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**August 13, 2021**



## **COVID Recovery Support**

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## Submit Your Application ASAP to Access Funding Related to COVID-19 Expenses for Your Business

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Have you applied yet? RTO7's COVID Recovery Support is geared to assist tourism operators, businesses and organizations as they recover from the effects of COVID-19 on the tourism industry.

### **COVID-19 RECOVERY SUPPORT**

If your business has had capital expenditures related to COVID-19 safety and security, RTO7 is able to reimburse a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum of \$2,000 pre-tax towards your matching investment.

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For more information on who's eligible, receipts you need to provide and to apply, [visit this page on RTO7.ca](#).

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**LEARN MORE & APPLY for COVID-19 RECOVERY SUPPORT**

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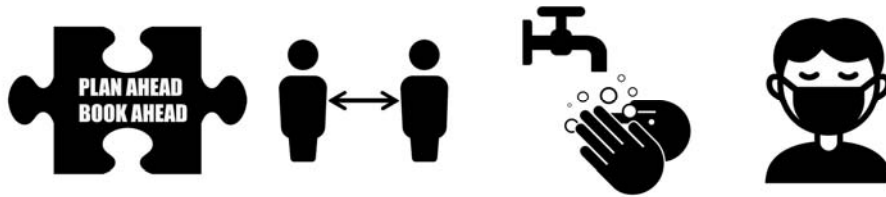
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# COMMUNIQUÉ



## **It's on: Seizing the federal election opportunity**

Dear FCM members,

Canadians will head to the polls on September 20. On Sunday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau asked the Governor General to dissolve Parliament early, sending Canada into a federal election campaign.

**The campaign period is just 36 days—the shortest period permissible. FCM is determined to use this time to secure critical progress for municipalities and the Canadians we represent.**

We know this election will feature a contest of political visions for Canada’s post-COVID recovery. This is fertile ground for us, with all parties recognizing municipalities’ critical role in driving a recovery that lasts—on the ground, in the places where people live, work and raise their families.

FCM has a strong policy vision for Canada’s recovery. It flows from continuous engagement at the Board level and with members broadly. Throughout the summer, we have been engaging with all the major political parties. And now, with a short snap election on our hands, we need to be nimble and focussed.

In the coming weeks, we’ll advance recommendations that represent an achievable, non-partisan partnership agenda. One that builds on major recent gains—from infrastructure and housing to broadband, transit and climate resilience. One that significantly empowers communities of all sizes in the work of Canada’s next Parliament.

**So stay tuned! Make sure you’re following FCM’s social media channels, including [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Expect regular email updates from FCM as parties roll out commitments to municipalities. And watch for special advocacy tools from FCM to help you get the message out in your own communities.**

Let’s do this.

Joanne Vanderheyden  
FCM President



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### OPG in Bruce County – Community Update – August 2021

**Pumpkin Packs:** While the summer sun still shines, plans are afoot for fun in the fall. Once again, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is supporting in a virtual Pumpkinfest in Port Elgin, occurring on Saturday, Oct. 2, this year. Watch the [Pumpkinfest website](#) for updates on “Pumpkin Pack Wednesdays” leading up to the main event – when parents will be able to pick up free OPG-sponsored kits at a curbside location, for fun and educational activities with their children at home.

**Indigenous relations:** OPG has been awarded [Gold certification](#) through the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) program. PAR Gold companies demonstrate sustained leadership in Indigenous relations. Collaboration is the keystone of OPG’s Indigenous relations and has led to effective strategy development and mutually beneficial outcomes in the areas of employment, business development and community investment. In the Bruce area, OPG engages with the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation (together comprising Saugeen Ojibway Nation), Métis Nation of Ontario and Historic Saugeen Métis.

#### **Around Ontario and beyond:**

- **Q2 financials:** OPG [reported net income](#) in the second quarter this year of \$518 million, up from \$458 million for the same period last year, with earnings going to the Province of Ontario. Commenting on the good performance, OPG President and CEO Ken Hartwick said, “I am proud that throughout the pandemic, OPG workers have remained focused on keeping our power production facilities operating safely and reliably each and every day, while advancing essential projects and adhering to stringent COVID-related safety protocols.” He noted that the Darlington refurbishment is progressing well, “thanks to the efforts of our strong and dedicated project team.”
- **Developing strategy:** If you have ideas for creating a safe, integrated, long-term strategy for radioactive waste in Canada, you can share your thoughts in an [online survey](#). Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) this year is reviewing the federal radioactive-waste policy framework in place since 1996; and NRCAN has assigned the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) to recommend an integrated strategy to support the new policy.
- **Skills study:** OPG’s Centre for Canadian Nuclear Sustainability (CCNS) and its partners are leading the way to innovative and sustainable decommissioning, as Pickering Nuclear Generating Station plans for the end of its nuclear life cycle. As part of the planning, CCNS Industry Catalyst partner Cavendish Nuclear has launched a [study of workforce demands](#) to perform decommissioning work. “Early identification will help reveal any gaps that might exist and allow for time to build up the workforce through training programs,” said CCNS Manager Sabrina Nestor.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please reach out by email or phone.

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**August 2021**

### **MPAC welcomes new Board members**

Four new representatives were recently appointed to MPAC's Board of Directors. We are pleased to welcome new municipal representatives Delia Reiche, Ken Seiling and Pat Vanini, as well as new taxpayer representative Ray Kindiak to our Board of Directors. We look forward to their contributions and support of our commitment to quality, transparent property assessments. [Learn more.](#)

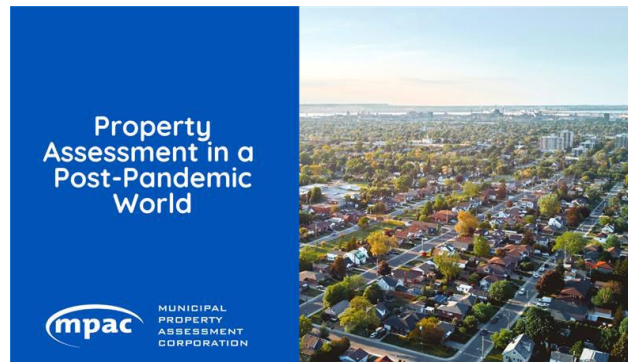
### **MPAC @ AMO: Property Assessment in a Post-Pandemic World**

The COVID-19 pandemic changed our communities and our plans. We continue to focus on supporting the changing needs of municipalities by adapting, innovating and championing modernization, both within our business and related to our products and services.



We are also looking ahead to a future province-wide Assessment Update.

Participants in our session at the 2021 Association of Municipalities of Ontario joined us to learn about how property values in Ontario have changed since 2016 and the ways we continue to support property owners in understanding their assessments. [Watch the recording of our session here.](#)



## Upcoming webinar

### Small Business Property Tax Subclass Policy Paper

Join MPAC for an overview of the soon-to-be released Ontario Small Business Property Tax Subclass Policy Paper.

Developed by MPAC in partnership with its municipal and industry partners, the policy paper provides an overview of how the new Small Business Property Tax Subclass can be leveraged to achieve local economic development and planning goals, as well as pathways municipalities can review when looking to consider or implement this new optional property tax subclass.

The session will be delivered by MPAC's subject matter experts, Brian Gordon and Michelle Lindquist, Regional Managers, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations. There will also be a demonstration of a new geospatial tool by Jake Lefebvre, MPAC Account Manager, that will be available to assist municipalities with analysis of potential tax policy scenarios starting in 2022 in the New Municipal Connect.

There will be time during this webinar for your questions.

**Date: Friday, September 24**  
**Time: 1 to 2 p.m. EDT**

**REGISTER NOW**

If you missed last month's webinar on how the pandemic is impacting property sectors in Ontario, you can [watch the recording here.](#)

View the schedule of upcoming municipal webinars on [mpac.ca](https://mpac.ca) and view recordings of all past webinars on our [YouTube channel.](#)



## Partnerships in action

When the City of Barrie was hit by a tornado in July, MPAC reached out right away to offer our support. By working collaboratively with the City, a plan of action to both support the municipality and impacted property owners quickly took shape.

“Soon after the tornado hit, we had a series of meetings with MPAC and put together a plan for how we would address damage to properties and tax relief applications,” says Grace Marsh, Acting Manager, Property Tax and Revenue, City of Barrie. “We’ve been having weekly check-ins with MPAC to review what’s happening with properties and building permits, sharing information and establishing consistent messages to support property owners who suffered damage to their property.”

From MPAC’s perspective, the City of Barrie’s willingness to work together and share information has helped expedite assessments of damaged property.

“The City has been really helpful in providing us with as much information as they can so that we are only contacting property owners and conducting inspections when absolutely necessary,” says Kelan Jylha, Account Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations. “We know this is a very challenging situation, and we want to complete our work quickly and with as little disruption to impacted property owners as possible.”

The City of Barrie and MPAC will stay in constant contact through the fall to update property data, and every effort will be made to capture as many changes as possible in time to be reflected on the return of the Assessment Roll in December.

**Do you have a great story about our partnerships in action? [Share it with us.](#)**



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## **Bruce Power awards \$40 million contract to Ontario-based supplier BWXT Canada Ltd.**

*Contract aligns with company's 'Made in Ontario' economic recovery strategy*

**TIVERTON, ON** – August 25, 2021 – Bruce Power is contributing to a 'Made in Ontario' economic recovery, awarding a contract valued at approximately \$40 million to BWXT Canada Ltd., located in Cambridge, Ontario. The contract involves engineering and fabrication of four moderator heat exchangers, which are used to remove heat from the moderator system of CANDU® nuclear reactors.

“Over 90 per cent of Bruce Power’s supply chain is Ontario-based, which provides economic growth for the province and supports 22,000 direct and indirect jobs annually,” said Mike Rencheck, President and CEO of Bruce Power. “This investment strategy will contribute to a post-pandemic economic recovery, while enabling Bruce Power to provide global leadership in the production of medical isotopes, contribute to Canada’s Net Zero 2050 goals, and provide clean, reliable electricity to families and businesses across

Ontario.”

This contract aligns with the company’s plan to contribute to a revitalized economy in Ontario. The plan, which was announced last month, includes a private investment of \$3 billion over 18 months through the company’s Life-Extension Program, isotope development, and asset optimization strategy.

The contract with BWXT to supply heat exchangers is part of Bruce Power’s long-term investment in its site and supports a significant number of high-skilled jobs for Ontarians.

“The investments made by Bruce Power will secure high-skilled, well-paid jobs across the supply chain in Ontario,” said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy (Ontario). “It also represents a significant investment into our province’s clean energy future, as well as access to life-saving medical isotopes, all of which will benefit people and their health and well-being.”

Engineering work associated with the contract has commenced, with fabrication expected to start later this year. The first two moderator heat exchangers will be delivered in 2024, with the remaining two units scheduled for delivery in 2025.

“These components are designed for reliable, long-term operation to help Bruce Power continue to provide Ontario with non-emitting, stable and cost-effective electricity for many years to come,” said John MacQuarrie, president of BWXT’s Nuclear Power Group. “This contract, along with several others we have with Bruce Power, is sustaining a very significant number of highly skilled jobs for our Cambridge operations.”

### **About Bruce Power**

Formed in 2001, Bruce Power is an electricity company based in Bruce County, Ontario. We are powered by our people. Our 4,200 employees are the foundation of our accomplishments and are proud of the role they play in safely delivering clean, reliable, low-cost nuclear power to families and businesses across the province. Bruce Power has worked hard to build strong roots in Ontario and is committed to protecting the environment and supporting the communities in which we live. Learn more at [www.brucepower.com](http://www.brucepower.com) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

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# Frontline solutions

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## Housing: Federal parties engage municipal priorities

Dear FCM members,

Through the first two weeks of the federal election campaign, housing affordability has become a big issue—and that’s good for municipalities and the Canadians we represent.

Local leaders work on the front lines of Canada’s housing crisis. Every day, we grapple with its impacts on our residents and local economies. **FCM has been putting forward frontline housing solutions** that we’re urging every federal party to adopt—and we’re having an impact.

**We see multiple parties responding to our call to boost the supply of affordable rental housing. This helps people facing overcrowded or inadequate housing, while easing pressure in the homeownership market.**

Conservative Party commitments include leveraging Community Land Trusts to expand affordable housing, and deferring capital gains on rental property sales that are invested in new rentals. The NDP’s ambitions to increase affordable housing supply include proposals to fast-track funds to municipalities and community partners to address local needs. The Green Party’s approach includes ambitious targets to build and acquire deeply affordable, non-

market housing. The Bloc Quebecois has a proposal to help co-op and non-profit providers acquire residential buildings to keep rent levels affordable.

FCM has consistently called for tools that equip local leaders to make the best choices for their own communities. One direct response is this week's costed Liberal commitment to a \$4 billion "housing accelerator fund" to help municipalities increase local housing supply. That's one of several new Liberal proposals aimed at preserving and expanding market and non-market rental options.

**We are encouraged by the breadth of proposals and discussions aimed at improving affordability across the housing spectrum—a complex challenge requiring a complex mix of solutions.**

We see multiple parties targeting the financialization of the housing market, which continues to push Canadians out of lower-cost rentals through "renovictions." On our call for a strong Indigenous housing strategy, we're seeing positive broad proposals from multiple parties. These would need to be made concrete very quickly by a new government with clear funding commitments.

**Ending chronic homelessness will require much more than we've seen from any party yet.**

Boosting truly affordable rental housing supply help prevent people from falling into homelessness. But tens of thousands of Canadians facing homelessness now need targeted support—and we have a proven model to build on. The Rapid Housing Initiative is already empowering communities to deliver affordable and supportive housing to thousands of vulnerable Canadians, and we're ready to scale up our ambition.

**As the election campaign heats up, FCM will continue to keep municipal priorities front and centre.**

In the days and weeks ahead, watch for a comprehensive summary of our frontline solutions, an online party-commitment tracker, and advocacy tools to help you get the message out. And be sure to follow along on FCM's social media channels, including [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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## **Bruce Power provides low-cost, reliable power to keep Ontario cool through sweltering summer heat**

**TIVERTON, ONTARIO** – *August 31, 2021* – Bruce Power's fleet of nuclear units are playing a major role in providing residents of Ontario with clean, safe, reliable, low-cost power throughout one of the hottest Augusts on record.

In the midst of the dog days of summer and amid the unrelenting heat and humidity that has gripped the province, electricity demand has been predictably high. Ontario, which is experiencing the second hottest August on record, is also seeing the highest demand for power to date this year.

Through it all Bruce Power has maintained its fleet reliability with all available units running



at high power over the course of this record breaking heatwave while keeping its Life Extension Program, one of Canada's largest green infrastructure projects, on track to deliver emissions-free electricity to 2064.

"Bruce Power's reliable, stable nuclear power helps to ensure Ontario always has the electricity it needs to keep the lights on and the air conditioning running, for Ontario businesses, industries, hospitals and homes," said Pat Dalzell, Head of Corporate Affairs. "We are extremely proud of the work we do every day to meet the electricity needs of Ontario, when the people of the province need us the most, throughout these highest demand days of the year."

Bruce Power's low-cost power has continued to provide stability to the Ontario electricity grid throughout the summer. Frequent restrictions to importing power from Quebec during the heat waves limited out-of-province power sourcing, while intermittent generators of electricity such wind and solar contributed 50 per cent less electricity in August than would be expected at other times in the year.

The nuclear industry in Ontario provides the backbone of Ontario's electricity system and plays a crucial role in helping keep costs down for Ontario residents and business.

The cost of Bruce Power nuclear remained stable through 2021, even as those associated with other forms of generation fluctuated and increased due to the demand and operational challenges exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Bruce Power continues to produce 30 per cent of Ontario's power at 30 per cent less than the average cost to produce residential power and is the source of half of Ontario's nuclear generation.

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## Media Release

September 1, 2021

### Municipality of Kincardine Begins Search for New CAO

**Kincardine, ON:** The Municipality of Kincardine will begin recruitment for a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) this month. Current CAO Sharon Chambers has accepted a position as CAO at the Township of Wilmot beginning on October 12, 2021.

“Ms. Chambers has worked in public service for over 25 years and has served the Municipality of Kincardine for more than 4 years,” commented Mayor Gerry Glover. “In that time, she has led an organizational restructuring process, the development of a Corporate Strategic Plan, an Economic Development Strategy, and the municipal response to the COVID-19 pandemic, among many other noteworthy accomplishments. On behalf of Council, I thank Ms. Chambers for her work and wish her well in her new position. Council will work closely with the senior leadership team in the weeks ahead to ensure a seamless transition.”

“I have every confidence that the Municipality of Kincardine will move forward seamlessly because of our capable and talented staff,” commented Chambers. “It has been an honor to work with such an incredible team, and very enthusiastic councillors during my career at the Municipality of Kincardine. I am proud of the work we have completed together, especially during such challenging times.”

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September 2021 Newsletter

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**Live Music is Back at Victoria Park!**



Bob and John are pictured here enjoying live music by The Kitchen Party Jammers in Victoria Park.

The Kitchen Party Jammers play at the Victoria Park gazebo on Friday afternoons from 2-4pm to sing some favourites for the community.

John McCourt has really loved being able to sit outside among friends, enjoying the nice weather while listening to the live music.

It has been so refreshing to safely and distantly get back to enjoying some of the things we have missed this past year, including seeing our friends at these local events.



The Friday afternoon music will continue on into September, as long as the weather is nice, so make sure you catch it while you can; we definitely will be!

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## Summer Stories



We have had a great “at home” summer! We found lots of ways to stay busy with the kids at home with outdoor movies, lots of campfires, bike rides, lunch picnics, beach days and baseball.

My kids love to do crafts and play in the water to keep cool. They also enjoyed our sensory bin full of great things that fed their imagination. Two bunnies Cinnamon and Snowball joined our family to keep us busy this summer as well.

Most of all, they are all looking forward to getting back to school with their friends.

- The Farrell's

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This summer has rocked for Brody!

Brody got to enjoy camping at many different trailer parks over the summer with friends and family. He kept us on our toes as per usual, wanting to explore outside as much as possible.

At one of our trips to a park in Wiarnton, we rented a paddle board, which much to our surprise, Brody wanted to try! He spent lots of time lying on the board, and paddling around the shallow end of the lake, keeping himself entertained and relaxed!

Brody refers to camping trips as "Dudes weekends" which he learned from a video he watched on YouTube, and lots of "dudes weekends" there were.

If he had it his way, we would be camping till the snow comes in! Much to his dismay - Mom and Dad can't wait for school lol.

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Layla and her sisters, Eva and Liv, have enjoyed the promenade downtown Kincardine this summer and especially loved stopping for a picture on the "rainbow street".

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## Farewell to John Hilton





After 20 years of dedicated work at CLKD, John is moving on to the next chapter in his story.

Having supported many people during his time at CLKD, John has most recently been making his mark as a valued member of the Supported Independent Living team. John's ability to connect with the people he supports has had tremendous impact in helping them live fulfilling and rich lives.

Upon reflection of his experiences with the people he works with, he has shared that he isn't sure who has taught the other more. John takes the time to understand the best methods to support people of all ranges of abilities and communication styles. He ensures that people feel heard and supported, while keeping them empowered and in command of their lives. John is a true reflection of the principles and values that we uphold at CLKD. His quirky sense of humour, ability to decipher the needs of others, and the compassion he has for helping people reach their potential has been appreciated, and will be greatly missed at CLKD.

We wish John all the best in his next adventures!

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## Putting the Community in Community Participation – a reflection



It has been nearly a year and half of the rollercoaster that has been Covid-19. With various shut downs, and lockdowns and program re-imagining along the way. Like so many others we had to adopt a “go with the flow” mindset in our work places.

One day you could have been out walking enjoying a Kincardine Sunset and the next we're all back making the most of home offices. It was quite a time of change.

But you know what didn't change? Our sense of Community.

Merriam-Webster defines community as a “unified body of individuals” and I think this can only begin to define how we've spent the last year or so. We are all part of this global community that is experiencing and navigating a pandemic. However, much closer to home, we have a much more beautiful sense of community.

As the summer sun began to shine down on us, and the most recent lockdown was lifted, it was lovely to start getting out and enjoying the community of Kincardine. You could almost feel in the air the uplifting magic of being out and about, seeing people we hadn't seen in so long. I can't count how many times while out providing support I had the honour of witnessing the people I support running into someone they hadn't seen in a long time. The entire exchange was something I'll not soon forget. Bright eyes and smiles that were so big you couldn't help but notice them from behind the mask. When I was a kid every time you'd turn around you'd hear someone proudly boast the town's motto – “Where you're a stranger only once”, and witnessing these lovely exchanges was a perfect reminder of that familiar old adage.

In our even tighter little community of the CPS team, we had this lovely opportunity to adjust our focuses. As a team we learned and adapted to use technology to our benefit. We had moments of being both the student and the teacher when it came to getting technology to work, and often we were both simultaneously. We've offered only virtual supports, and only in-person supports prior to the pandemic, and as of now, a fun little hybrid of both.

We're reaching our own community in new ways, and are enjoying the moments where we just sit back and watch the people we support teach each other cool new zoom tricks and how to put funny backgrounds on their videos.

A lot has changed over the last year and half, but I'm sure I speak for a lot of us when I say how grateful I am to be part of such a wonderful community.

Thank you, Kincardine.

- Kim Andrews, Community Support Supervisor

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## Youth Connections Summer of '21



I truly cannot believe how quickly this summer at youth connections has flown by! But, as many of us have heard before, time flies when you're having fun (and we had lots of it!). Although COVID restrictions challenged us when it came to planning activities to pass the time, we were able to keep ourselves busy with a number of innovative opportunities.

For the first two months together, we got to know one another virtually. Each day, we participated in group zoom calls. The youth enjoyed the variety of zoom themes, including show-and-tell, jeopardy, movie nights, magic 8 ball, trivia, and more.

As in-person activities began, we were still able to connect virtually once a week. Overall, we are very thankful for technology and the opportunities it provided for us!

We put hard work into many volunteers positions this summer that allowed the youth to build valuable knowledge and skills. The Bruce Botanical Food Gardens was wonderful to us and provided many activities, including weeding, berry picking, harvesting, ground prepping, and even thistle conquering (where some of us regretted not wearing close-toed shoes...well, just me!). We also spent a number of hours at the Kincardine Fish Hatchery doing daily chores such as fish feeding, tank cleaning, and catching the big fish in a net! Well, that wasn't a chore; but it sure was fun!

*"I love volunteering because it makes me feel like I am being helpful in the community!"* One youth said, numerous times, with excitement.

When we weren't busy volunteering, we kept ourselves busy with games, crafts, and treats! The youth loved the opportunity to connect with old friends and rekindle relationships lost due to COVID-19. Victoria Park and Geddes Park were wonderful headquarters for us, where we often met up for games and crafts. Other activities included going to the library, touring the walker house, doing yoga, playing mini golf at Family Funland, and getting our own private art classes!



I also spent time with youth individually. For these youth, our focus was skill building, leadership qualities, and comfortably growing social skills (while getting a break from family as well!). We developed routines for our visits that allowed for structure and comfort. For some, visiting the library was a must! Others enjoyed dairy queen slushies, going to the splash pad at the Davidson Centre, watching construction at Tiny Tot Park, and more!



We are so grateful for this summer and the opportunities that came with it. During a time when social gatherings are limited and outings are rare, we truly cherished our time together. We successfully reached many of our goals for volunteering, social skill building, and so much more!

I have had so much fun getting to know everyone over the past four months. I wish you all a safe, healthy, and delightful year ahead!

- Jenna Franklin, Youth Connections Team Leader

# CLKD IS HIRING



## Relief Community Support Worker

If you believe that people of all abilities belong and should have an equal opportunity to participate, join CLKD and help to inspire possibilities for all of the individuals we support.

To get a closer look at what we do, please visit our website: [www.clkd.ca](http://www.clkd.ca) where you can view our newsletters, blog and learn more about our services and supports.

If you would like to join our team as a Community Support Relief Worker, email Amanda at [awencel@clkd.ca](mailto:awencel@clkd.ca)

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## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

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NWMO has been supporting Infant and Child Development Programming hosted by CLKD consistently for 4 years. These programs include Baby and Me Music, Baby and Me Messy Art Group, Jumping Jelly Beans and more. Throughout the pandemic, NWMO gave CLKD the flexibility within this funding to continue these groups virtually. Supplies for the groups were procured and delivered by the CLKD Infant Development Coordinator to ensure these important groups and connections were maintained. This year, NWMO provided additional funding for staff education to help enhance core services and adapt to the ever changing needs of the families, infants and children CLKD supports.

Thank you for your support NWMO!

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## Upcoming Events & Activities

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## National Disability Employment Awareness Month

### October

The purpose of Disability Employment Awareness Month is to promote employment inclusion for people who experience disability and to celebrate the many and varied contributions of workers with disabilities.

Watch our [Facebook page](#) as we share employment stories and information for employers and employees.

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## Online Resources in Response to COVID-19

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### Live Streaming Concerts & Music Events!

[Billboard.com](#) is maintaining a list of all the Livestreams & Virtual Concerts to watch during the pandemic.

[Click here](#) to check out the complete list..



### FREE Virtual Experiences

While most people continue to stay home, the Canadian Red Cross has compiled a great list of FREE online entertainment and experiences that many of us are missing these days including the Met Opera, Live Animal Cams, Virtual Field Trips, Yoga and much, much more!

[Click here](#) to check out the complete list..

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