

To: Frontenac; North Glengarry; Oliver Paipoonge; Info Plympton-Wyoming; North Grenville; North Huron; North Kawartha; North Middlesex; North Perth; North Stormont; Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands; Northern Bruce Peninsula; Northumberland; Norwich; Oakville; O'Connor; Oil Springs; Opatatika; Orangeville; Orillia; Oro-Medonte; Oshawa; Otonabee South Monaghan; Ottawa; Owen Sound; Oxford; Papineau-Cameron; Parry Sound; Peel; Pelee; Pelham; Pembroke; Penetanguishene; Perry; Perth; Perth East; Perth South; Perth, County; Petawawa; Peterborough; Peterborough, County; Petrolia; Pickering; Pickle Lake; Plummer Additional; Jim Burns; Port Colborne; Port Hope; Powassan; Prescott; Prescott & Russell; Prince; Prince Edward; Puslinch; Qunite West; Rainy River; Ramara; Red Lake; Red Rock; Renfrew; Renfrew, County; Richmond Hill; Rideau Lakes; Russell; Ryerson; Sables-Spanish Rivers; Amy Burkhart; Saugeen Shores; Sault Ste. Marie; Schreiber; Scugog; Seguin; Selwyn; Severn; Shelburne; Shuniah; Simcoe; Sioux Lookout; Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls; Smith Falls; Smooth Rock Falls; South Algonquin; South Bruce; South Bruce Peninsula; South Dundas; South Frontenac; South Glengarry; South Huron; South River; South Stormont; Southgate; Southwest Middlesex; South-West Oxford; Southwold; Spanish; Springwater; St. Catharines; St. Charles; St. Clair; St. Joseph; St. Marys; St. Thomas; Stirling-Rawdon; Stone Mills; Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry; Straford; Strathroy-Caradoc; Strong; Sundridge; Tarbutt; Tay; Tay Valley; Tecumseh; Tehkummah; Temagami; Temiskaming Shores; Terrace Bay; Thames Centre; The Archipelago; The Blue Mountains; The Nation; The North Shore; Thessalon; Thornloe; Thorold; Thunder Bay; Tillsonburg; Timmins; Tiny; Toronto; Trent Hills; Trent Lakes; Tudor and Cashel; Tweed; Tyendinaga; Uxbridge; Val Rita-Harty; Vaughan; Wainfleet; Warwick; Wasaga Beach; Waterloo, Regional; Waterloo, City; Wawa; Welland; Wellesley; Wellington North; Wellington, County; West Elgin; West Grey; West Lincoln; West Nipissing; West Perth; Westport; Whitby; Whitchurch-Stouffville; White River; Whitestone; Whitewater; Wilmot; Windsor; Wollaston; Woodstock; Woolwich; York; Zorra

Subject: Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Attachments: Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario.pdf

Good afternoon,

At their meeting on May 13th, 2026, the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming passed the attached motion regarding Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario.

Have a great weekend!

Lisa Smeekens
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk



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Notice of Confidentiality:



Date: 13 May 2026 15

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

WHEREAS Municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation;

AND WHEREAS current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably;

AND WHEREAS volunteer firefighters represent approximately **70–75% of firefighters in Ontario**, protecting the majority of communities across the province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently **the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services**;

AND WHEREAS other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements;

AND WHEREAS the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility;

AND WHEREAS reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector;

AND WHEREAS stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to **transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program** that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for **operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario;**

AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- The County of Lambton
- Lambton County Fire Chiefs Association
- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:

- Steve Pinnoneault MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
- Bob Bailey MPP Sarnia-Lambton
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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Carried

Defeated

Deferred

EORN Cell Gap Project Monthly Update

May 2026

Regional view

	Planned	Completed	New this month
Upgrades to existing towers	311	311	n/a
New towers in service	257	204	11
New co-locations	89	78	0
Land use authority	257	257	n/a
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	44	1
New co-locations	11	10	0
Land use authority	47	47	n/a
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 May 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, Hagarty 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 Alcona 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, Hagarty 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	In-service
C8702	Schutt Road and Wingle	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service
C8706	Quadeville Road and Murk Lake	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service
C8618	Oscar Boehme Road and River Bend Drive	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service
C8619	Rocheftort	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	In-service
C8501	Trans Canada Highway and Bissett Creek Road	Township of Head, Clara, Maria	In-service
C8531	Trans Canada Highway 17 at Stonedliffe	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

Renfrew County New Tower Build Schedule

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 Hasanville 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 Mangor 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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705-368-3500

June 3, 2026

Please see attached a motion passed unanimously by our Council regarding the need of our health care system.

Resolution No. 133-06-2026

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: G. Williamson

Whereas the Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has conducted research which unequivocally identifies that Ontario Hospitals are underfunded by the Government of Ontario;

And Whereas the CCPA study, Failure by Design, clearly identifies that smaller and rural hospitals are disproportionately disadvantaged by the underfunding;

And Whereas as a direct result of the underfunding Emergency Department wait times for an initial physician assessment have increased to 4.5 hours in 2024 – 2025 from 2.7 hours in 2020 – 2021;

And Whereas 90 percent of patients spend on average 44 hours in the emergency department waiting to be admitted when further care is required;

And Whereas the Provincial Government increased total health care spending from 7.4 percent of GDP in 2014 to only 7.6 percent of GDP by 2023, which did not keep pace with raising health care costs:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands request that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity, which as per the recommendations in the CCPA study, would require an immediate injection of \$3.2 billion supported by annual increases of 6% per year thereafter.

Carried

We would appreciate your support by forwarding your supporting motion on to the Provincial Government.

Thank you

tgorgerat@khrtownship.ca

From: councillorsmith@khrtownship.ca
Sent: June 5, 2026 7:46 AM
To: 'Tammy Gorgerat'; Carl Kuehl; Councillor Maureen MacMillan;
councillorpecoskie@khrtownship.ca; Dave Mayville; Harold Lavigne; Ted Browne
Subject: FW: Thank you

From: mayor@khrtownship.ca <mayor@khrtownship.ca>
Sent: June 5, 2026 7:21 AM
To: Bil Smith <councillorsmith@khrtownship.ca>
Subject: Fw: Thank you

Hello Tammy,

Could you place this under correspondence for our next Council meeting

David Mayville

Mayor
Township of Killaloe, Hagarty, and Richards
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"My working hours and your working hours may be different. Please do not feel obligated to reply outside your normal working hours."

From: mayor@khrtownship.ca <mayor@khrtownship.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2026 6:19 AM
To: Ed and Carol Chippior <chippior@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Thank you

Hello Ed and Carol,

I really appreciate your comments being directed to our Roads Dept., as they do not get enough credit for what they do during all 4 seasons. I will forward this to our CAO so hopefully it will go into correspondence for our next meeting.

David Mayville

Mayor
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From: Ed and Carol Chippior <chippior@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2026 2:42 PM
To: Dean Holly <tdholly5@aol.com>
Cc: Richard Shulist <shulistrichard@gmail.com>; mayor@khrtownship.ca <mayor@khrtownship.ca>; Councillor Maureen MacMillan <councillormacmillan@khrtownship.ca>; Brian Pecoskie <brianpecoskie@gmail.com>; councillorbrowne@khrtownship.ca <councillorbrowne@khrtownship.ca>; councillorsmith@khrtownship.ca <councillorsmith@khrtownship.ca>; councillorkuehl@khrtownship.ca <councillorkuehl@khrtownship.ca>; councillorlavigne@khrtownship.ca <councillorlavigne@khrtownship.ca>
Subject: Thank you

Wilno, Ontario
K0J 2N0

June 2, 2026

Dean Holly, Public Works Superintendent
1 John Street
Killaloe, Ontario K0J 2N0

Mr. Holly

RE: Remediation work performed on Scenic Road in 2025

We'd like to communicate to you, and the roads crew, on the great work that you did in two locations on Scenic Road in 2026, those being the hill west of 251, and the hill east of and entrance to 591.

The installation of a culvert, rip rap, and work on diversion ditches and road profiling has made a big difference in the way water is being dispersed.

We thank you for the professional quality work at those locations.

Sincerely,

Richard Shulist, Ed and Carol Chippior

C David Mayville, Mayor

Maureen MacMillan, Councillor
Bil Smith, Councillor
Brian Pecoskie, Councillor
Carl Kuehl, Councillor
Harold Lavigne, Councillor
Ted Browne, Councillor



June 4, 2026

Request for Support – Ontario Firefighter Certification Requirements

Dear Municipal Clerks,

The Town of Iroquois Falls is seeking support from neighboring municipalities regarding the implementation of Ontario Regulation 343/22 (Firefighter Certification), which requires firefighters performing certain suppression and extrication activities to obtain prescribed certifications by July 1, 2026.

While we support the importance of firefighter training and safety, The Town of Iroquois Falls has concerns about the impact these requirements may have on volunteer and composite fire departments, particularly in rural and northern communities.

Council recently passed a resolution requesting that the Office of the Fire Marshal revisit the mandatory certification program and consider greater flexibility while maintaining high standards of public and firefighter safety.

We respectfully ask that you share the attached resolution with your Fire Chief for review and consideration. If your municipality shares similar concerns, we welcome your support and advocacy on this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maureen Reeder", written over a horizontal line.

Maureen Reeder, Clerk
The Town of Iroquois Falls

ADDRESS

253 Main Street, PO Box 230
Iroquois Falls, Ontario P0K1G0

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF IROQUOIS FALLS

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: May 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026-129

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9. B) 3)

MOVED BY: R. Charlebois

SECONDED BY: C. Tremblay

THAT Council authorizes the Town of Iroquois Falls to engage and advocate with the Fire Marshall's Office to revisit the mandatory certification program in hopes of keeping training requirements consistent with how our local department currently delivers training and certification to ensure we can continue to meet and exceed our expectations towards emergency response and extrication.

AND THAT a copy of this motion be sent to municipalities and fire chiefs along the highway 11 corridor, CDSB and the provincial government.

DECLARED THE MOTION:

Dated at Iroquois Falls,
this 25th day of May 2026.

- CARRIED**
- DEFEATED**
- AMENDED**
- DEFERRED**



MAYOR (CHAIR)

RECORDED VOTE

NAME	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor (Jamy) Bernier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Keval) Brahmhatt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Richard) Charlebois	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Gilles) Giguere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Ben) Lefebvre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Claude) Tremblay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor (Tory) Delaurier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Choose an item.

DISCLOSED HIS/HER INTEREST(S)

VACATED HIS/HER SEAT

Abstained from discussion and did not vote on this item.

Newsletter

June 2026

EOWC Advocacy Update

The EOWC Holds 2026 Queen's Park Day



Left-to-right: Kurt Greaves, CAO, County of Lanark; Sheridan Graham, Secretary-Treasurer, EOWC; Eric McGoey, Vice-President of Corporate Affairs, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories; Jessica Uitvlugt, Administration and Communications Coordinator, EOWC; Richard Kidd, Warden, County of Lanark; Stephanie Silva, Strategic Advisor, Atlas Strategic Advisors; Bob Mullin, Warden, County of Hastings; Steve Clark, Member of Parliament, Leeds–Grenville–Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes; Meredith Staveley-Watson, Executive Director, EOWC; Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville; Francois Landry, Warden, United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry; Nathan Townend, Vice-Chair, EOWC; Darrell Searles, President, Anchor Concrete Products LTD.; Hon. Rob Flack, Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing; Hon. Doug Ford, Premier, Ontario; Carlos Benia, Vice President, Anchor Concrete Products LTD.; Bonnie Clark, Chair, EOWC; Hon. Graydon Smith, Associate Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing; Jennifer Murphy, Warden, County of Renfrew; Stéphane Parisien, CAO United Counties of Prescott and Russell; Mario Zanth, Warden, United Counties of Prescott and Russell; Craig Kelley, CAO, County of Renfrew; Bill Saunders, Warden, County of Frontenac; Ryan Moore, Chief Stakeholder Relations Officer, Miranda Water Technologies; Steve Ferguson, Mayor, Prince Edward County; Kevin Farrell, CAO, County of Frontenac; Lynn Saunders, COO, Plaintree Systems; Dr. Alan Batt, Paramedicine Lead, Queen's University; Laura Smith, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing; Jamie Fawthrop, CAO, South Glengarry; Tegan Legge, General Manager, Haliburton Forest; Adam Goheen, CAO, Prince Edward County; Gary Dyke, CAO, County of Haliburton; Larissa Fenn, Vice President Corporate Affairs, HOPA Ports; Michael Slatter, Chief/ Director, Haliburton County Paramedic Services; Dan Borrowec, CAO, County of Northumberland; Al Horsman, CAO, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville; John Grech, Director of Marine Logistics and Commercial Development, Picton Terminals.

The EOWC hosted a successful Queen's Park Advocacy Day. The day included a reception with MPPs, Ministers, eastern Ontario local business representatives,

and port partners from the Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority and Picton Terminals.

Provincial insights were shared from provincial leaders, including:

- Premier Doug Ford
- Hon. Rob Flack
- Hon. Steve Clark
- MPP Stephen Blais
- MPP Mike Schreiner

Representing 103 municipalities from across the region, EOWC members participated in a full day of strategic meetings with provincial decision-makers, including 16 meetings with Ministers, Parliamentary Assistants, and Members of Provincial Parliament, reflecting the Province's continued engagement with eastern Ontario municipalities and the importance of the region's priorities.

These meetings included Minister Rob Flack (Municipal Affairs and Housing), Minister Lisa Thompson (Rural Affairs), Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria (Transportation), Minister Nolan Quinn (Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security), Minister Michael Kerzner (Solicitor General), Minister David Piccini (Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development), Associate Minister Graydon Smith (Municipal Affairs and Housing), House Leader Steve Clark, Parliamentary Assistant John Jordan (Health), Parliamentary Assistant Michelle Cooper (Finance), Parliamentary Assistant Dave Smith (Finance), Parliamentary Assistant Silvia Gualtieri (Solicitor General), MPP Ted Hsu, as well as staff from the Premier's Office, Ministry of Red Tape Reduction and the Ministry of Health.

Throughout the day, the EOWC advanced key priorities focused on strengthening municipal capacity, modernizing infrastructure investment, and supporting sustainable regional growth.

Key priorities included:

- Reinvesting the 1.76% non-refundable municipal HST portion directly back into municipal infrastructure;
- Establishing a province-wide standardized asset management system to support smarter infrastructure planning and investment decisions;
- Advancing the Eastern Ontario Transformation Action Plan to drive economic competitiveness, workforce development, and regional growth;
- Returning Ontario to a regular property tax reassessment cycle;
- Making community paramedicine funding permanent; and
- Supporting the establishment of a regulated paramedic college in Ontario.

[Read the EOWC's 2026 Queen's Park Advocacy Package](#)

The EOWC Attends the Ontario Government's \$8.8 billion Development Charge Reduction Program



The EOWC joined of the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario's announcement of the \$8.8 billion Development Charge Reduction Program.

Through this program, municipalities that reduce development charges by at least 30% and maintain that reduction for three years will be eligible to apply for funding to support housing-enabling infrastructure projects.

[Learn More](#)

The EOWC Attends the 2026 Grow Ontario Food Summit

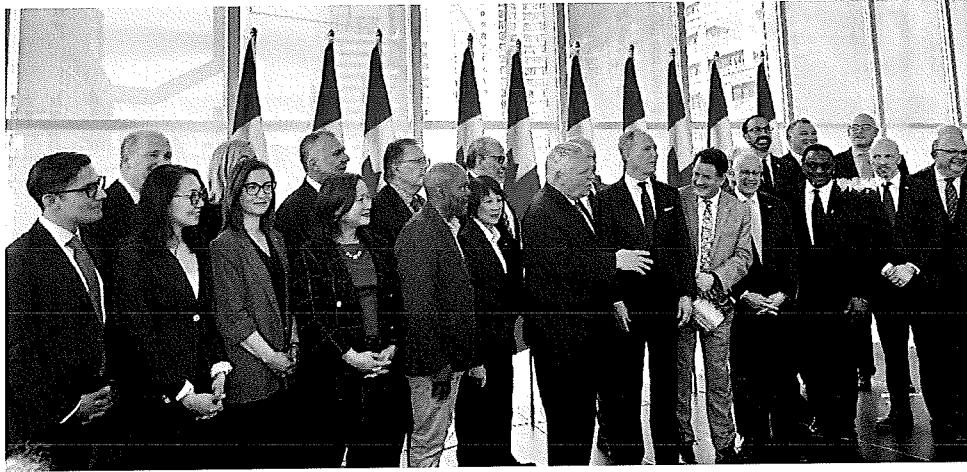


Left-to-right: Bonnie Clark, Chair, EOWC; Hon. Trevor Jones, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

The EOWC was happy to attend the 2026 Grow Ontario Food Summit, held in Guelph, ON.

The summit consisted of discussions centred around emerging opportunities, risks, and how Ontario's agriculture and food industry is a cornerstone for the economy, driving growth, supporting local jobs and sustaining communities.

The EOWC Attends the Unveiling of Ontario's Framework for Defence Industrial Strategy



The EOWC was pleased to attend Ontario's unveiling of their first-ever defence industrial strategy that aims to create 43,000 jobs and position Ontario as a key partner for allied defence and security.

The framework highlights Ontario's strengths and competitive advantage in research and development, critical minerals, nuclear energy, aeronautics, manufacturing and technology.

[Learn More](#)

The EOWC and OFA Sign MOU



Left-to-right: Ethan Wallace, Vice President, OFA; Drew Spoelstra, President, OFA; Bonnie Clark, Chair, EOWC; Nathan Townend, Vice-Chair, EOWC.

The EOWC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA).

This MOU sets the framework for ongoing collaboration on shared priorities and reinforces the critical role agriculture plays across eastern Ontario.

The EOWC Attends the 2026 Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Conference



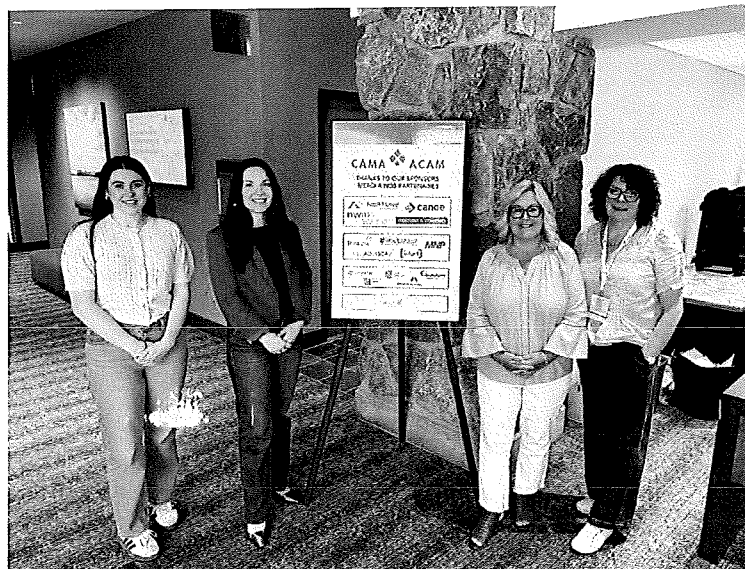
Left-to-right: Ryan Sorenson, Past Chair, Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative; Bonnie Clark, Chair, EOWC; Earl Provost, Ontario Agent General, Chicago.

The EOWC was pleased to attend the 2026 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative in Hamilton, ON.

This conference was a great opportunity to talk about water sovereignty, the importance of investment in critical water and waste water infrastructure, and how the Great Lakes and St Lawrence Seaway can drive economic growth.

The EOWC is proud to share that EOWC Chair and Warden of Peterborough County, Bonnie Clark, was awarded the Rob Ford Leadership Award.

The EOWC Attends the 2026 CAMA Conference



Left-to-right: Jessica Uitvlugt, Administration and Communication Coordinator, EOWC; Meredith Staveley-Watson, Executive Director, EOWC; Sheridan Graham, Secretary-Treasurer, EOWC; Jennifer Stover, Deputy CAO, Peterborough County.

The EOWC was happy to attend the 2026 Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Conference in Whistler BC.

At the conference, the EOWC celebrated the end of term of EOWC member, CAO Brenda Orchard from the County of Lennox and Addington as President of CAMA moving to the position of Past President on the CAMA Board of Directors. In addition, we celebrated the achievement of EOWC staff member Jessica Uitvlugt for receiving the CAMA Young Professional Scholarship.

In The Media

MPP Billy Denault Rural Ontario Week New Emergency Shelter Opens in Kawartha Lakes



Left-to-right: Bob Bailey, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Rural Affairs; Laurier Scott, MPP, Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock; Billy Denault, MPP, Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke; John Jordan, MPP, Lanark—Frontenac—Kingston; Lisa Thompson, Minister, Ministry of Rural Affairs; Steve Pinsonneault, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Rural Affairs.

Ontario has officially designated the third week of September as Rural Ontario Week, recognizing the “vitality and importance” of rural communities across the province. The motion, introduced by MPP Billy Denault, received support from all parties in the legislature.

Denault, who represents Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke, spoke passionately, highlighting the innovation, industry, and strong sense of community found in rural regions.

By the numbers, rural Ontario is home to 2.5 million people, 268,000 businesses, and supports 1.2 million jobs. In 2024 alone, it contributed over \$116.5 billion to Ontario's GDP.

MPP Denault stated that the new designation aims to raise awareness, celebrate achievements, and strengthen connections between urban and rural communities.

Kawartha Lakes



New Emergency Shelter Opens in Kawartha Lakes

A new emergency shelter and support hub has opened in Kawartha Lakes with funding from the Ontario government's Homelessness Prevention Program. The new facility includes 12 beds and offers life skills, health, and drop-in programming aimed at helping individuals experiencing homelessness access stable support.



Kingston to Transition Injection Site into New HART Hub

Ontario is converting Kingston's existing supervised consumption site into a new HART Hub beginning October 1, 2026. Backed by \$6.3 million in annual provincial funding, the new model will focus on addiction treatment, mental health care, housing, and recovery services.

Eastern Ontario Municipalities Receive Gas Tax Funding to Support Transit Improvements

Several eastern Ontario municipalities are receiving provincial Gas Tax funding in 2025–26 to strengthen and expand local public transit services. The investments will support improved accessibility, expanded routes and service hours, and transit upgrades across the region.



Ontario Expands Nursing Tuition Support in Peterborough Area

The Ontario government is expanding the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant to include nursing programs at Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College in the Peterborough area. The initiative will cover tuition, books, and other education costs for up to 1,500 students who commit to working in eastern Ontario after graduation, helping strengthen the local health-care workforce.



SMITHS FALLS RISE AT THE FALLS

Smiths Falls Opens New Broadview Nursing Home with 128 Long-Term Care Beds

A new 128-bed Broadview Nursing Home has officially opened in Smiths Falls. The modern facility is designed to improve quality of life for residents while supporting local health-care jobs and increasing access to long-term care services in the region.

Partner Updates



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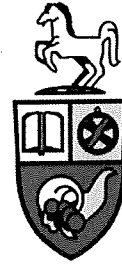
AMO's New Council Program: AMO's Local Leadership Foundations

AMO has modernized its post-election onboarding with Local Leadership Foundations, developed with the Institute on Governance and delivered by experienced municipal governance experts.

Guided by consultations with municipal associations, staff groups, and AMO's Executive Committee, the program reflects what members need to lead with

confidence.

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Retaining Rural Wealth: Lessons from Intergenerational Housing Transfers in Ontario

Rural Canada faces a major but often overlooked economic opportunity as massive housing-based intergenerational wealth transfers risk leaving these communities without deliberate policy and investment to retain them.

The Connecting the Dots initiative at the University of Guelph is pleased to share a research summary of this important work. The summary explores:

- The estimated scale of housing-based wealth transfers occurring in rural communities across Canada
- Why this wealth is at risk of leaving rural areas without targeted investment and policy responses
- What rural planners, foundations, economic developers, and policymakers can do to retain and redirect this wealth locally
- The implications for community development, rural viability, and long-term regional economic planning

For rural practitioners and organizations working on economic resilience and community investment, this research offers both a diagnostic and a call to action. It invites a deeper conversation about how rural communities can capture and reinvest the wealth generated within their own boundaries.

Learn more through a [brief](#) and a [video](#).

Regional Updates and News

Ontario



Ontario Expanding Access to Family Doctors and Primary Care

Ontario has signed a new 2024–28 Physician Services Agreement aimed at improving access to family doctors and primary care across the province. The agreement includes increased compensation for physicians, incentives to take on new patients, expanded evening and weekend appointments, and targeted

recruitment efforts for rural and northern communities as part of the province's goal to connect every Ontarian to a primary care provider by 2029.

Ontario Expanding Workplace Injury Protections Across Care Sector

The [Ontario government is taking steps to extend mandatory WSIB coverage to 29,000 more frontline care workers](#) across the province. The proposed legislation aims to create consistent workplace protections for employees in privately operated care facilities, ensuring access to wage-loss benefits, medical coverage, and return-to-work support if they are injured on the job.

Province Proposes New Measures to Speed Up Projects and Boost Workforce Growth

[Ontario's proposed POWER Act would cut red tape for businesses](#) while introducing new supports for workers and job seekers. The legislation includes plans to streamline permits, improve workplace safety standards, support international medical graduates, and create a more investment-ready economy.

Ontario Moves to Deliver HST Relief on New Homes

The [Ontario government has introduced the HST Relief Implementation Act, 2026](#) to support the rollout of a plan to remove the 13 per cent HST on most eligible new homes. The measure, delivered in partnership with the federal government, would provide homebuyers with up to \$130,000 in relief and aims to stimulate housing construction, support jobs, and improve affordability across the province.

Ontario Invests \$1.5M to Support Great Lakes Protection and Local Innovation

Ontario is investing [\\$1.5 million in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Cities Initiative's Local Blue Economy Growth Fund](#) to help municipalities and First Nations improve water quality and strengthen climate resilience. The program will support small-scale local projects focused on stormwater management, pollution reduction, and green infrastructure to protect communities across the Great Lakes region.

Province Adds Uber Canada to Ontario Corps to Support Emergency Response

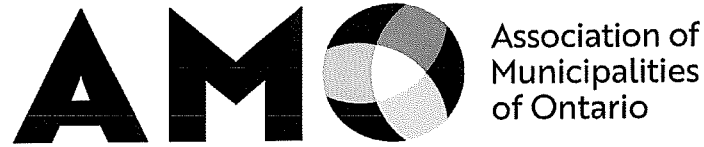
Ontario is enhancing its emergency preparedness system by [welcoming Uber Canada into the Ontario Corps network](#). The partnership will support rapid transportation for evacuees and first responders, as well as the movement of food, hygiene products, and other essential supplies during emergencies.

Ontario Expands Postsecondary Training with \$1.7B Investment

[Ontario is investing \\$1.7 billion to create 70,000 new postsecondary seats](#) in high-demand fields such as health care, STEM, education, and skilled trades. The

initiative aims to strengthen the province's workforce, support economic growth, and help more students access training for in-demand careers, with the first new seats available in Fall 2026.

Upcoming Events



AMO Conference

The AMO 2026 Conference will take place from August 16 to August 19, 2026, in Ottawa.

Register

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About the EOWC

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

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

Visit the EOWC's website at eowc.org.

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Construction Update – June 5, 2026

The Department of Public Works and Engineering provides monthly updates on construction projects within the County of Renfrew. Please share this notice to keep everyone informed of upcoming construction projects. Contact our office should you have any questions or concerns about County construction or general operations.

To review details and maps of all of the County's 2026 construction plans, please visit the 2026 Construction Story Map at <https://arcg.is/1K5Hnu1>.

For up-to-date information on active projects and their traffic impacts, please visit Municipal511 at <https://www.municipal511.ca/>.

Upcoming Projects

County Roads 1 (River Road) and 20 (Castleford Road) – Township of Horton

Construction on River Road, from Castleford Road to Grantham Road, and Castleford Road, from River Road to Humphries Road, is expected to start June 15, 2026, and be completed early-August. During construction, parts of River Road and Castleford Road will be limited to a single lane, with lights or workers directing traffic.

County Structure B091 (Danny Constant Bridge) – Township of Bonnechere Valley

Construction on Danny Constant Bridge, on Constant Lake Road, about 1.5 kilometres west of Highway 41, is expected to start July 2, 2026, and be completed late-August. During construction, the road at this location will remain closed to all traffic, with a signed detour in place. There will be no pedestrian access during the project.

County Structure B103 (O'Grady Bridge) – Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards

Construction on O'Grady Bridge, on O'Grady Settlement Road, about 4.5 kilometres west of Foymount Road, is expected to start July 2, 2026, and be completed late-August. During construction, the road at this location will remain closed to all traffic, with a signed detour in place. There will be no pedestrian access during the project.

County Structure B121 (Waba Creek Bridge) – Township of McNab/Braeside

Construction on Waba Creek Bridge, on White Lake Road, about 0.8 kilometres west of Highland Road, is expected to start June 29, 2026, and be completed early-September. During construction, the road at this location will be limited to a single lane of traffic during the day with workers directing traffic. For a period of six weeks between June 29th and August 28th, the road at this location will be closed to all traffic, with a signed detour in place. There will be no pedestrian access during the closure.

Ongoing Projects

County Road 4 (Storyland Road) – Township of Horton

Construction on Storyland Road, from Eady Road to Alex Lane is carry-over work from last year. Construction resumed June 1, 2026, and is anticipated to be completed mid-June. During construction, parts of Storyland Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

County Road 66 (Wilno South Road) – Townships of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards and Madawaska Valley

Construction on Wilno South Road, from Highway 60 to Inukshuk Road, started May 11, 2026, and is expected to finish mid-July. During construction, parts of Wilno South Road will be reduced to a single lane with lights or workers directing traffic, and some work will also require a temporary road closure with a detour in place.

County Road 68 (Rockingham Road) – Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan
Construction on Rockingham Road, from Guiney Road to Letterkenny Road, started May 19, 2026, and is expected to finish late-June. During construction, parts of Rockingham Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

County Road 69 (Siberia Road) – Township of Madawaska Valley
Construction on Siberia Road, from Sunny Hill Road to Pipedream Lane, started May 4, 2026, and is expected to finish early-July. During construction, parts of Siberia Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

County Road 508 (Calabogie Road) – Townships of Greater Madawaska and McNab/Braeside
Brushing along County Road 508 (Calabogie Road), from Fleming Road to County Road 52 (Burnstown Road), started April 27, 2026, and is expected to finish early-June. The replacement of culverts along this section of Calabogie Road started June 1, 2026, and is expected to be completed early-July. During construction for culvert replacements, parts of Calabogie Road will be fully closed temporarily, starting June 15, 2026, for three separate 5-day periods, with a detour in place. The remaining culvert replacement will require one lane closure, with lights or workers directing traffic. The remaining rehabilitation of this section of Calabogie Road is expected to start mid-August and be completed late-October.

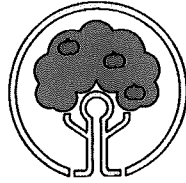
County Road 512 (Foymount Road) – Township of Bonnechere Valley along County Road 512, from Silver Lake Road to Highway 41 is carry-over work from last season. Construction resumed May 11, 2026, and is expected to be completed late-June. During construction, parts of Foymount Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

County Structure C201 (Broomes Creek Culvert & Dam) – Township of Whitewater Region
Construction on Broomes Creek Culvert and Dam, located on County Road 7 (Foresters Falls Road), about 0.1 kilometres east of Foresters Falls, resumed May 4, 2026, and is expected to be completed late-July. During construction, the road at this location will remain closed to all traffic, with a signed detour using Kohlsmith Road and Queens Line in place. There will be no pedestrian access during the project.

Completed Projects

County Road 71 (Matawatchan Road) – Township of Greater Madawaska
Construction on County Road 71, from 700m east of Milty Lake Road to County Road 65 (Centennial Lake Road) is carry-over work from last season. Construction began May 4, 2026, and was completed the week of May 11, 2026.

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WHEN TRAVELLING THROUGH CONSTRUCTION ZONES**



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, June 9, 2026)

RCDHU Announces Completion of School Immunization Surveillance and Catch-Up Efforts

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is pleased to share the successful completion of its school-based Immunization of Schools Pupils Act (ISPA) catch-up efforts for the 2025-2026 school year.

Renfrew County and District continues to achieve one of the highest immunization compliance rates in the province, with more than 94% of students meeting immunization requirements for diseases covered under the ISPA. Measles immunization coverage among students is approximately 95%, meeting the recommended threshold for community protection.

"Our community continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to protecting the health of students and families," states Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health for Renfrew County and District Health Unit. "High immunization coverage helps prevent the spread of serious diseases and keeps schools safe. We thank parents, schools, and our community partners for their continued efforts to keep vaccinations up to date."

These successful catch-up efforts would not have been possible without the support of valued community partners, including local physicians, family health teams, and school communities. RCDHU extends its sincere thanks for their ongoing collaboration.

RCDHU reminds families that maintaining up-to-date immunization records remains a requirement under the Immunization of School Pupils Act. Parents and guardians are encouraged to report any new or missing immunization records to RCDHU.

Immunization records can be updated in the following ways:

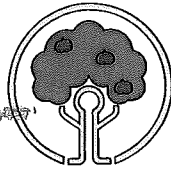
- **Online:** Using the [ICON](#) tool (Immunization Connect Ontario)
- **Email:** immunization@rcdhu.com
- **Fax:** 613-735-3067
- **Phone:** 613-732-9436 or 1-833-773-0004

Individuals without a health care provider can access RCDHU's routine immunization clinics across the county. The online booking system is now live, with appointments available for clinic dates starting July 1, 2026. To book an appointment, visit: [Immunization Appointment Booking](#).

To book an appointment before July 1, or to receive assistance with booking, individuals are encouraged to contact the Immunization Information Line at 613-732-9436 or 1-833-773-0004. For more immunization information, visit: [Immunization - Renfrew County and District Health Unit](#).

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(Pembroke, Ontario, June 10, 2026)

Ticks are Active: Know the Risks and Protect Yourself from Tick Bites

With warmer weather, tick activity increases. People who spend time outdoors should take steps to avoid tick bites.

Many parts of Renfrew County and District (RCD) are suitable habitat for blacklegged ticks, also called deer ticks. These ticks can spread Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses to people. Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease. In 2025, RCD recorded 79 cases of Lyme disease, the highest annual count on record. The local rate has been above the provincial average every year since 2020, and more than three times the provincial average for the past two years.

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) continues to monitor ticks to help identify areas where infected blacklegged ticks are more likely to be found. The area where these ticks are established has been expanding each year, spreading northwest along the Ottawa River. Current risk areas include communities along the Ottawa River from Arnprior to Chalk River, as well as Calabogie and Eganville. Because their range is still expanding, ticks can also be found in wooded or grassy areas outside these communities, so take precautions wherever you spend time outdoors. This northward spread is consistent with a broader, climate-driven expansion of blacklegged ticks across Ontario and eastern Canada.

An infected blacklegged tick usually needs to be attached for at least 24 hours before it can transmit Lyme disease, so removing a tick promptly reduces your risk. Signs and symptoms can appear between 3 and 30 days after a bite from an infected tick and can be different from person to person.

Common symptoms include:

- an expanding rash, usually at the site of the bite, that may or may not form a bull's-eye pattern
- chills
- fever
- headache
- joint and muscle pain
- fatigue

If you develop these symptoms, see your healthcare provider promptly and let them know you may have been exposed to ticks. Lyme disease can be treated effectively, especially when caught early.

You can lower your risk of tick bites by:

- wearing light-coloured clothing so ticks are easier to see
- wearing closed-toe shoes and socks, a long-sleeved shirt, and long pants tucked into your socks
- using insect repellent that contains DEET or Icaridin and following the label directions
- checking your body for ticks after being outdoors - learn how to do a tick check or remove a tick by visiting [Tick-borne diseases](#)
- drying your clothes on high heat for at least 10 minutes to kill ticks (use hot water if you wash them first)
- taking a shower after being in forested or grassy areas to remove ticks
- contacting your healthcare provider or a pharmacist if you are concerned about a tick bite, especially if the tick was attached for 24 hours or more; preventive treatment may be recommended

If you find a tick, you can submit it to RCDHU for identification or use the online service called [eTick.ca](#) – a public website that helps identify ticks from photos and supports tick monitoring in Canada.

For more information, visit <https://www.rcdhu.com/healthy-living/diseases/> or contact a Public Health Inspector at environmentalhealth@rcdhu.com or 613-732-3629 extension 505.

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