

Board Meeting Highlights April 24, 2019

Deep River and District Hospital
Four Seasons Lodge
North Renfrew Family Health Team

Education Session

- The Manager of Quality, Risk and Innovation provided a presentation on the organization's Risk Assessment program.

Meeting Highlights

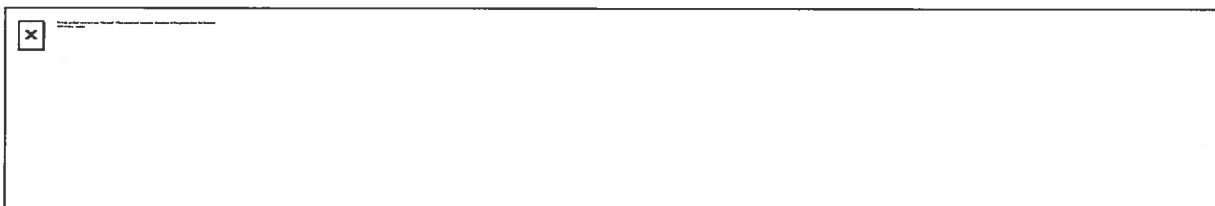
- Auxiliary
 - The Auxiliary hosted their Annual General Meeting at the Bear's Den on April 25, 2019.
 - The Auxiliary presented a cheque for the speech therapy program.
 - The Auxiliary presented their second donation towards the Nurse Call System
 - The Whistle Stop is hosting a sale on May 18, 2019 as a fundraiser for the Four Seasons Lodge.
- Family Health Team
 - Submitted business case application steps 1, 2 and 3 to the Ministry of Health (MOH). Reviewed submission with MOH representative, updates made as recommended and re-submitted. Plan to begin step 4 in May.
- Finance
 - The draft financial statements were presented for the first 11 months of the 2018/2019 fiscal year, ending February 28, 2019. At February 28, the organization is at a surplus position of \$4,996. Our occupancy rate was an average of 123% in the month of February.
- Foundation
 - In 2018/2019, the Foundation received approximately \$300,000 in donations, as of the end of February 2019.
 - Catch the Ace revenues for the first two lotteries totaled approximately \$800,000.
 - The Foundation will have a booth at the Petawawa Home and Garden Showcase.
 - The Foundation will be operating a canteen during the Mama Mia play in Deep River during May and June.
 - The Foundation will be hosting a Pig Roast on August 3 at the Deep River Yacht and Tennis Club. Half of the cost of each ticket will be considered a donation and therefore be tax receipt eligible.
- Hospital
 - Diagnostic Imaging site visits are planned for the beginning of May as part of the procurement process.
- Long Term Care
 - A mock Code Green evacuation of our Long-Term Care and part of the Medical Floor took place on April 8. The exercise went very well and was observed by representatives from both the North Renfrew Long-Term Care Center and the Deep River Fire Department.
 - The Business Case for Long-Term Care Development has been drafted. The application and supporting documentation for submission is prepared and will be submitted when the Ministry "calls for submissions".
- Organizational Updates
 - Accreditation
 - Suicide Screening and Prevention Program launched in March
 - High Alert Medication (narcotics, concentrated electrolytes, etc.) Program updated in March

- Display Boards
 - Quality dashboards have been posted publically to enhance measurement, communication and transparency.
- Emergency Generator
 - Additional areas were successfully added to the emergency generator. These additions included the dietary department, food bank, medical floor patient rooms and x-ray room.
- Employee Recognition
 - Employee Recognition night was held on April 12. Milestone recipients and Ernie Mielke nominees were honoured. This year's Ernie Mielke award was presented to Amanda Pleadwell (PSW).
- Fire panel, nurse call and public address system
 - Progressing as planned. Site visit from Engineer indicated no deficiencies to date.
- Ontario Health Teams (OHT)
 - Details regarding the formation of OHTs were released on April 3rd.
 - Ontario Health Teams are a new model to integrate care and funding that will enable patients, families, communities and providers to better work together.
 - Ontario Health Teams are being introduced to provide a new way of organizing and delivering services in local communities. Under Ontario Health Teams, the health care providers (including hospitals, doctors and home and community care providers) will work as one coordinated team – no matter where they provide care.
 - These teams will be responsible for delivering care for their patients, understanding their health care history, directly connecting them to the different types of care they need, and helping 24/7 in navigating the health care system.
 - The CEO has been in contact with the Ottawa Hospital, Pembroke Hospital, Renfrew & Barry's Bay Hospital and Arnprior Hospital regarding their approach to OHTs.
 - Our organization will be completing a submission. Deadline to submit self-assessment is May 15, 2019.
- Operational Plan
 - The Operational Plan, which has been updated for April 2019, was presented to the Board for information.
- Procurement
 - The Ministry has released a directive regarding procurement - Interim Measures.
 - The Interim Measures are a set of rules designed to support consistency in procurement-related decisions and collection of data during the transition to a centralized procurement model.
 - The Measures apply to new procurements of goods and services (consulting and non-consulting) valued at \$25,000 or higher.
 - BPS organizations must use existing vendor of record arrangements whenever possible and appropriate, regardless of the value of the procurement.
 - Any new contract, including any extensions, must not exceed two years.
- Staffing
 - The organization has successfully recruited a Medical Diagnostic Sonographer (Ultrasound) who has already started working in the Diagnostic Imaging Department.
- Vacuum Pump (used for wound care)
 - Purchased and on site. Staff education is being planned in coordination with launch of skin and wound management program
 - The Foundation supported the purchase of this equipment with a donation from the CNL Black Bears Hockey Tournament.

Crystal Fischer

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April 24, 2019

Budget Update: Provincial In-Year Funding Reductions

Several provincial funding reductions and items of municipal interest happened late last week and we wanted you to be aware of them. Not all had media or social media coverage.

This update shares the information we have and we will continue to update you. We would encourage CAOs/ City Managers to share this with your staff as our database may not include them.

Public Health Funding Reductions and Re-Structuring

Overall, municipal service providers will see fiscal impacts starting immediately. The Province will be reducing the current cost-sharing arrangement over three years beginning this year. The following changes to the provincial-municipal cost sharing have been shared with Boards of Health:

2019-20*– 60:40 for Toronto; 70:30 for all other public health units

*As of April 1, 2019

2020-21 - 60:40 for Toronto; 70:30 for other public health units

2021-22 - 50:50 for Toronto;

60:40 for 6 regions with population greater than 1 million;

70:30 for 3 regions with a population less than 1 million

(10 regional entities).

The government has not formally communicated this change in cost sharing to public health units. The Budget committed the government to re-structure public health units from 25 down to 10 autonomous agencies. This is expected to save "\$200 million a

year by 2021-22."

It was said that service level expectations are to be maintained. The province is encouraging public health units to look for administrative efficiencies, rather than front-line cuts. However, this will be challenging as the majority of a public health unit's budget is linked to staff costs. The province will consider one-time funding to help mitigate impacts and consider a waiver for Ontario Public Health Standards expectations on a board-by-board basis.

Municipal governments have always been vulnerable to rising costs as under the *Health Promotion and Protection Act* since 1997, municipalities are legally responsible for 100% of public health costs. It is only a matter of policy that the provincial government has shared the cost of public health at a level of 75% provincial and 25% municipal. However in reality, the municipal cost share is much higher than the mandated 25%.

According to media reports, the ministry is characterizing the changes as, "strengthening the role of municipalities in the delivery of public health". AMO and its members are eager to understand what this means and are awaiting discussions.

Ambulance (EMS)

Although there is no new information to share from our April 16th update, we wanted to remind members that in terms of any restructuring of paramedics services, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has committed to work directly with AMO and others. The next steps are not available as yet.

Policing Grants

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has announced changes to policing grants. All existing grants will be combined into the new Community Safety and Policing Grant starting now. While AMO has been told the total funding envelope will remain the same, two significant factors may dilute the distribution of these funds to municipal services. It would appear the OPP is now eligible to apply for grants (previously the OPP was ineligible). There have not been any meaningful discussions with the Ministry on the issue of grant criteria. It is not clear how these dollars will be distributed. For over a decade, the provincial government has helped to fund the addition of over 2,000 front-line officers and a portion of their salaries.

AMO has been seeking provincial support for newly legislated costs including mandatory police service board training and mandatory municipal community safety and wellbeing planning. The Ministry's grant announcement is silent on these issues. In addition, a high degree of uncertainty exists with respect to provincial funding for animal cruelty enforcement. Recent animal enforcement changes are putting pressure on policing services and new additional costs.

Guns and Gangs

With respect to the Guns and Gangs funding program, the City of Toronto received

\$25 million in 2018 and the City of Ottawa is receiving \$2 million in 2019, and an additional \$16.4 million funding over two years will help other centres throughout Ontario. In addition, other initiatives relate to:

- Establishing a provincial Guns and Gangs Support Unit to assist local police officers
- A dedicated Gun and Gang Specialized Investigations Fund to support joint forces operations targeting the organized crime areas that fuel gang operations, such as drug, gun and human trafficking, and provide intelligence analysis; and
- Protecting the most vulnerable people with the highest risk of experiencing gun and gang violence and victimization.

Ontario Library Services

The Southern Ontario Library Service and the Ontario Library Service-North now face a 50% in-year funding cut for 2019/2020. As this is significant, interlibrary loans across Ontario are discontinued. This impacts the 325+ communities and First Nation communities directly supported by these agencies. Many of these are smaller communities located in rural and northern Ontario, losing access to books and supports available elsewhere. While the 2019 Ontario Budget maintains provincial funding levels for local libraries, provincial funding for municipal libraries has been frozen for the last 20 years.

Child Care and Early Years

While not announced in the Budget, municipal governments and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs) that are designated as Service System Managers for childcare and early years programming have now received formal notification from the Ministry of Education about changes to cost sharing arrangements and administration funding.

Starting in April 2019, all service managers will be required to cost-share the operating portion of Expansion Plan funding for new child care spaces by contributing 20% municipal funding in order to access the provincial funds. The Expansion Plan funding envelope is \$216 million. A 20% potential share of this is \$43.2 million. Separate from the Expansion Plan, the province has directed a new administrative cost sharing arrangement, which reduces the amount that can be spent on administration from 10% to 5%. This will have some immediate municipal financial impacts if efficiencies are not found.

Conservation Authorities

Conservation Authorities (CA) will see a \$3.7 million (50%) annual cut from the annual \$7.4 million transfer payment from the Hazard Program. This funding is used by Conservation Authorities for:

- Forecasting flooding and issue warnings
- Monitoring streamflow, rainfall and snow packs
- Floodplain mapping

- Providing planning support and advice to the Province, municipalities and the federal government to minimize flood impacts
- Regulating development activities in floodplains
- Contributing to municipal emergency planning and preparedness activities as well as recovery activities
- Informing and educating the public about flooding
- Protecting, restoring and rehabilitating natural cover that contributes to reducing the impacts of flooding

The impact of the cuts will be experienced differently by each Conservation Authority (CA). For a few, the financial loss does not represent a large proportion of their budgets. For the smaller Conservation Authorities, it will have a significant impact on the hazard related services. For all, it is an in-year financial impact. How CAs will address this loss of funding has yet to be determined. We also do not know if this funding reduction will result in insurance rate increases for CAs.

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April 18, 2019

AMCTO Advocacy Win: Elections Ontario Recommends Changes to the Voters' List

We are writing today to share some good news on one of our key advocacy files: the Voters' List.

As many of you are aware, this is a file that has dominated AMCTO [advocacy efforts since at least 2004](#). In fact, our members have made it clear in post-election surveys that this issue, more than any other, drives their concerns about the accuracy and integrity of the municipal voters' list.

AMCTO's position is that the existing processes for creating, maintaining, and amending the information for the municipal voters' list are not working. Following the 2014 municipal election, the previous government heard our message, created a confidential working group under then-Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Ted McMeekin, and implemented some minor tweaks to the voters' list. While AMCTO welcomed those changes, we continued to advocate for transformational change.

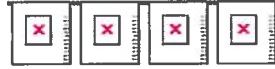
After the 2018 municipal election, Elections Ontario engaged AMCTO to determine what sort of changes we were seeking. Today, Elections Ontario has [tabled its report](#) on the municipal Voters' List, which includes recommendations to:

- establish a single address authority to standardize addressing across Ontario and improve services that rely on address information;
- make Elections Ontario responsible for municipal voters lists to increase consistency and accuracy between voters list; and
- change election day to a day when school is not in session to provide easier access to schools as voting locations, while enhancing the safety and security of school children.

AMCTO is pleased that Ontario's Chief Electoral Officer has seen the value of AMCTO's position and that our advocacy efforts have resulted in his support and the formal recommendations he has put to the Ontario Legislature.

We plan to work closely with Elections Ontario so that they can leverage the expertise of our members. As we often remind Ministers, MPPs, and other government officials, AMCTO's members ensure the integrity of municipal elections and are critical to this process.

We look forward to continuing our work with Elections Ontario and the provincial government and moving forward on this file. In the meantime, we will be [sharing our support](#) for this proposed change with the provincial government, MPPs, and other key stakeholders.



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Good Afternoon:

The Council of the Town of Minto met on April 16, 2019 to consider the above noted item and passed the following motion:

MOTION: COW 2019-069

Moved by: Councillor Elliott; Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

Whereas the Provincial government announced it was conducting a review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), which provides annual funding allotments to municipal governments to help offset operating and capital costs; and

Whereas Municipalities were further advised that the overall spending envelope for the program would decrease having a significant impact on future budgets and how funds are raised by Municipalities as funding will be reduced by an unspecified amount; and

Whereas if allocations to municipalities are reduced, Councils will need to compensate with property tax increases or local service reductions; and

Whereas, the 2018 Town of Minto allocation was \$1,630,700 which is equivalent to 33.96% of the Town's municipal property tax revenue; and

Whereas the Town of Minto prides itself on efficient and value for money practices every day;

And Whereas, a 33.96% increase in the municipal property tax rate would increase the municipal component of property taxes paid for an average household by \$403 per year;

Now therefore be it resolved that although an interim payment has been received, Council of the Town of Minto expresses grave concern with the potential reduction and/or loss of the OMPF allotment in future years;

And Further, Council petitions the Provincial government to complete the OMPF review in an expeditious manner as future financial consideration ensures municipal sustainability;

And furthermore, that this resolution be circulated to the Premier, Ministers of Finance, Municipal Affairs and Housing, our local MPP and all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement and support.

Annilene McRobb, Dipl. M.M., CMO
Deputy Clerk
Town of Minto

Crystal Fischer

From:
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Subject: CANADIAN HEMP FARMERS ALLIANCE

Hi,

My name is Dan Carter CEO of the Canadian Hemp Farmers Alliance. Canadas largest and fastest growing hemp farmers cooperative.

Our mission is to tackle the United Nations by helping our farmers hemp to be sold to processors and formulators who can develop functional hemp based developments such as hemp bio plastics, bio fuels, bio energy pellets, building materials, auto mobile parts, skin care, medicine, food, beverage, fabrics.

I would like to see if your Municipality would be interested to fund R&D projects to develop all of the above stated hemp developments on a small scale so we can obtain the recipes on how to formulate hemp into functional developments.

I will then sell this recipe to pre established local processors and formulators which then we can supply our hemp to them which will create more jobs and economic growth as well tackling the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

The Canadian Hemp Farmers Alliance is working to open Procurement applications within Every Municipal government in Canada to use hemp in some way as a green, sustainable material that does not emit CO2 emissions.

I look forward to discuss how we can work together.

Talk soon,

Dan Carter

<https://www.canadianhempfarmersalliance.com/>

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Mayor/Reeve and Clerk/CAO/Treasurer,

First, I would like to congratulate all recently elected officials and wish you great success in your new roles.

2018 has been a year of substantial accomplishments such as the transitioning of another two municipalities to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), multiple contract renewals, and countless presentations to municipal councils throughout the province. OPP Municipal Policing Bureau staff will strive to make great progress to continue to build municipal relationships through excellent communication, contract and financial management.

As some of you may know, the government appointed Commissioner Thomas Carrique as the 15th OPP Commissioner to lead the police service in its 110 year history. Following the announcement of his appointment, Commissioner Carrique stated he is extremely grateful for and deeply honoured by the confidence placed in him by the provincial government and the Ministry of the Solicitor General to serve alongside the dedicated and professional members of the OPP, in a leadership role. We are all looking forward to strengthen our relationship with the municipalities the OPP polices under Commissioner Carrique's leadership.

The *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019*, received Royal Assent on March 26, 2019. Other than Special Investigation Unit modernization section, all other sections have not yet been proclaimed into force. This act creates the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA)*, which will come into force on a date that has not yet been determined by government. Relevant regulations to the CSPA are currently being written. This will eventually lead to the legislation coming into force. When this new legislation comes into force, the current *Police Services Act, 1990, (PSA)* will be repealed. Until then, the PSA remains in force. We will keep you informed on this progression.

Recently, you or staff members of your municipality have been contacted by our members to build awareness of the resources available to you, such as our webpage www.opp.ca/billingmodel materials, and offer to answer any of the questions you may have on the billing model and present to your municipalities, if necessary. Thank you for your feedback.

In an effort to bring our communication to the next level, our bureau announced the implementation of the ePost mailing system. Your municipality will be sent instructions to set-up up to three ePost user accounts (Mayor/ Reeve, CAO/Clerk, PSB Chair (if applicable)) to allow for more efficient and innovative distribution of the annual billing statements and other correspondence. The ePost system is run by Canada Post and is official and legal mail. This system has been operated by Canada Post for 19 years, and has

been adopted throughout the country by numerous municipalities and various pension and pay organizations. The intention is to provide timely and reliable information to our hundreds of municipalities and avoid the unreliable nature of the current mailing system.

I would like to welcome your views or any comments you may have to enhance our communication and invite you to ask questions of myself or any member of the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau through email at OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca or by phone at (705) 329-6200.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Bedard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marc" and last name "Bedard" clearly distinguishable.

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Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019

To: County Council

CC: CEMC Group
County Control Group
Local Municipalities

Subject: County of Renfrew State of Emergency - Briefing Update #2

Purpose: To provide an update from the May 1st briefing document

Since the start of the flooding situation in Renfrew County, the County of Renfrew has been providing regular updates to local and regional media. A summary of and link to the media advisories and public service announcements released to date and posted to the County of Renfrew's website are included below:

- April 19: [PSA - residents to contact their local municipality if experiencing flooding](#)
- April 26: [County releases Flood Preparation and Recovery document](#)
- April 27: [Renfrew County Residents Face Floods with Strength of Community](#)
- April 28: [County of Renfrew Declares State of Emergency](#)
- April 29: [County of Renfrew Receives Assurance from Province for Disaster Relief Funding](#)
- April 30: [MA – Effective Immediately Petawawa Boulevard \(County Road 51\) At The Bridge Will Be Closed](#)
- April 30: [Support Available for Residents Impacted by the Flood](#)
- May 1: MA – [Petawawa Boulevard \(County Road 51\) Will Re-Open as of 5:30pm Today](#)
- May 2: MA – [Effective Immediately Palmer Road \(County Road 515\) at Latchford Bridge is Closed](#)
- May 2: MA – [Technical Briefing Regarding County of Renfrew State of Emergency](#)
- May 3: [County of Renfrew Delivers Technical Briefing Update](#)
- May 6: [Effective Immediately Palmer Road \(County Road 515\) at Latchford Bridge is Open as of 10:30am](#)

In an effort to maintain consistent messaging to the public, suggested speaking notes are included in the following pages. All of these speaking notes are available with more detail in the press release links noted above.

Technical Briefing:

- A technical briefing press conference was held at the County of Renfrew administration building on Friday, May 3rd, from 10-11am, with the purpose of delivering an update on the current flood situation across Renfrew County.
- Participating representatives included:
 - Warden Jennifer Murphy, County of Renfrew
 - Chief Michael Nolan, Community Emergency Management Coordinator, County of Renfrew
 - Lieutenant Colonel Kristoper Reeves, Canadian Armed Forces
 - Minister John Yakabuski, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
 - Minister Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Chris Pittens, Field Operations Program Manager, Emergency Management Ontario
 - Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Chief Medical Officer
- Media in attendance

CBC Ottawa (TV & Radio – English & French)	CTV Ottawa
Cogeco TV	Post Media
Star 96 FM	myFM Radio
Petawawa Post	The Eganville Leader
Public Affairs, Canadian Armed Forces	
Lived streamed on facebook by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renfrew County & District Health Unit• County of Renfrew• Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing	

- Examples of media coverage from the May 3rd press conference:
 - <http://www.iheartradio.ca/star-96/news/nearly-1-000-renfrew-county-homes-impacted-by-flooding-1.9166051>
 - <https://www.pembrokeobserver.com/news/local-news/renfrew-county-holds-briefing-to-provide-update-on-flood-situation>
 - <https://www.pembroketoday.ca/rss/breaking-flood-update-in-renfrew-county/>
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 - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/renfrew-county-still-fears-2nd-flood-peak-from-winter-melt-1.5122622?cmp=rss>
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 - <https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/mobile/video?clipId=1675279&binId=1.1164511&playlistId=1.4389435#1674916>
 - <https://www.insideottawavalley.com/news-story/9336544-by-the-numbers-2019-ottawa-valley-flood-update/>

- <https://www.pembrokeobserver.com/news/local-news/renfrew-county-holds-briefing-to-provide-update-on-flood-situation>
- <https://www.renfrewtoday.ca/rss/breaking-flood-update-in-renfrew-county/>
- A copy of the full media release from [the technical briefing press conference is available here](#).
- Video links of the press conference:
 - County of Renfrew Facebook page: <http://bit.ly/RCPressBriefing>
 - YourTV Ottawa Valley: <https://www.facebook.com/yourtvov/videos/582660595579598/>

General Speaking Points:

- **The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has extended the Flood Warning for Renfrew County until Thursday, May 9th.** For safety, all residents should monitor weather conditions, check for updated messages, and exercise caution near fast-moving water. Residents should take appropriate precautions to protect their property in a safety-oriented manner.
- The County of Renfrew is reminding residents to contact their Local Municipality if they are experiencing flooding or require sandbags and sand. Local Municipalities are working diligently at providing sandbags and sand to residents that require them as a means of protecting homes and businesses.
- The County of Renfrew, in coordination with Local Municipalities, maintains an up-to-date website on current road closures and roadway flooding available at www.municipal511.ca . Residents are encouraged to contact their Local Municipality to report flooding of roadways so that the map can be updated quickly.
 - **Current County of Renfrew Road Closures (as of May 9th):**
 - **Usborne Street (McNab/Braeside)**
- The County of Renfrew will continue to post road closures and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry released Flood Warnings to the County's facebook page (@TheCountyofRenfrew) and twitter feed (@RenfrewCounty). Updates will also be provided to the media whenever possible.
- **As of May 3rd, more than 1.35 million sandbags have been distributed across Renfrew County thanks to the assistance of volunteers, public works and military personnel.**
- **Hydro One has announced it will waive delivery charges and connection for customers affected by flooding. Customers should call 1.800.434.1235 or visit <https://www.hydroone.com/power-outages-and-safety/flood-safety> for more information.**
- **Canadian Banks are working with the Canadian Red Cross for fundraising efforts in Ontario, Québec and New Brunswick, including opening branch locations and online networks for donations. Banks are also making corporate contributions and some are arranging special payment options for people impacted by the floods. Link to news story: <http://bit.ly/CndBanks>**

Additional services from other support organizations include:

- A crisis support line for residents who require emotional support in relation to the flood and/or referrals to community resources: 1.844.751.2133 (accessible 24hrs/365 days) or www.workhealthlife.com
- Red Cross has offered services for evacuees who require accommodation assistance. Individuals in need of support from Red Cross should call 1.866.637.4263
- Ontario Works has confirmed the availability to assist those who have exhausted assistance through the Red Cross. Locations available to assist include:
 - Pembroke: 613.732.2601 or 866.897.4849
 - Renfrew: 613.433.9846 or 888.281.7526
 - Killaloe: 613.757.0770
 - Arnprior: 613.623.5426 or 844.623.5426
- **Valley Animal Rescue and Ontario SPCA Renfrew County Animal Shelter has offered services for temporarily displaced pets:**
 - **Valley Animal Rescue: Donita at 613.432.7006**
 - **SPCA Renfrew County Animal Shelter: 613.635.7508**

[More information about the additional resources mentioned above can be found here.](#)

Declaration Of State of Emergency:

- At 1:30 pm on Sunday, April 28th Warden Jennifer Murphy declared an emergency due to flooding along the Ottawa River, Bonnechere River and Madawaska River watershed areas across the entirety of the County of Renfrew *under the Emergency Management and Protection Act*.
- **As of today (May 6th), seven lower-tier municipalities continue to be under a state of emergency: Whitewater Region, Horton, McNab/Braeside, Laurentian Valley, Killaloe/Hagarty and Richards, Greater Madawaska and the Town of Petawawa.**
- The County of Renfrew is reminding residents to contact their Local Municipality if they are experiencing flooding or require sandbags, sand or to volunteer. Local Municipalities are working diligently at providing sandbags and sand to residents that require them as a means of protecting homes and businesses.

Disaster Relief Funding:

- In coordination with the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry John Yakabuski, Warden Murphy on behalf of the County of Renfrew approached Minister Steve Clark of Municipal Affairs and Housing for disaster relief funding. As of Monday, April 29th Minister Clark confirmed that the Province of Ontario will be providing relief funding under the guidelines of their **Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians Program**.
- The County of Renfrew has received confirmation from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the Province of Ontario will be providing disaster relief funding for the flood impacted areas of Renfrew County.

- A declaration of a state of emergency does not guarantee financial assistance and is not necessary in order for residents to access the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians Program. Residents should refer to the program guidelines available at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/apply-disaster-recovery-assistance> for eligibility requirements.

Public Town Hall Meeting – May 13

A Public Town Hall meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th at the Ma-Te-Way Activity Centre in Renfrew. A session for elected officials and municipal CEMCs will be held at 10am and public session for residents will follow in the afternoon from 1:00-3:30pm

Representatives from various provincial, regional and supporting organizations, such as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Canadian Red Cross and Renfrew County and District Health Unit will be in attendance to answer questions and provide support.

Flood Information and Wellness Centres

- The County of Renfrew is supporting local municipalities in establishing Wellness and Flood Information Centres in cooperation with partner agencies including: Canadian Red Cross, Renfrew County & District Health Unit, Hydro One, Electrical Safety Authority and County of Renfrew Paramedic Services.
 - **Horton Township Wellness Centre**
 - Located at Horton Community Centre
1005 Castleford Road, Horton
Dates & Hours of Operation: May 8 (2-8pm); May 9 (2-8pm); May 11 (10am-2pm)
 - **Township of Laurentian Valley Flood Information Centre**
 - Located at Alice & Fraser Recreation Centre
1 Henan Road, Laurentian Valley
Dates & Hours of Operation: May 5, 12-5pm
 - **Whitewater Region Flood Information Centre**
 - Located at Westmeath & District Recreation Centre
119 Synton Road, Westmeath
Dates & Hours of Operation: May 2-5, 8am-8pm
 - **McNab/Braeside Wellness Centre**
 - Located at John A. Gillies Recreation Centre
138 Sarah Street East, Braeside
Dates & Hours of Operation: May 14 (3-7pm); May 16 (1:30-4pm)

Health and Safety Messaging via Renfrew County District Health Unit

The Renfrew County District Health Unit has a number of resources available to assist residents affected by flooding. The Renfrew County District Health Unit (RCDHU) can be reached at 613.735.8654. Additional resources are available online at <http://rcdhu.com/healthy-living/emergency-preparedness/>

Home or Basement Flooding

- Do not enter your basement or home if you know or suspect water has risen above the level of electrical outlets, baseboard heaters, furnace or is near your electrical panel.
- Electricity can move through water or wet flooring and cause a severe electrical shock.
- In the event that flood water rises above outlets, baseboard heaters or your furnace, covers power cords, or is near the electrical panel, contact your local electric utility immediately and arrange for them to disconnect power to your home.

Drinking Water

- RCDHU recommends that residents with private wells who have been affected by flooding or who are concerned that their wells may have been affected to not drink their well water. Have your well water tested to ensure it is safe to drink.
- Residents can drop off water samples at locations around Renfrew County. A list of the drop off locations is available at <https://www.rcdhu.com/healthy-living/safe-water/>
- RCDHU recommends using bottled, boiled or treated water until your water is tested and confirmed to be safe to drink.

Wells and Septic

- Do not turn on a well pump if the electrical service may have been damaged by flood waters. Have a qualified technician check the system first.
- Do not use the septic system until water in the septic field is lower than the water level around the house. Your septic system may need inspection and servicing before use.

Additional Links and Resources

- County of Renfrew Flood Preparation and Recovery document <http://bit.ly/RCFloodPreparation>
- Media images and video clips for media use: <http://bit.ly/RCFlood2019>
- County of Renfrew social media channels:
 - Facebook: @TheCountyofRenfrew
 - Twitter: @RenfrewCounty

For more information, please contact:

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Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

April 29, 2019

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The Honourable Christine Elliott
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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Elliott,

During a special board meeting on April 24, 2019, the Board of Health for the Renfrew County and District Health Unit reviewed the budget tabled by the government of Ontario on April 11, 2019, with regard to the proposed changes to local public health. We are writing to express the views of the board members regarding the implications to the public health system.

Transformation of the system is planned for the immediate future, including the consolidation of public health units from 35 down to 10. The board asks the province to stop the planned reduction from 35 Health Units to 10.

As well, the funding arrangement between the Province and the municipalities is under review. We ask that the Province maintain the current 75 percent provincial, 25 percent municipal funding for Renfrew County and District Health Unit. The recently announced provincial funding reduction will have a devastating effect on the health of the residents of Renfrew County and District.

The board understands these changes have been announced in response to achieving efficiencies while increasing responsiveness to local public health needs.

The board asks the provincial government reconsider the funding reduction, as this will challenge our ability to continue to provide these essential services within our community.

The Province will soon begin consultations with individual boards of health and health units regarding the transition details from 35 health units to 10. The board, however, requests the Province of Ontario maintain the health protection and health promotion mandate of Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

The Board asks the Province of Ontario to recognize the vast distance and lack of homogeneity in Ontario. The Province must ensure that distances are manageable and that public health units are not overwhelmed because they are providing service to areas that are too large and vast.

The board in respect to public health restructuring affirms support of the Province of Ontario in implementing a common governance model for existing public health units. We request that consultations on this model begin immediately and do appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process.

Additionally, the board asks the Province to ensure this change in public health governance and organization is as effective and efficient as possible, while maintaining the strong public health presence and impact in our community.

The board considers these specific issues of significant importance during a potential restructuring process:

- Guarantee that service levels to our community will be maintained, with no service losses nor reduction to quality.
- Ensure meaningful involvement by the community throughout the change process.
- Improve the effectiveness of collaboration by grouping similar health unit populations together.
- Provide equitable access to lost administrative "back office" positions within the new Regional Public Health Entity for all current employees, through a fair competition process.
- Establish "back office" support services that are of equal quality or superior standards to those systems currently in place.

- Maintain appropriate municipal role in governance by obligated municipalities within the new structure.

The board commends the commitment by the Province to enhance the oral health efforts of public health with the \$90 million funding for low-income seniors.

As we continue to deliver essential front line health protection and promotion services, we look forward to working with the Ministry so we may, together, achieve the efficiency goals while meeting local public health needs.

Sincerely,



Janice Visneskie Moore
Chair, Board of Health

cc: Renfrew County and District Board of Health
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