who are overdue for immunizations in accordance with ISPA.

They will assist with planning and delivering community immunization clinics (including vaccinating eligible students) and will support communications with community partners and

affected parents/legal guardians related to ISPA enforcement activities.

These placements provide hands-on experience while strengthening key public health nursing competencies, including client education, effective communication, community partnership development, and engagement with vulnerable populations.

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