



**CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION**  
**October 15, 2024**

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1. Correspondence from the City of Temiskaming Shores Re: Alcohol Sales - Provincial Alcohol Strategy
2. Correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles Re: Recommendations for Government Regulation of Nicotine Pouches
3. Correspondence from the Town of Cobourg Re: Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues
4. Correspondence from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Re: Ontario Deposit Return Program Expansion Endorsement
5. Correspondence from Town of Hanover Re: Notice of Public Meeting for Zoning Amendment Z5-24
6. Correspondence from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Re: Ontario Volunteer Service Awards and June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism
7. Correspondence from the Durham and District Horticultural Society Re: Invitation to Tree Trust Event



The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

## Resolution

### **Provincial decision regarding alcohol sales in convenience stores and locations that sell fuel to drivers, and the development of a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy**

Resolution No. 2024-332

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Whereas excessive consumption of alcohol has a negative impact on many communities because of detrimental health effects, road safety, and other harms; and

Whereas the number of cases of individuals driving under the influence are increasing in Ontario, and the Timiskaming District has recently seen its highest rate ever for impaired driving infractions with 10 in April of 2024; and

Whereas jurisdictions with broader access to alcohol have higher rates of driving under the influence and crashes associated with alcohol; and

Whereas alcohol causes at least seven types of cancer and is a risk factor for, disease, disability and premature death, and is a direct cause of 4,300 deaths and 195,000 emergency department visits per year in Ontario; and

Whereas alcohol related emergency department visits increased 18 percent after the introduction of alcohol sales in grocery stores in Ontario; and

Whereas 35 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have indicated that they consumed alcohol at 13 years or younger; and

Whereas 49 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have been drunk at least once in their life; and

Whereas alcohol related harms cost the Ontario economy 7 billion dollars a year; and

Whereas alcohol is a factor in many domestic, sexual and physical assaults in Ontario; and

Whereas most tax revenue generated by the sale of alcohol goes to the province yet the costs and harms that are alcohol related are borne by the municipalities in the form of policing and social services and public health costs.

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores requests the Government of Ontario reverse their decision to allow alcohol to be sold in more locations and implement the following recommendations:

1. Permit municipalities to opt out of retail alcohol expansion;
2. Grant municipalities the powers to use zoning to determine where new alcohol retail locations are acceptable;
3. Not permit alcohol sales within 150 m of schools, daycares, or substance use facilities;
4. Prohibit the sale of Alcohol at gas stations;
5. Require health warning labels on all alcohol containers;
6. Dedicate a portion of provincial alcohol revenue to addressing alcohol related harms; and
7. Develop and implement a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy, in partnership with municipalities, that prioritizes health and safety and considers the costs associated with alcohol consumption.

Further that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming Cochrane; AMO; FONOM; ROMA; Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA); Timiskaming Health Unit (Planet Youth Timiskaming); Temiskaming Shores OPP Detachment Board; and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**

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City of Temiskaming Shores



Logan Belanger  
Municipal Clerk

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 7.4.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-325  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #12  
**Date:** August 14, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #26-24 passed by Public Health Sudbury and Districts, regarding recommendations for Government Regulations of nicotine pouches;**  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; our local member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Public Health Sudbury & Districts; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

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MAYOR



**Public Health**  
**Santé publique**  
SUDBURY & DISTRICTS

April 22, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Recommendations for Government Regulation of Nicotine Pouches**

In July 2023, Health Canada gave approval to Imperial Tobacco Canada to sell Zonnica under the [Natural Health Product Regulations](#) as a Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) product. Consequently, Zonnica is sold under the Health Canada approval without adhering to the restrictions of the Federal [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act, 1997](#) and the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#).

Since this time, nicotine pouches have become widely available to youth. These flavoured pouches can be legally purchased by those under 18 years of age in Ontario. The unrestricted sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches contribute to accessibility, normalization, and potential health hazards. Nicotine is highly addictive and its use, in any form, is unsafe for children<sup>1</sup> and youth<sup>2</sup>. Exposure to nicotine can have adverse effects on the developing brains of children and youth and increases the likelihood of initiation and long-term use of tobacco<sup>2</sup>.

In March 2024, Public Health Sudbury & Districts released an advisory alert to local health system partners sharing concerns related to nicotine pouches. Additionally, letters were sent to education directors, educators, and parents to increase awareness of the availability and risks of nicotine pouches to children and youth.

At its meeting on April 18, 2024, the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts took further action and carried the following resolution #26-24:

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*WHEREAS Health Canada approved nicotine pouches for sale under the Natural Health Product regulations providing no restrictions on advertising or sale to children and youth; and*

*WHEREAS the unrestricted sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches contribute to their accessibility, the normalization of nicotine use, and potential health hazards; and*

*WHEREAS nicotine is highly addictive and its use, in any form, is unsafe for children and youth; and*

*WHEREAS exposure to nicotine can have adverse effects on the developing brains of adolescents and young adults and increases the likelihood of initiation and long-term use of tobacco products; and*

*WHEREAS the emergence of nicotine pouch products occurred rapidly without requiring adherence to the restrictions of the federal [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act, 1997](#), and the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#); and*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage Health Canada to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap that permits the sale of nicotine pouches to youth under 18 years of age; and*

*FURTHER THAT the Board of Health urge Health Canada to strengthen regulations to restrict the sale of new and emerging tobacco and nicotine products, ensuring that nicotine availability to children and youth never occur again; and*

*FURTHER THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage the Government of Ontario to exclusively sell nicotine pouches from behind pharmacy counters, limit their display in retail settings, and restrict their promotion, especially to youth; and*

*FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario expand the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy to create a comprehensive, coherent public health-oriented framework for the regulation of vaping and all nicotine-containing products.*

We strongly encourage the Government of Ontario to follow immediately the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Québec to exclusively sell nicotine pouches in pharmacies, specifically behind the counter. This decision reduces product availability, restricts their promotion, and limits their display in retail settings.

Until tighter restrictions of nicotine pouches are implemented, the widely available and accessible product will continue to expose children and youth to nicotine. The Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourages the Government of Ontario to expand the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy to create a comprehensive, coherent public health-oriented framework for the regulation of vaping and all nicotine-containing products.

We thank you for your speedy attention to this important issue, and we continue to look forward to opportunities to work together to promote and protect the health of Ontarians.

Sincerely,



René Lapierre  
Chair, Board of Health



M. Mustafa Hirji, MD, MPH, FRCPC  
Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health of Canada  
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health  
Honourable Ya'ara Saks, Canada's Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health  
Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
Yasir Naqvi, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, Honourable Mark Holland  
Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario  
France Gélinas, Member of Provincial Parliament, Nickel Belt  
Jamie West, Member of Provincial Parliament, Sudbury  
Michael Mantha, Member of Provincial Parliament, Algoma-Manitoulin  
Viviane Lapointe, Member of Parliament, Sudbury  
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House of Commons  
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*FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario expand the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy to create a comprehensive, coherent public health-oriented framework for the regulation of vaping and all nicotine-containing products.*

We applaud your pledge to take action to review the approval process for flavoured nicotine sales and advertising. We acknowledge the advisory Health Canada issued in March stating nicotine pouches should be used for nicotine replacement therapy in adults and the emphasis on keeping them out of reach of children and youth.

However, only until tighter restrictions of nicotine pouches are implemented, the widely available and accessible product will continue to expose children and youth to nicotine. The Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourages the federal government to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap by restricting the sale of nicotine pouches to those under 18 years of age. We also support Health Canada in their assertion to halt the legal purchasing loophole and ensure that nicotine availability to children and youth never occurs with new and emerging products.

We thank you for your attention to this important issue, and we continue to look forward to opportunities to work together to promote and protect the health of Canadians.

Sincerely,



René Lapierre  
Chair, Board of Health



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# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Town of Cobourg  
55 King Street West,  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 2M2  
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**Delivered via email**

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premier@ontario.ca

October 4, 2024

RE: Motion from Mayor Lucas Cleveland regarding Support of Involuntary Care for  
Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has announced the creation of highly secure facilities to provide involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues under the Mental Health Act, including dedicated mental health units in correctional centres and regional secure care facilities; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg, along with municipalities across Ontario, are facing growing challenges in addressing the complex needs of individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues, which place a significant strain on local emergency services, healthcare systems, community resources, and public safety; and

WHEREAS individuals experiencing severe mental health and addictions issues often cannot voluntarily seek the care they need, and involuntary care, provided with compassion and appropriate safeguards, can ensure they receive the necessary treatment to help stabilize their condition and improve community safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobourg supports the BC government's approach to providing secure, involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions challenges, as a compassionate and necessary intervention for those unable to seek help on their own; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobourg urges the Province of Ontario to implement similar measures to ensure that individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues in Ontario have access to secure, involuntary care when necessary; and



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Premier, Honourable David Piccini, MPP, all other Members of Provincial Parliament and all Ontario municipalities to seek their endorsement and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);  
the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);  
Honourable, David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills  
Development and Northumberland – Peterborough South MPP;,  
All other Members of Provincial Parliament; and  
All Ontario Municipalities



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September 20, 2024

**BY E-MAIL**

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
5th Floor  
777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

### **Ontario Deposit Return Program**

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I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Leduc', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mayor James Leduc  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe  
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic  
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities



## Town of Hanover

# Notice of a Public Meeting

### CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

**Take Notice** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Hanover will hold a Public Meeting on:

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.**

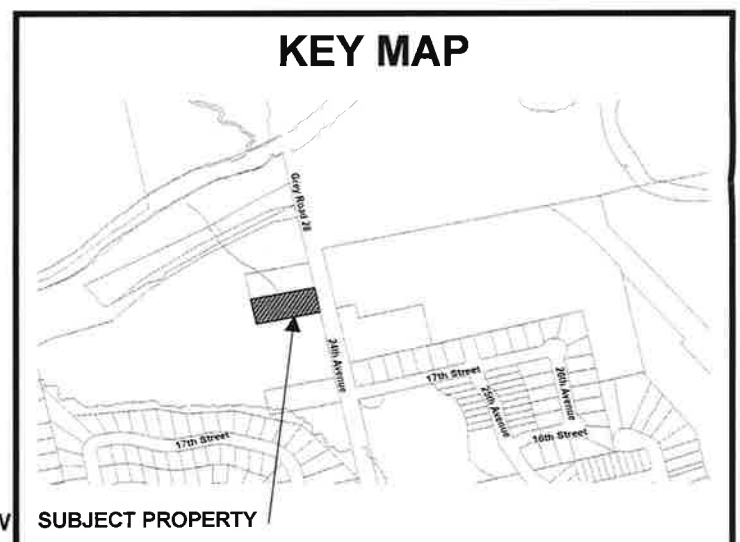
in the Municipal Council Chambers located at 341 10th Street to consider a proposed zoning by-law amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

**The proposed** zoning by-law amendment (Z5-24) would rezone lands described as Part of Lot 10, Con 1, North of Durham Road and known as 854 24th Avenue in the Town of Hanover, in the County of Grey. Below is a key map showing the location of the proposed amendment.

**This** Zoning By-law Amendment proposes the construction of seven townhouse units within the existing R3-49 zone, which currently permits group dwellings only. The amendment would enable the development of either seven townhouse units or group dwellings on the property at 854 24th Avenue.

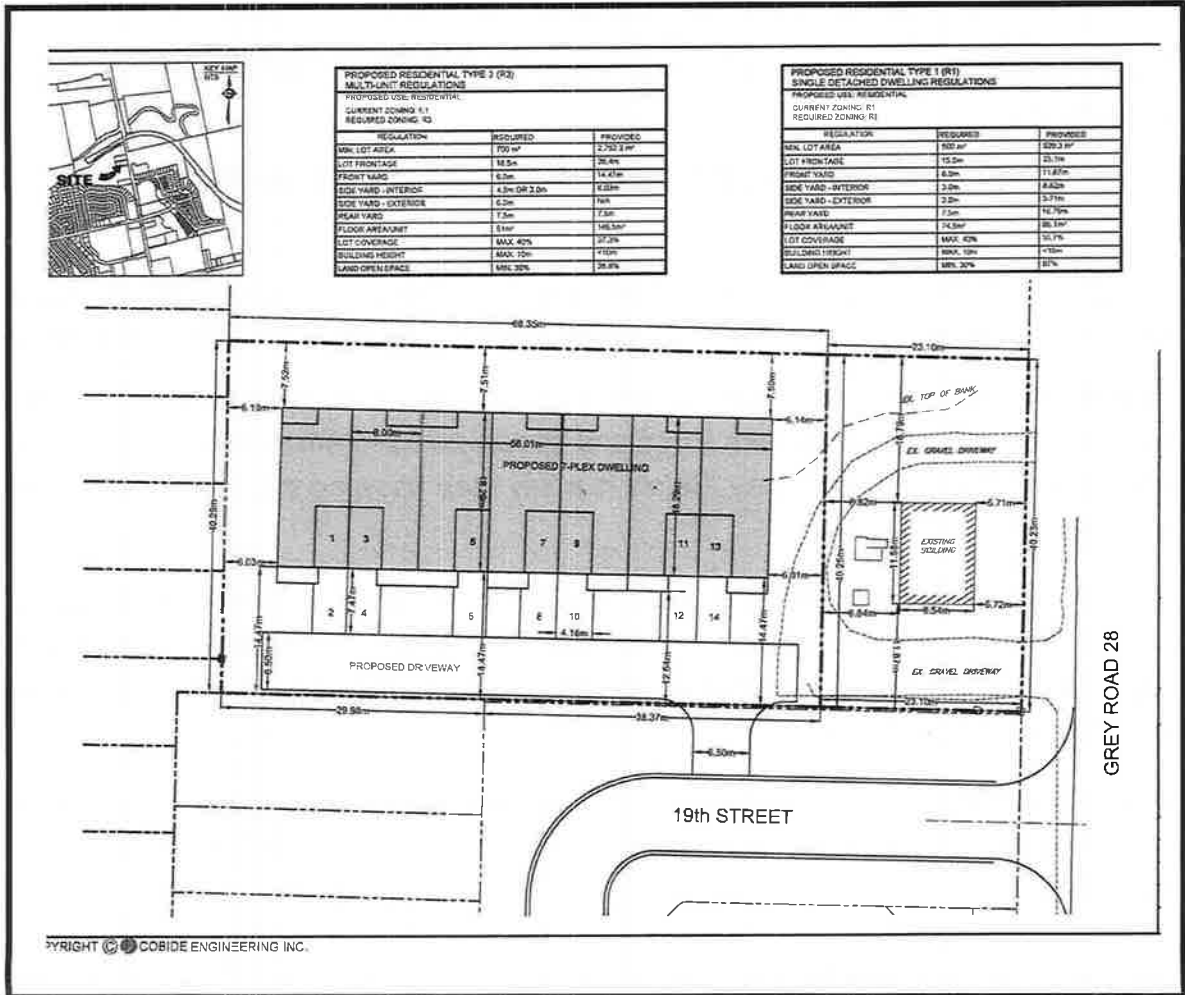
**Any** interested person can submit written correspondence via email or mail directly to [vmcdonald@hanover.ca](mailto:vmcdonald@hanover.ca) or mail your comments to **Vicki McDonald, Clerk, Town of Hanover, 341 10th Street, Hanover, ON, N4N 1P5** by noon on **Monday, October 21, 2024**.

**If** a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Hanover before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Hanover to the Ontario Land Tribunal, unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.



If you wish to be notified of the decision of Town of Hanover Council on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Hanover **341 10th Street, Hanover, ON, N4N 1P5.**

**Site Plan**



**Additional** information relating to the proposed zoning by-law amendment may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

Vicki McDonald,  
Clerk  
vmcdonald@hanover.ca  
519.364.2780 ext 1231

Andrew Wilken  
Director of Building & Planning / CBO  
awilken@hanover.ca  
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**Dated** at the Town of Hanover, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.



**From:** Ontario Honours And Awards (MCM) <ontariohonoursandawards@ontario.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 7, 2024 12:07 PM  
**To:** Info WestGrey <info@westgrey.com>  
**Subject:** 2025 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards / Distinctions de l'Ontario pour services bénévoles de 2025



**Ministry of Citizenship and  
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October 2024

Dear Friends,

Voluntarism is often described as the heartbeat of our communities. Recognizing volunteers for their selfless efforts formally acknowledges their essential role in addressing needs, building trust, and creating stronger communities across Ontario.

The province of Ontario recognizes the contributions of our volunteers in a number of impactful ways. It is my pleasure to invite you to consider nominating volunteers in your community for one or more of our volunteer recognition programs.

**Ontario Volunteer Service Awards**

**Deadline: November 15, 2024**

Organizations can nominate their volunteers for an [Ontario Volunteer Service Award](#) to recognize their continuous service ranging from five to 65 years. Youth (under 24 years old) can be recognized for two or more years of continuous service.

**[June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism](#)**

**Deadline: December 15, 2024**

Individuals and groups are recognized for outstanding commitment to volunteering and service to their community.

Nominations are reviewed by an independent selection committee who are appointed by the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

Recipients are presented with this award during Volunteer Service Award ceremonies in their community.

To submit a nomination online, please [register for the Ontario Honours and Awards Portal](#).

All nominations must be submitted electronically through the Ontario Honours and Awards Portal. Paper copies will not be accepted.

The Ministry will provide more information about the ceremonies to recognize these volunteers in early 2025.

If you have questions about the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards or the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Awards, or how to submit a nomination online, please contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at [OntarioVolunteerServiceAwards@ontario.ca](mailto:OntarioVolunteerServiceAwards@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Lang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Lang, Director,

Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat

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## **DURHAM & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

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**September 17, 2024**

**Mayor Eccles, Members of Council and Staff,**

***The Durham and District Horticultural Society will be hosting Toni Ellis from Tree Trust at our October 17, 2024 Monthly Meeting. We invite you to attend and learn about the Tree Trust program of the Elora Environmental Centre. Established in 2019, this organization's mission is to help preserve important legacy trees in communities across southern Ontario. There are many of these trees right here in West Grey. Let's see how we can help preserve these trees that offer a tremendous environmental value to our area and beyond.***

***Trees, especially older trees anchor the natural ecosystem in ways we are only beginning to understand. They provide invaluable aesthetic and human psychological benefits. And they link us to history. Tree Trust's core mission is to preserve older trees through expert assessment and specialized arborist care. Every big tree does the work of at least 300 saplings. Tree Trust arborists have special training in the physiology and preservation of older trees.***

***There are currently eight chapters of Tree Trust. Centre Wellington, Meaford, Stratford-Perth, Toronto Island Community, Town of Blue Mountains, Guelph, Waterloo Region and the newest chapter, Mount Forest.***

***We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.***

**Ann Hagedorn**

**President**

**Durham & District Horticultural Society**