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Council / Committee Meetings – Thursday, September 16, 2021

Explore highlights from Bruce County's Council & Committee Meetings. These meetings are held on Thursdays, twice monthly, beginning at 9:30 AM, unless otherwise posted. Meetings are video livestreamed and complete agendas and minutes are available for public review.



September 16, 2021

Municipal Innovation Council Update

The Municipal Innovation Council (MIC) has numerous projects underway that will positively impact the quality of life for visitors and residents of its participating member municipalities. Projects include implementing an advanced digital mapping solution for natural disaster mitigation and climate change impact monitoring, developing a Smart Beach infrastructure program that enhances swimmer safety along Lake Huron shoreline, developing shared IT service solutions amongst member municipalities, and advancing applied research projects focusing on downtown revitalization, municipal procurement, organizational development, municipal service analysis, and IT business analysis.

Subdivision in Port Elgin

The Planning and Development Committee approved a 50-lot residential Plan of Subdivision, known as the Woodlands Subdivision, on a 10.65-hectare parcel of land in Port Elgin. The proposal was brought forward by Snyder Development Corp Inc. and a Public Meeting was held on June 21, 2021. The subdivision is to be fully serviced by both municipal water and sewer, within Port Elgin's built-up area. The subdivision will result in 60 new dwellings, ten of which will be secondary dwellings constructed within a single detached dwelling. By providing active transportation facilities and connecting to the Town's broader recreational trail network, this subdivision is aligned with the County's Connecting and Communities Guiding Principles.

Ag-land Severance on Bruce Road 23 near Kincardine

The Planning and Development Committee approved the severance of a 50 ha parcel on Bruce Road 23, north of Kincardine. The retained parcel is approximately 173.66 ha. The lands, located on the east side of Bruce Road 23 between Concession Road 5 and Concession Road 7, are owned by H J Sieber Farms Ltd.. Both the severed and retained parcels are vacant and will continue to be used for alfalfa hay production. The severance is strongly aligned with the County's Agricultural Guiding Principle, as the severed and retained lots are of an appropriate size and farming will continue on the lands. There will be no loss of agricultural production resulting from the severance.

Plan the Bruce: Good Growth

The Planning and Development Committee endorsed the Plan the Bruce: Good Growth Discussion Paper as a foundation for developing policies in the new Official Plan. Recommended directions for growth management include managing the municipal servicing infrastructure, maintaining a distinct settlement area structure, planning for permanent and seasonal population growth, and develop a plan monitoring and evaluation framework. Residential themes include updating County-wide housing projections, defining a regional market area, and planning for residential intensification. Other non-residential themes focus on consistent employment area delineations, future employment lands development, well adapted employment lands, employment-supportive uses in employment areas, broad market choice on employment lands, intensification of employment lands within urban settlement areas, employment lands protection from conversion to non-employment uses, agriculture-related industrial and commercial uses on agricultural lands, mitigating land-use compatibility conflicts in urban employment areas, office development in downtowns, and a commercial land needs study that addresses the retail requirements and commercial structure. Explore more at [Plan the Bruce](#).

Summer Company 2021

Summer Company is funded by the Province of Ontario and provides students between the ages of 15 to 29 the opportunity to start and run their own summer business. It inspires, supports, and empowers youth to create their own summer employment opportunity and a pathway to success. Participants receive business training, mentorship, and up to \$3,000 to start and run a summer business in Bruce County. This year's participants included:

Katie Franklin (Franklin's Produce, Kincardine) - cultivates and sells fresh produce and flowers.

Jonny Pickett (8 x 8 Beach Apparel, Wiarton) - designs and sells beach volleyball apparel.

Leyah Smith (Black Excellence Art, Formosa) - designs and sells digital art printed on various gift items.

Sadie Rhan (The Ordinary Orchid, Paisley) - designs and sells decorative stickers that are 100% recyclable.

Bruce County Official Plan Project Update

Over the last few months, through work on the Plan the Bruce project, Council has received Interim Reports and endorsed Discussion Papers around several of the new Official Plan's Guiding Principles. The Guiding Principles in progress focus on Homes, Communities, Good Growth, Agriculture, Natural Legacy, Business, Heritage, and Connecting (which builds on the Transportation Master Plan). The work to advance the Guiding Principles has been building a solid foundation for the new Official Plan. With the recent awarding of the Official Plan consulting assignment to the consulting firm WSP Canada Ltd. (WSP), the initial project management and detailed workplan design for the Official Plan has begun. The workplan targets a new Official Plan to be submitted for County Council to consider adoption in mid-2022. Explore more at [Plan the Bruce](#).

Wind Project Agreement

The Transportation & Environmental Services Committee approved the Assignment and Assumption Agreement between Quixote One Wind Energy Corp, 2825411 Ontario Inc., and Bruce County. On February 5, 2015, Bruce County and Quixote One Wind Energy Corp executed a Road Use Agreement. Now, Quixote One Wind Energy Corp intends to sell their Wind Project north of Kincardine to 2825411 Ontario Inc. The Assignment and Assumption Agreement transfers Quixote's contractual rights and obligations to 2825411 Ontario Inc. This project consists of one wind turbine with above ground transmission lines and one access on the County Road right of way.

Capital Projects Status Report – September 2021

The 2021 capital budget for the Transportation and Environmental Services Department (TES) is \$11,790,401. Approximately \$3,250,000 is expected to be carried forward from previous years capital budgets. The following lists provide a status update of the TES capital projects for 2021:

Cold in Place Recycling BR 3 and BR 4 east of Walkerton (\$2,313,336) – completed.

Micro Surfacing BR 2, 9, 19 and 29, West Road (\$1,176,699) – completed.

Widening and Rehabilitation BR 6 East Mildmay to Grey Road 10 (\$150,000)

Cold in Place BR8, from BR 14 to Sauble Beach – Culvert replacements only, paving deferred to 2022 (\$205,708)

Pulverize, pave, and safety improvement at intersection BR 8 and 13 (\$31,100)

Replace Storm Sewer BR 15 Inverhuron (\$35,000)

BR 25 Improvements and BR 33 Realignment/New Construction. Phase 3 – BR 25 Bruce St to Goderich St. – Roundabout deferred to Phase 4 (\$5,433,843)

BR 25 Improvements and BR 33 Realignment/New Construction. Phase 4 – BR 33 – Ridge St to Hwy 21 (\$710,000)

BR 6 Teeswater Property settlement (\$20,000)

New Signage BR 12 Formosa (\$33,000)

KIPP Trail Kincardine, Financial Contribution (\$70,000)

Reconstruction BR 30 Chesley (\$46,000) – completed.

Rehabilitate and Reconstruct West Road (\$150,000)

Luminaires BR 2 and BR 3 intersection (\$35,000)

Luminaires BR 8 and BR 14 intersection (\$30,000)

Land Purchases at Hwy 9 and BR 1 (\$54,000)

West Ridge Development Kincardine Phase 1 (\$10,000)

Replace Durham St Bridge, BR 4, Walkerton (\$50,000)

Replace Steffler Bridge, BR 12 North of Belmore (\$742,979)

Replace Culvert BR 86 west of BR 7 (\$230,500)

Arran Township Shed Bridge, Invermay (\$78,000)

Oswald Bridge Replacement (\$25,000) – completed.

Repair Blackwell Bridge BR 23 (\$742,000) – completed.

Construction New McCurdy Bridge (\$12,000) – completed.

Replace Superstructure Reid Bridge, BR 6, West of Teeswater (\$1,290,000)

Replace Teeswater River Bridge BR 3 Paisley (\$340,000)

Repair Culvert BR 86 Lucknow east of Havelock St (\$6,500)

Repair Saugeen River Bridge BR 4 West of Hanover, financial contribution only (\$364,000)

Resurface the Rail Trail between Walkerton and Mildmay (\$100,000) – completed.

The Transportation & Environmental Services Committee approved that a letter be drafted and sent to Ontario's Ministry of Transportation to expedite work at the intersection of Highway 9 and Bruce Road 3 in Brockton.

This publication identifies highlights from recent Bruce County Council and Committee meetings. Bruce County's Office of the CAO maintains complete agendas and minutes from all Council and Committee meetings, which can be reviewed at www.brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes

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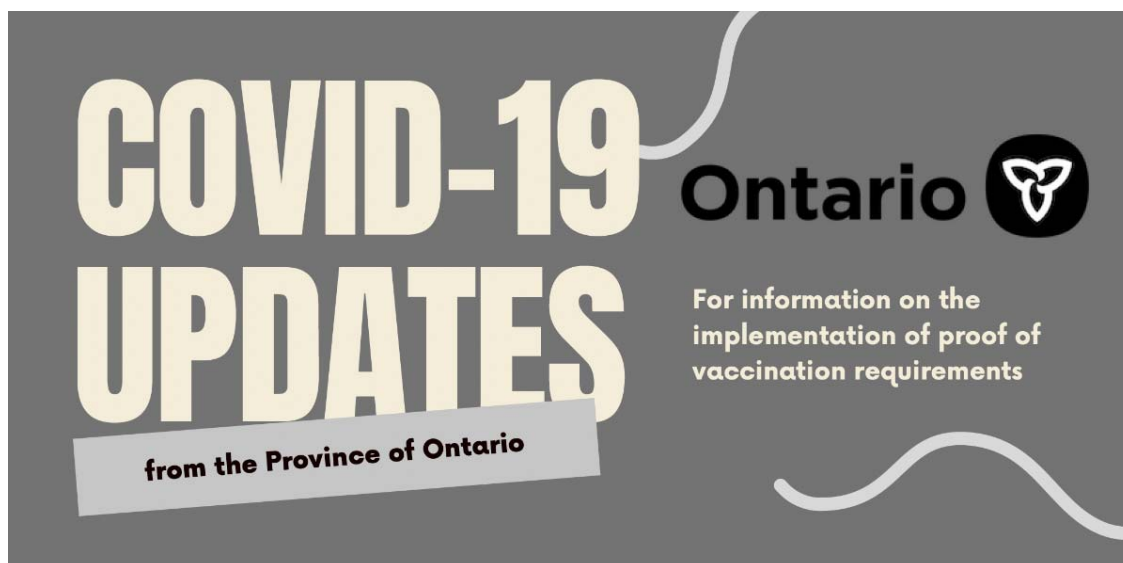


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News & Updates

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On September 14, 2021, **Ontario Releases Guidance to Support Proof of Vaccination Policy** for businesses and organizations to support them in implementing proof of vaccinations requirements. (September 15, 2021, RTO7 Newsletter)

- Quick Links for Business Support
 - **Regulations**
 - **Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations**
 - **Questions and Answers for Businesses**
 - **COVID-19: Help for businesses in Ontario**
 - **Proof of Vaccination Requirements**
 - **Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit** – Business Resources
 - **Grey Bruce Health Unit** – Business Resources

Updates to COVID-19 Guidance: Considerations for Antigen Point-of-Care Testing (POCT)

Several updates have been recently made to COVID-19 Guidance: Considerations for Antigen Point-of-Care Testing (POCT).

These include:

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- Antigen POCT is not recommended for individuals who are fully vaccinated.
 - Frequency of antigen POCT of at least one time per week, and up to 2-3 times per week.
 - Confirmatory testing can be done using a rapid molecular test (e.g., ID NOW) when rapid molecular tests can be reported into the Ontario Laboratories Information System.
 - Self-screening can be done at home for organizations performing on-site workplace antigen screening programs. Waste generated from at-home rapid antigen screening is exempt from guidance for disposal of test kits.

Additional changes have also been made including reduced eligibility for asymptomatic lab-based PCR testing of targeted groups. For more information please visit the [website](#).

Please see the documents below for more information on changes related to provincial testing strategy and guidance.

- [FAQ](#)
- [Information Document](#)
- [Poster](#)

Destination Ontario Update

Impact of COVID-19 on the Canadian Economy and Consumer Sentiment – as of August 24, 2021

To better understand the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, the consumer mindset and to inform marketing recovery strategies, Destination Ontario has accessed various economic, public attitude and behaviour studies.

- [Read the Research Summary](#)
- [Read Past Summaries on RTO7.ca](#)

Events Across the Region



Bruce County – Spark: Program

Webinars

Do you have, or know someone who has, a cool new sustainable tourism idea for the Bruce Peninsula? Learn more about the Bruce County (Round 3) “Spark” Mentorships & Grants Program at one of two webinars: September 23, 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, and Oct 5th, 5 to 5:45 pm.

Register for Sept 23 Spark Webinar

Register for Oct 5 Spark Webinar



Grey County ED101 Workshop,

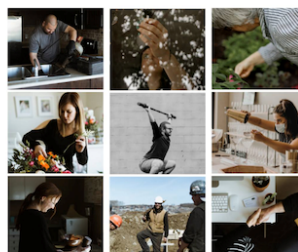
September 21, 2021, 7 to 9 pm

Held in partnership with RTO7, join Grey County and RTO7’s Kim Clark to learn how to develop memorable pandemic resilient tourism experiences. Registration required, admission is free.

Register for ED101

***Orillia Area CDC Launch N' Learn,
October 7, 1:30 pm***

This online event, “The Changing Face of Business – Stories of a Business Community in Evolution”, features an afternoon of inspiring stories and education. Registration required, admission is free.



Register for Launch N' Learn

Bruce County Economic Development

Check out their [**Training, Events and Webinars page**](#).

Business Enterprise Centre – Grey County

Check out their [**Events and Seminars listings**](#).

In Simcoe County, check out:

- [**South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre**](#)
 - [**Small Business Centre of Barrie, Simcoe County & Orillia**](#)
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In Case You Missed It:

- **Survey Request for Francophone & Bilingual Tourism Study**, for tourism businesses to share their input on welcoming French-speaking visitors (September 9, 2021, RTO7 Newsletter)
- **There's Still Time to Access RTO7's Implementation Programs**, where you leverage your business expenses into social media campaigns. (September 2, 2021 RTO7 Newsletter)
- **Support for RTO7 Tourism Operators** (for COVID Recovery) with capital expenditures related to COVID-19 safety and security. (August 13, 2021, RTO7 Newsletter)
- **Survey: Impact of COVID-19 on Women**, by the Four County Labour Market Planning Board, which is evaluating how the COVID-19 crisis has affected women in the workforce. (item in August 30, 2021 RTO7 Newsletter)

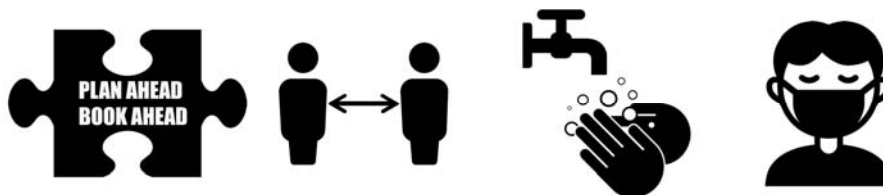
Did You Know?

RTO7 has other programs and resources to help your business recover from the effects of COVID-19, create video and image libraries and more! Click on the links below for more info:

- **Programs**
- **Resources**
- **FREE Tourism Operator Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com**
- **FREE Festivals and Events Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com**

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR EMPLOYERS

Ontario 
Ministry of Labour, Training and
Skills Development



Good afternoon,

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ontario government made
a **regulation** that changed certain *Employment Standards Act* (ESA) rules during

the “COVID-19 period.” This regulation has been amended to extend the COVID-19 period to January 1, 2022.

During the COVID-19 period (March 1, 2020 to January 1, 2022):

- A non-unionized employee whose employer has temporarily reduced or temporarily eliminated their hours of work for reasons related to COVID-19 is **deemed** to be on a job-protected **infectious disease emergency leave** under the ESA.
- A non-unionized employee is **not** considered to be laid off under the ESA if their employer temporarily reduces or temporarily eliminates their hours of work or wages for reasons related to COVID-19.

A non-unionized employee is **not** considered to be constructively dismissed under the ESA if their employer temporarily reduces or temporarily eliminates their hours of work or wages for reasons related to COVID-19.

Beginning on January 2, 2022:

- Non-unionized employees will no longer be **deemed** to be on **infectious disease emergency leave**.
- The ESA’s regular rules around **constructive dismissal** will resume. This means a significant reduction or elimination of an employee’s hours of work or wages may be considered a constructive dismissal, even if it was done for reasons related to COVID-19.
- The ESA’s regular rules around **temporary layoff** will also resume. For practical purposes, a non-unionized employee’s temporary layoff clock resets on **January 2, 2022**.

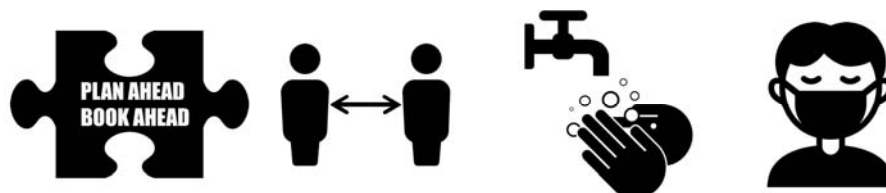
Learn more about these **COVID-19: Temporary changes to ESA rules or read the regulation (O. Reg. 228/20)**.

For more information about employers’ responsibilities and job protections available to employees, visit **Ontario.ca/COVID**. You can also:

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- Visit *Your guide to the Employment Standards Act* at [Ontario.ca/ESAGuide](https://www.ontario.ca/ESAGuide)
 - Call the Employment Standards Information Centre at 1-800-531-5551 or TTY (for hearing impaired) at 1-866-567-8893. Information is available in many languages.
 - Get advice from a lawyer.

Thank you,

Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development



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OPG in Bruce County – Community Update – September 2021

Honouring survivors: On September 30 in Canada, we observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day, to honour Canada's residential-school survivors, their families and communities.

The [Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#) in 2008-15 found that sexual, physical and mental abuse of Indigenous children at residential schools created life-long and intergenerational trauma. Designed to kill Indigenous language and culture, the schools broke apart families, delivered deliberately poor education, increased rates of chronic and infectious diseases, and caused distress, depression, addiction and suicides. In 2021, hundreds of bodies of children were discovered at former school grounds, in unmarked graves.

We all have a role to play in reconciliation. At Ontario Power Generation (OPG), [we are committed](#) to building and growing long-term, mutually beneficial working relationships with Indigenous communities near our operations. In the Bruce area, OPG has agreements and engages regularly with Saugeen Ojibway Nation, Historic Saugeen Métis and Métis Nation of Ontario. Our relationships are developed on a foundation of respect for the languages, customs, cultural institutions and rights of Indigenous communities in Ontario. Our goal is to build and preserve openness, transparency and trust.

Virtual Pumpkinfest: You still have two more Wednesdays to get your OPG Pumpkin Packs, Sept. 22 and 29, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Hi-Berry Farm, north of Port Elgin on Highway 21. The free packs contain fun and educational activities for families, themed to the virtual Pumpkinfest celebration. Remember to submit a photo of your carved pumpkin to the OPG-sponsored contest by Oct. 1. For more information see www.opg.com/events/pumpkin-pack-wednesdays

Around Ontario and beyond:

- **Wonders of Helium-3:** Laurentis Energy Partners, an OPG subsidiary, this week announced production of [Helium-3, a rare and valuable isotope](#) used in medical imaging, border security, quantum computing and neutron research. Laurentis extracts the gas from tritium containers at the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station, then ships it through a distributor to hospitals, researchers and other end-users globally. Laurentis has offices in the Toronto and Hamilton region, New Brunswick, Romania – and also here in Bruce County, where it supports the nuclear industry with field services such as inspections.
- **Nuclear for Net-Zero:** Today is the conclusion of the Canadian Nuclear Association's 2021 conference, which this year was themed "Leading Innovations to Achieve a Net-Zero World." Speakers from across Canada addressed the vital role of nuclear in helping to [address climate change](#). Ontario Energy Minister Todd Smith also described this province as "ready to become an isotope superpower," adding to its production of medical isotopes at CANDU stations for use around the world. While the conference was held online to ensure safety amid the ongoing pandemic, many participants expressed hopes of returning safely to an in-person meeting in 2022.

- **Breaking barriers:** Women in OPG's Advanced Inspection and Maintenance (AIM) division broke new ground with an [all-female dive](#) in August, one of the first in the company's history. Samantha Hood, Elizabeth Cole, Drew Burstahler and Jaimie Dack conducted underwater maintenance on Pickering Nuclear's Fish Diversion System, a 600-metre net that prevents fish from entering the plant's cooling systems.

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

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September 27, 2021

Ontario Investing \$100 Million to Help Tourism Sector Rebound From COVID-19

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$100 million through the new Tourism Recovery Program to help stabilize the province's tourism industry as it recovers from the impacts of COVID-19. The program will help for-profit tourism businesses in the attraction, accommodation, and leisure travel sectors protect critical jobs in communities across the province and help them prepare to reopen and safely welcome back visitors.

"The last 18-months of the pandemic have been the most challenging Ontario's tourism industry has ever faced. Previously an economic powerhouse for the province, tourism has been hit by the triple threat that COVID-19 represents – a health, economic and social crisis," said Minister MacLeod. "This critical funding will help support regionally significant businesses, while protecting jobs in communities that rely on the tourism industry."

Businesses that help drive employment and visitors to their regions are eligible to apply for the Ontario Tourism Recovery Program. These organizations are key employers and tourism generators in all regions of the province. Eligible tourism businesses include inns and lodges, boat tours, ski centres, live performance venues, cinemas, drive-in theatres, and amusement and water parks.

The **Ontario Tourism Recovery Program** will support tourism businesses that have experienced a loss of at least 50 per cent of eligible revenue in 2020-21 compared to 2019. Program funding will help successful applicants prepare to reopen safely, develop innovative tourism products, retain and create tourism jobs, and support tourism recovery in their region and throughout Ontario.

Successful recipients will have the flexibility to apply funds to any eligible expenses and do what makes the most sense for their businesses. Expenses could include reopening and operating costs such as staff salaries and maintenance, health and safety measures for visitors and workers, tourism product and experience development, or marketing.

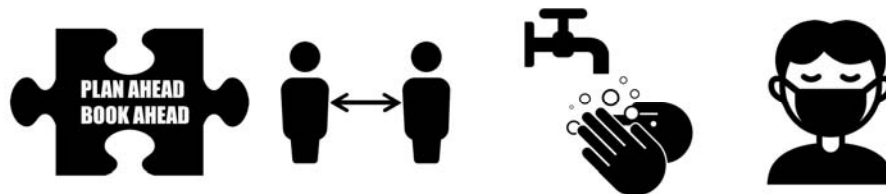
Applications for this program will open on October 13, 2021.

Quick Facts

- This investment is part of the 2021 Budget, ***Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health & Our Economy***. Support from the Ontario government for the tourism, culture, sports, recreation and heritage industries since the start of the pandemic now totals \$625 million.
- Tourism plays a critical role in the Ontario economy. Prior to the pandemic, tourism generated more than \$36 billion in economic activity and supported hundreds of thousands of jobs in Ontario.
- According to Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey, tourism-related industries experienced a loss of 94,000 jobs between August 2019 and August 2021.

Additional Resources

For more information on eligibility and how to apply visit
www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/awards_funding/OTRP.shtml.



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Special Edition of InTouch: 2020 Building Permits

The building permits we receive from municipalities are an important trigger for us to review changes to a property — and the information in these permits provides valuable input for our assessments.

They also provide information and insight in the changes to Ontario's property landscape and how homeowners are investing in their properties.

This special issue of InTouch highlights our findings in our look-back at the building permits we received in 2020.

Stay-at-home = spend on home



More than 106,000 Ontario homeowners obtained residential building permits in 2020 – a 9% increase from the year before, with permits for home improvements jumping by 15%.

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By the numbers: Ontario's top municipalities for home improvements

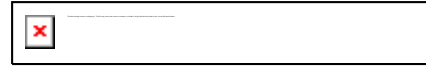
The City of Brampton topped the list for home improvements in 2020, issuing 5,716 residential home improvement permits – up 70% from 2019.

On a per capita basis, Casselman tops the list

While we saw a greater number of permits in larger municipalities, the Municipality of Casselman had the highest per capita percentage of residential building permits in the province.

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Nearly 6,800 swimming pool permits issued in 2020 – up 53%



Amid a surge of renovations, swimming pools were a popular home improvement in 2020, according to analysis of Ontario building permits.

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New development down 16% in 2020



Analysis of municipal building permits issued in 2020 indicates that the COVID-19 pandemic put a damper on new development across Ontario in almost every property category.

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MPAC's role in the building permit process

Municipalities rely on MPAC to take their building permits and plans and turn them into assessment. From there, municipalities tax property owners based on those assessments – so the sooner MPAC can deliver assessments, the sooner municipalities can realize new revenue.

MPAC is working collaboratively with the municipal sector to support digital permitting in Ontario. We are the only organization with a data set of all building permits in Ontario, and our understanding of this data gives us a unique perspective on ways to modernize its collection and exchange to support our municipal partners.

Given what we know about the e-permitting providers operating in Ontario, one of the collaborations MPAC is participating in is with AMO's business services arm, LAS. Together, AMO and MPAC are working to identify a preferred e-permitting vendor for Ontario municipalities through a request for proposals (RFP) process.

The RFP is to identify one or more e-permitting solutions that are scalable to the variety of sizes of municipal governments across Ontario. MPAC believes that AMO's approach will help streamline the adoption of e-permitting for municipalities, as they can leverage AMO's proven ability to negotiate and procure solutions for the sector.

The RFP committee is comprised of representatives from AMO, LAS, MPAC, the Ontario Building Officials Association, and the Municipal Information Systems Association. MPAC looks forward to sharing the results once the process is completed and will work with AMO to pilot the solution with a number of interested municipalities.

Beyond the collaboration with AMO, MPAC remains technology agnostic in what e-permitting solution municipalities may select. That is why MPAC has been working with several e-permitting providers to integrate their systems into MPAC's systems. The goal is to work with all e-permitting providers operating in Ontario to electronically share municipal building permits and plans, making it easier for their municipal users to transfer it to that data to MPAC.

If your municipality is interested in engaging MPAC in your plans for e-permitting and discussing ways to submit building permits and plans electronically, reach out to your [local MPAC Account Manager](#).



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Bruce County Public Library (BCPL), in partnership with Alzheimer Society Grey-Bruce, is proud to introduce the addition of Memory Care Kits to our library collection.

Each kit contains carefully chosen activities and books that are not only enjoyable, but also meaningful and stimulating for people living with dementia and their care partners.

Memory Care Kits will officially launch at the Bruce County Public Library branches on Tuesday, September 21, which is World Alzheimer's Day.

"Bruce County Public Library supports our local communities with meaningful programming and services, both in-person and online," says Brooke McLean, Director of Library Services. "We are excited to partner with Alzheimer Society Grey-Bruce to provide this new opportunity for our patrons."

Activities available in the Memory Care Kits include puzzles, painting sets, and games. There are six different themes to choose from, including Sports and Entertainment, The Great Outdoors, A Little Bit of Everything, Transportation, Animals, and Interesting People. There is something for everyone.

Memory Care Kits may be signed out for three weeks with a BCPL library card, and may be delivered to any of our 17 branches for convenient pick up.

"Life doesn't end with a diagnosis of dementia. We're so happy to partner with the Bruce County Public Library in making these activities easily available for valued members of our community," says Julie Johnston, Executive Director of the Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce.

To learn more about the Memory Care Kits, as well as other library services, please visit library.brucecounty.on.ca or contact your local branch.

A focus on the safety of staff and patrons continues to be the Library's top priority.

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It's federal election day!

Today millions of Canadians head to the polls to choose their next federal government. As always, FCM will keep you up-to-date with all the latest.

Throughout the election, we've made it clear to every federal party that local governments are essential partners in building a strong, inclusive and sustainable recovery. We released a series of [frontline](#)

solutions that make people's lives better—and tackle national challenges. And we're ready to work with the next parliament to keep your local priorities front-and-centre.

In the coming days, we'll have election reaction, analysis—and more. So keep an eye on your inbox, and don't forget to follow us on social media.

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NEWS

Op-ed: rural communities are essential to Canada's recovery

FCM's Rural Forum Chair Ray Orb has published a major op-ed in the *Calgary Herald*, *Saskatoon Star Phoenix* and *Regina Leader-Post* highlighting critical issues facing rural communities—from universal broadband to disaster mitigation—and showcasing why Canada's recovery needs to take root in communities of all sizes. With the federal parties presenting their recovery plans to Canadians, this national spotlight makes it clear that municipal leaders are ready to build a recovery everyone can take part in.

► **READ RAY ORB'S OP-ED**

Working together for gender parity in politics

This Gender Equality Week, we recognize the many women and non-binary municipal leaders who work so hard to improve the quality of life for all in their communities. We also look forward to introducing new funding opportunities for municipalities to support women and non-binary leaders of diverse identities and backgrounds. Stay tuned for an announcement about our Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL) initiative later this week!

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EVENTS

See what's new in the 2021 Sustainable Communities Conference program

The 2021 Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) is Canada's leading environmental conference for municipal leaders and practitioners. It promises to deliver clarity and vision to the complex sustainability

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SCC's delegate-driven [program](#) promises smart, innovative solutions to address issues like:

- Canada's path to net zero by 2050
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- Nature-based solutions

Come join us October 19 – 21, 2021. Fully virtual. \$250 for FCM members.

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RESOURCES

Case study: local climate data supports retrofit decisions

Thinking of retrofitting your local recreation facilities? Learn more about the strategic approach the Town of Halton Hills, ON, took to include important climate data into their community building retrofit project to ensure they were making the best decisions that generated the highest triple-bottom-line returns for their community.

► [READ THE CASE STUDY](#)

Practical knowledge to support your local facility upgrade

Are you looking for tools and resources to help guide your community facility upgrade project? Check out our new Community Buildings Retrofit resource library. From guidebooks to case studies, this resource library provides practical information and guidance as you undertake local facility retrofit projects in your community.

► [CHECK OUT THE LIST OF RESOURCES TODAY](#)

FCM TWEETS 

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Sept 20: This [#GenderEqualityWeek](#), we recognize the many women and non-binary municipal leaders who work so hard to build better lives. Share this message and tag a woman or non-binary municipal leader who's making a difference in your community! [#CDNmuni](#)

Sept 18: Ten million Canadians call rural communities home, and they have long been vital to the economy and our way of life. Rural-based industries drive nearly 1/3 of Canada's GDP. To truly succeed, Canada's recovery needs to take root in [#CDNmuni](#) of all sizes. <https://bit.ly/3Ctpj41>

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Notice of Study Completion – Master Transportation Plan

The County of Bruce has now completed the Master Transportation Plan (MTP) Study. The purpose of this MTP is to create a safe and reliable transportation system within the County that meets the ground transportation needs of all persons and businesses to the year 2035



September 21, 2021

The Study

The County of Bruce has now completed the Master Transportation Plan (MTP) Study. The purpose of this MTP is to create a safe and reliable transportation system within the County that meets the ground transportation needs of all persons and businesses to the year 2035. This MTP Study forms the basis to guide future transportation decisions for the development of County roads and trails, cycling facilities, as well as the County's role in public transit services.

The Process

The Study was carried out in accordance with Phase 1 and 2 of the master plan process outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011, 2015), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

The MTP Study identified and defined existing constraints as well as opportunities to evaluate solutions in order to provide a safe, efficient, environmentally and economically sustainable, transportation network. The recommendations of the MTP study were approved by the Bruce County Transportation & Environmental Services Committee on July 8, 2021.

Master Plan Report

A Master Plan Report (MPR) has been prepared to document the planning and decision-making process for this study. By this notice, the MPR is being placed on public record and is available for a 30 day review period starting September 28, 2021, and ending October 29, 2021, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class EA. An electronic copy of the MPR is available for viewing at www.brucecounty.on.ca.

Comments

If you have issues accessing the Master Plan Report or have comments or concerns, please contact either of the following Project Team members:

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Discover more about Bruce County's [Master Transportation Plan](#).

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September 24, 2021

RTO7 Launches New Program to Assist with Staff Recruitment

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- **NEW!** Recruitment Implementation Program (RIP)
 - Festival Implementation Program (FIP)
 - Operations Implementation Program (OIP)
 - Sustainable Tourism Implementation Program (SIP)
 - Tourism Implementation Program (TIP)



RTO7 is pleased to announce the addition of a new offering to our tourism stakeholders – the Recruitment Implementation Program (RIP).

In this issue:

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ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

Applications are open for RTO7's Implementation Programs, geared to help tourism operators in BruceGreySimcoe to:

- recruit staff
- create and promote brand awareness
- increase visitation and sales during the shoulder season and/or weekdays
- promote your fall and winter tourism offerings (attractions, packages, products, accommodations, events, etc.)

Your contribution is easy - leverage your existing business expenses toward social media marketing campaigns (no cash contribution or matching funds required) in one or more of the four programs listed below. Media buys are managed by RTO7's Agency of Record (The Aber Group Inc.). **Applications are accepted until January 31, 2022 or until the programs are fully subscribed, so apply early.**

NEW FOR FALL 2021 – Recruitment Implementation Program (RIP)

Designed to offer additional support to BruceGreySimcoe tourism stakeholders to recruit staff, your investment in operational expenses (i.e. mortgage payments, rent, insurance, inventory purchases, etc.) will be matched by RTO7 with a social media ad campaign for recruitment. Examples of eligible operational expenses that can be used to leverage marketing funds include property taxes, mortgage costs, insurance, inventory purchases, etc. Complete program details, guidelines and application form can be found on [this page on RTO7.ca](#).

Learn More About RIP & Apply Now

Festival Implementation Program (FIP)

This program is designed to assist well-established and regional/emerging festivals achieve at least one of the following: increase visitor spending, help reduce overcrowding in areas experiencing capacity issues, increase length of stay and/or increase return visits to BruceGreySimcoe. For more info, visit [this page on RTO7.ca](#).

Learn More About FIP & Apply Now

Operations Implementation Program (OIP)

Designed to assist stakeholders with social media marketing, operational expenses can be leveraged into a 4-week advertising campaign. Eligible expenses include mortgage payments, rent, insurance, inventory purchases, etc. For more info, visit [this page on RTO7.ca](#).

Learn More About OIP & Apply Now

Sustainable Tourism Implementation Program (SIP)

To promote a new sustainable product, experience or initiative for your tourism business, RTO7 helps with support of a social media marketing campaign. Examples include a new “shoulder season” experience, implementation of a green initiative to fight climate change or an experience that instills a sense of community pride. For more info, visit [this page on RTO7.ca](#).

Learn More About SIP & Apply Now

Tourism Implementation Program (TIP)

If you’ve invested in a new product or experience, RTO7 can help promote it. Applicants need to demonstrate how the investment has contributed to one of four objectives: improve quality and sustainability, reduced seasonality, increased

visitor spending or length of stay and expanded to or developed a new target market. For more info, visit [this page on RTO7.ca](#).

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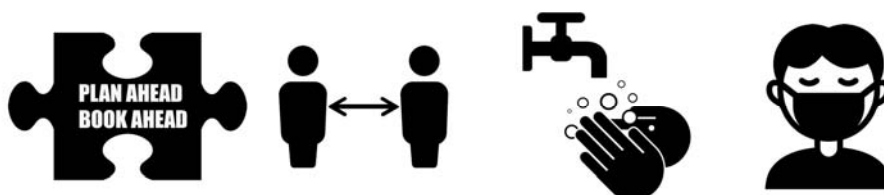
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RTO7 has other programs and resources to help your business recover from the effects of COVID-19, create video and image libraries and more! Click on the links below for more info:

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 - **FREE Tourism Operator Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com**
 - **FREE Festivals and Events Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com**
 - **FREE Promotions Listings on BruceGreySimcoe.com** (complete and up-to-date operator profile required)

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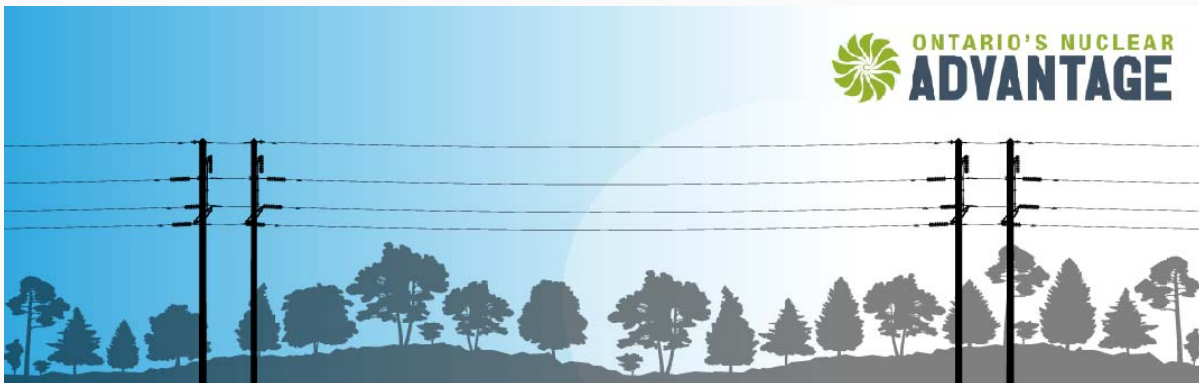
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Bruce Power receives regulatory approval for new lifesaving medical isotope production

TIVERTON, ONTARIO –September 24, 2021 – Bruce Power has received approval from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) to take the next step forward for new isotope production becoming the first power reactor globally to commercially produce Lutetium-177, an innovative therapeutic isotope used in the treatment of prostate cancer and neuroendocrine tumors.

“This Project is an innovative partnership between Bruce Power, IsoGen, Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) and ITM and is a game changer for the supply of medical isotopes and the global medical community in the fight against cancer,” said James Scongack, Bruce Power Chief Development Officer and EVP Operational Services. “This is another important step forward to utilize our CANDU reactors to provide a new large-scale capacity for production in the medical isotope supply chain, cementing Canada’s place as a global

isotope superpower.”

Isogen is a joint venture between Framatome and Kinectrics to enable the use of CANDU reactors to produce medical isotopes needed to treat and diagnose patients with serious diseases world-wide.

“The Framatome team conducted extensive research and development in Canada and modified German technology for use in a CANDU reactor, which resulted in the first Isotope Production System in a power reactor for commercial production of therapeutic medical isotopes,” said Curtis Van Cleve, President and CEO of Framatome Canada Ltd. “We applaud our partners at Bruce Power for their commitment to innovation that supports the continuous production of both electricity and medical isotopes, and to harnessing the therapeutic power of nuclear energy.”

The Isotope Production System (IPS), designed and manufactured by Isogen, will be used to produce Lutetium-177, an isotope used in nuclear medicines that allows for targeted and precise treatments, destroying cancer cells while limiting damage to surrounding healthy tissue and organs. The irradiated Ytterbium targets obtained from the IPS will be processed at ITM premises, where the highly pure no-carrier-added (n.c.a.) Lutetium-177 will be produced in pharmaceutical quality. N.c.a. Lutetium-177 will be marketed globally by ITM under the brand name EndolucinBeta® as well as leveraged for clinical supply to advance the company's own pipeline. ITM is a German based leading radiopharmaceutical biotech company focused on the development, production and global supply of medical radioisotopes and radiopharmaceuticals.

“The license granted by CNSC today marks a critical milestone for Isogen on our mission to provide lifesaving medical isotopes to the world,” said David Harris, CEO of Kinectrics. “This approval showcases the advantages of bringing together the significant investments and capabilities of the partners to advance the technology, and develop the safety, engineering and licensing packages necessary to introduce such a cutting-edge technology in a safe and reliable manner without impact to normal reactor operation.”

“It is great to see the progression in the installation of the Isotope Production System, which provides us with an additional reliable source to increase the scalability of our n.c.a. Lutetium-177 production for global supply as well as the further clinical development of our broad pipeline,” commented Steffen Schuster, CEO of ITM. “We look forward to leveraging

our long-term partnership with Bruce Power to deliver Targeted Radionuclide Therapy to cancer patients worldwide.”

Bruce Power’s collaboration with Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) will see the partners jointly marketing new isotopes in support of the global fight against cancer while also working together in creating new economic opportunities within the SON territory by establishing new isotope infrastructure.

“It’s very exciting times for SON as we move forward to the next phase of the Isotope project with Bruce Power,” said Chief Lester Anoquot, Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation. “Many members of our community have been impacted by cancer in some way. We are proud to play a leadership role in the global fight against cancer, while building economic opportunities in our community.”

The partnership, which includes an equity stake and revenue-sharing model for SON, is named Gamzook’aamin aakoziwin, which means ‘We are Teaming up on the Sickness’ in the traditional Anishinaabe language.

“The Gamzook’aamin aakoziwin project will positively impact people worldwide, well beyond the borders of our community,” said Chief Victoria Smith, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation. “This project is a groundbreaking development in the fight against cancer, and represents a positive step forward for the global medical community.”

For more information on Gamzook’aamin aakoziwin visit www.fightingcancertogether.ca.

The approved project will expand Bruce Power’s established isotope production, and will solidify the company as an integral producer of critical medical isotopes increasingly being used in innovative nuclear medicine applications.

“Ontario continues to position itself as a world leader in the production of life-saving medical isotopes,” said Energy Minister Todd Smith. “The innovation of companies like Bruce Power and its partners is critical to ensuring increased capacity of isotope production to improve global access to these essential tools in the fight against cancer. Today’s announcement is a big step forward in furthering the goal of long-term, sustainable, and flexible production of medical isotopes at the Bruce Power site.”

Bruce Power is one of the world's largest producers of Cobalt-60 through its partnership with Nordion, used in the sterilization of single use medical equipment and in transformative cancer treatments like the Gamma Knife.

"Thanks to the investments being made into the Bruce Power site today we can look to the future and realize a vital role in providing life-saving medical isotopes to the world, while also supplying clean, reliable and low-cost electricity to Ontario, growing the economy and fostering innovation for decades to come," said Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce.

Bill Walker, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, also offered his support and congratulations.

"The potential for growth in the isotope space provides an invaluable opportunity to leverage Ontario's established nuclear supply chain that has developed over the past several years and is recognized as a leader around the world in isotope innovation, development and production," said Walker. "Most importantly isotopes are making a positive difference in people's lives every day and I am proud to be a champion of the nuclear industry."

The work to install the Isotope Production System is a part of the ongoing Life-Extension Program at the Bruce Power site, which began in 2016 and remains on track.

As the commissioning process continues there will be additional regulatory hold points to allow CNSC staff to confirm operational readiness of the Isotope Production System (IPS) prior to the start of Lu-177 production. Bruce Power will finalize documentation and CNSC staff will review commissioning test results to verify the IPS meets its design and safety analyses requirements.

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 and life-saving medical isotopes across the globe. 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 and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).



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Update: Kindergarten-Grade 12 and Postsecondary Education Standards Initial Recommendations Posted for Public Feedback

Update: The timeline for public feedback for the K-12 Education initial recommendations has been extended until November 1, 2021 (see below for updated language)

Standards Development Committees are responsible for developing and reviewing accessibility standards in Ontario. These accessibility standards help achieve the purpose of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA), as Ontario moves forward on its journey to create a more accessible and inclusive province.

The Kindergarten-Gr. 12 (K-12) and Postsecondary Education (PSE) Standards Development Committees (Committees) were tasked with developing recommendations for proposed accessibility in publicly funded K-12 schools and PSE institutions. Both Committees are comprised of people with disabilities, representatives from disability organizations, and education sector experts.

The Government of Ontario is pleased to announce that the K-12 and PSE Committees' Initial Recommendation Reports have been posted online for public comment.

- The K-12 initial report can be viewed here: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/development-proposed-kindergarten-grade-12-k-12-education-standards-2021-initial-recommendations>
- The PSE initial report can be viewed here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/development-proposed-postsecondary-education-standards-2021-initial-recommendations-report>




In addition, a Technical Sub-Committee was tasked with developing recommendations on student transitions between K-12 and PSE; and between education, employment, and the community. Their report has been posted online and can be viewed here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/accessible-transitions-students-disabilities-kindergarten-grade-12-k-12-workforce-community-and>




After you've read the initial recommendations for both the K-12 and PSE Committees, you have a couple of ways to submit your feedback:

- Complete the online surveys at:
 - K-12 Survey Link: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-initial-recommendations-development-proposed-kindergarten-grade-12-k-12-education>
 - PSE Survey Link: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-initial-recommendations-development-proposed-postsecondary-education-accessibility>
- Send written feedback to: educationSDC@ontario.ca for the K-12 report and postsecondarySDC@ontario.ca for the PSE report.

The timeline for public feedback for the K-12 Education initial recommendations has been extended until **November 1, 2021**, the same as the PSE initial recommendations timeline of **November 1, 2021**.

The Committees will review and consider all feedback before they finalize their recommendations and submit their final reports to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility for consideration.

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