

# Chapter 9 News

## Save the Date

**Thurs. April 6th**  
ARM Breakfast

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to order your regular,  
vegetarian or gluten-free  
meal

Free for members

\$15 for social members  
or partners

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Health & Wellness  
Workshop**  
**Ciociaro Club**  
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Luncheon at the  
Ciociaro Club**

Free for members

\$25 for social members  
or partners

Details for each event will  
be provided by email.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

**ARM Annual General  
Meeting**

District 9 Office  
547 Victoria Avenue,  
Windsor

Future ARM Chapter 9  
Newsletters will be  
issued as the Annual  
General Meeting Edition  
being sent before our  
June 16<sup>th</sup> AGM.

*September 8<sup>th</sup> ARM Brick  
Ceremony following our  
First Friday breakfast*

*Humanity must shift from living  
'on' the earth, to living with her.*

*-Tiokasin Ghosthorse*

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## President's Message from Bruce Awad

Greetings ARM Chapter 9 members. I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and enjoying life to the fullest.

I draw your attention to Sandra Sahli's article on page two regarding Bill 60. This article refers to another example of a conservative government disrespecting democracy and the democratic process. This is the result of a government using their false majority to... *"change the rules for the legislature to limit debate and pass bills more quickly, pass every major piece of health care legislation they have written since they took office with unprecedented speed and very limited public hearings. They have not accepted any amendments from opposition parties for any of their major health care legislation. This has not been the case in Ontario's history."*

On May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, myself along with Executive Members Jacques Aharonian, Dan Eberwein and Patricia Morneau will be attending the 2023 ARM Biennial in Toronto. This is a meeting every two years of Chapter Presidents and delegates to hear from our Provincial Executive, establish motions to bring to the next AMPA, hear presentations from major stakeholders such as the OTPP and OMERS as well as present the two awards given by ARM Council, the Betty Ann Bushel award and the Ian Cameron newsletter award.

Our monthly First Friday Breakfasts continue to have 30 to 35 attendees at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594. In June we will decide whether to continue with the RCL or consider going back to the Lumberjack restaurant.

By now you will have received an email asking for suggestions for charities to support for the next fiscal year (2023-2024), please make your suggestions by April 30, 2023.

Our "Health and Wellness Event" planned in conjunction with District 9 Ed Services committee is scheduled for April 19 at the Ciociaro club. Please register to attend, it promises to be a very informative event. Register: <https://forms.gle/gqUnsuHewaUxRsPw5>. Also, our annual spring luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> this year. Please watch for a registration email or a call from Judy Tenzer our event organizer.

Thank you for reading and I hope to see you at our future events. All the best for good health and happiness. Your suggestions and comments are always welcomed.

Yours in Federation, Bruce Awad, President

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# The Ontario Health Coalition Action Assembly

A Submission by Sandra Sahli – Communications Officer

## **New Provincial Legislation - Bill 60, Your Health Act**

**Note: This article is based on information from the Ontario Health Coalition. ARM Chapter 9 is a member organization of the Coalition.**

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, the Ford government announced Bill 60, *Your Health Act*. This legislation will replace the [Independent Health Facilities Act](#) (1990) which is the current legislation for private clinics in Ontario

Ontario has had a ban on new private hospitals since 1973. The *Independent Health Facilities Act* was a “get-around” for that ban, intended to facilitate private for-profit clinics. Nevertheless, the existing private clinics do only a limited range of services and by far the largest category of them are diagnostic radiology (x-ray) and ultrasound clinics. For a good reason, the overwhelming majority of Ontario’s surgeries, MRIs and CTs are done in public hospitals. No government has significantly expanded the “*Independent Health Facilities*” since the 1990s.

In Bill 60, the Ford government re-titles the private clinics as “*Integrated Health Services Centres*”. This is confusing, perhaps on purpose, as Ontario has “Community Health Centres” that are almost the opposite of what the Ford government is planning. Community Health Centres provide access to primary care, such as family doctors, nurse practitioners, and a health team of social workers, physiotherapists, speech language pathologists, and more. They are all *non-profit* and have community-based boards of directors. They are deeply grounded in values of equity and provide vital health care, often to marginalized communities. They are progressive and the Ontario Health Coalition fully supports them. The Ford government should not confuse the public by choosing obscure names, similar to existing services, to cover their privatization plans.

The Ford government has clearly stated with Bill 60 they plan to “substantially” divert services from our public hospitals and expand the number of surgeries and diagnostic tests in private clinics. These services are currently provided in our local public hospitals, and are owned and operated in the public interest on a non-profit basis.

In Section 1 of Bill 60, they expressly expand the definition of the private clinics to include “a community surgical and diagnostic centre”. These facilities are mostly expected to be for-profit. Some could be non-profit also. The same issues regarding less oversight, patient safety, quality of care, issues regarding conflict-of-interest, extra-billing and/or upselling to patients, diversion of staffing and funding away from our local public hospitals, and lack of public interest protections will apply. According to the Ontario Health Coalition, the evidence does not support cutting public non-profit hospital care and transferring it to private clinics.

The Ford government changed the rules for the legislature to limit debate and pass bills more quickly. They have passed every major piece of health care legislation they have written since they took office with unprecedented speed and very limited public hearings. They have not accepted any amendments from opposition parties for any of their major health care legislation.

This has not been the case in Ontario’s history. It used to take several months to pass legislation. There was fulsome public debate and there used to be cross-province hearings. Previous governments of all parties have amended their legislation based on input in the public hearings, and have accepted at least some of the amendments proposed by opposition parties. This has not been the case with the Ford government, and the Ontario Health Coalition does not expect things to change with the introduction of Bill 60.

Jacques Aharonian and Sandra Sahli, ARM Executive members, attend both provincial and local meetings of the Ontario Health Coalition so our Chapter can stay informed and active in health-related issues and changed.

For a detailed analysis of Bill 60, visit the Ontario Health Coalition’s website at:

<https://www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca/index.php/analysis-ontario-health-coalition-analysis-of-bill-60-your-health-act/>

**More news in Health on the next page!**

## **Change in Senior Eye Exam Coverage**

It is well known that we have an aging population in Ontario. However, despite this well-documented fact, the Ford government recently announced changes to the eye exam coverage for seniors. Starting this September 1<sup>st</sup>, free annual eye exams paid for through OHIP will no longer be available for seniors. Instead, only seniors with an eligible medical condition affecting their eyes, such as masacular degeneration, glaucoma and diabetes will get a yearly check-up. Seniors without an eligible medical condition will receive one exam every 18 months.

Robert Benzie, Toronto Star Queen's Park Bureau Chief wrote an article outlining the changes. His article can be found at: <https://www.thestar.com/politics/provincial/2023/03/24/ford-government-cutting-back-ohip-covered-eye-services-for-some-seniors.html>

**This message was received on April 3<sup>rd</sup> from the Ontario Health Coalition**

**URGENT: Can you help? We are seeking patients who are being pressured in hospital to go to a long-term care home to which they do not want to go.**

As we announced prior to the winter holidays, the Ontario Health Coalition and the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly plan to file an application with the Ontario Superior Court seeking an order striking down Bill 7 for offending the Charter of Rights and Freedoms which protects Canadians against discrimination based on age and requires protection of life, liberty and the security of the person.

We are moving forward with the court challenge and we would like to talk with patients or families about your experience with this.

Bill 7 is the law, passed by the Ford government last fall, that allows hospitals and placement coordinators to coerce hospital patients into going to long term care homes they do not wish to spend their final days in - or otherwise face having to pay \$400 a day for every day they remain in hospital. The long-term care home that a patient may be forced to accept may be a great distance from their family and community, and/or be one with a terrible record of patient neglect and very poor care.

We would like to speak with patients, families or substitute decision makers who are, or who have had to deal with these new rules. If that is you, or someone in your family, please let us know. Please email or phone Ben Piper who is one of our lawyers at (613) 482-2464 or [bpiper@goldblattpartners.com](mailto:bpiper@goldblattpartners.com).



# UPDATE: United Way – April 2023

Submitted by: Sandra Sahli, Communications Officer

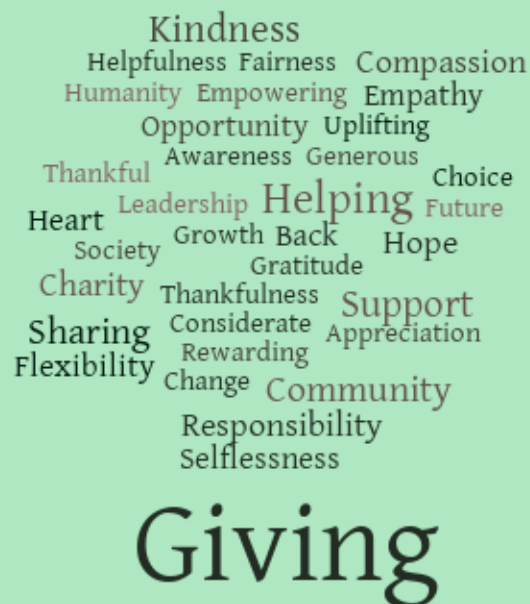
## ARM Chapter 9 Team Named Top Fundraising Team for the 2023 iMove for United Way Event

Once again, the Executive of ARM, Chapter 9, Greater Essex approved registering a team for United Way's second annual virtual fundraiser, **iMove for United Way** held from February 20 to March 5, 2023. To get the team started, your ARM Executive approved a \$250.00 donation to the team. The ARM Chapter 9 team only had one member this year – Sandra Sahli. Our team received incredible support, and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year were the Top Fundraising Team raising \$5,400, far exceeding the team's goal of \$3,000. As well, Sandra Sahli was named the Top Individual Fundraiser.

As the Top Fundraising Team, our ARM Chapter won a \$500.00 Visa Gift Card. We have decided to donate the gift card to Women United who purchase books for kids of all ages and distribute them each summer as part of United Way's Summer Eats for Kids program. As well, Sandra won a bicycle that she has donated back to United Way.

In total, the 2023 *iMove for United Way* raised \$24,546 in support of local kids across Windsor-Essex County through Ignite Academy. United Way is one of the 40+ partners delivering and facilitating this community strategy. Data shows that in some neighbourhoods 36% of children are behind in reading and writing, and 58% are behind in math. There are also big hurdles that many children must overcome, like hunger, mental health issues, lack of necessary school supplies, limited help with schoolwork and unreliable transportation options. This situation makes it extremely difficult for many children to keep up with their peers academically. **Ignite Academy** - was built to directly impact these startling statistics - <https://www.weareunited.com/igniteacademy/>.

The 2023 *iMove for United Way*'s goal was to not only raise funds to support **Ignite Academy** right now, but also to gather the resources necessary to expand into more schools, helping more kids and families across the community in the future. **All donation stays 100% local.**



# **APRIL IS TAX SEASON!**

## **Senior or Disabled Persons Property Tax Reliefs**

The purpose of this program, administered by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, is to ensure that seniors are exempt from any increase in their home's assessed value (which could impact their property taxes) as a result of home renovations undertaken to accommodate the needs of a senior or person with a disability. This tax relief is retroactive to 1984.

The criteria includes:

- You have made renovations to accommodate a senior or person with a disability, and the home has seen an increase in value as a direct result.
- The home improvements that qualify include any addition, improvement or changes that specifically relate to the needs of the senior or person with a disability living in the home, and may include such things as ramps, bathroom alterations, kitchen alterations or additions to your existing home.
- The senior or person with a disability must live in their home as their personal residence, and if the renovations had not been done, the senior or person with a disability would have to live elsewhere with on-site care.
- Approved exemptions remain in place only for as long as the senior or person with a disability resides in the premises as their personal residence.

For more information, <https://www.mpac.ca>

## **Multigenerational Home Renovation Tax Credit**

In its *2022 Fall Economic Statement*, the Government of Canada announced that it would table legislation in Parliament to introduce a new, refundable Multigenerational Home Renovation Tax Credit, which would reimburse up to \$7,500 (ie: 15% of construction costs of up to \$50,000) in support for constructing a secondary suite for a family member who is a senior or an adult with a disability, starting January 1, 2023. The conditions include:

- You must have a qualifying relationship with your family member who is over 65 or disabled and who lives with you.
- You must renovate your current home where you live (not a separate home).
- The construction costs must be eligible expenses (ie: necessary for creating a secondary suite); and
- The construction must be performed on or after January 1, 2023.

For more information visit - <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/federal-government-budgets/budget-2022-plan-grow-economy-make-life-more-affordable/multigenerational-home-renovation-tax-credit.html>

## **Canada Home Accessibility Tax Credit**

This program applies to renovations or adaptations to the principal residence of a senior to make the home safer and more accessible. The residence may be owned by the senior or by a relative of a senior.

This is a non-refundable tax credit. A maximum of \$10,000 per year in eligible expenses can be claimed in the year in which the work was done. If applicable, the claim can be split between the senior's tax form and the tax form of the relative that owns the home where the senior lives.

Eligibility for this tax credit is not reduced if the senior has also received another government tax credit, loan or grant for the work.

The website lists the expenses that are eligible and those that are not. For more information, visit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/federal-government-budgets/budget-2022-plan-grow-economy-make-life-more-affordable/home-accessibility-tax-credit.html>



## Did you know...?

The CALDWELL Band submitted a claim to Point Pelee over 100 years ago. Historical documents found in Library and Archives Canada refer to a 1778 lease of the area from First Nations people with the McCormick family. The provisions of the lease, like many other colonial promises made, were never honoured. Such broken promises have led to the Land Back movement – a rich and complex movement where people return back and find “their place in those systems of life” (Isacc Murdoch)

The CALDWELL FIRST NATION have formed a group helping to protect the environment known as POINT PELEE GUARDIANS?

The group is working to ensure conservation work is being done to help educate Caldwell members on being stewards of the land and water. They also are working to teach Point Pelee staff on First Nation ways of our relationship with all creation.

To learn more about this local Indigenous organization, visit their website <https://www.caldwellfirstnation.ca>

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

### CHANGES TO FUTURE NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The Executive of ARM Chapter 9 has reviewed the practice of mailing hard copies of each newsletter to individuals. The costs of printing and mailing each issue has increased significantly and, after reviewing current & future costs, the Executive has decided that the final hard copy mailing of the newsletter will be in June 2023. As well, effective immediately, the hard copies of the newsletter will be printed in black and white.

After June 2023, a limited number of hard copies of the newsletter will be available for pick up at the OSSTF District 9 office. Starting in October 2023, the Executive will also bring a small number of copies to First Friday breakfasts.

**Chapter 9 News** will continue to be published four times a year: Fall, Winter, Spring, and the Annual General Meeting edition. The newsletters will be distributed to members by email. Please ensure we have your updated email on file. Our June Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be an in-person meeting this June and printed copies of the AGM materials will be available at the meeting.

Current and past newsletter issues are available on the ARM Chapter 9 website.

## STAYING CURRENT



ARM Chapter 9 has an electronic resource so that you can stay informed about things that matter to our membership.

### ARM Chapter 9 Website

[www.armchapter9.ca](http://www.armchapter9.ca)

The Chapter 9 website contains information for Retired members of OSSTF. Current and previous newsletters can be found along with details about the work of your Executive.

The website has been created in an easy-to-navigate format offering our membership uncomplicated access to its content.

If you have suggestions about what you might like included in the website please email

[armchapter9@outlook.com](mailto:armchapter9@outlook.com)

## EarthDay.org & EarthDay.ca

For Earth Day 2023, we need to **act (boldly), innovate (broadly), and implement (equitably)**.

This website offers much information about many topics such as Climate Literacy, ending the use of plastics, planting trees and using your vote to protect our environment. It also provides insight into Sustainable Fashion by exposing the destructive industry in the production of clothing.

On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, find a local activity such as a shoreline clean-up or simply collecting garbage in your neighbourhood. Brighten your yard or nearby park by planting a tree, shrubs or flowers to help out the planet – especially the bees! And don't forget, taking concrete action on April 22nd is good, but every day it even better!

Sources: EarthDay.org & EarthDay.ca



**Due to limited usage, ARM Chapter 9 will no longer be maintaining Facebook or Twitter accounts.**

# Important Information From our friends at OTIP

## Pharmacists able to prescribe for common ailments

As of January 1, 2023, Ontarians can visit pharmacies across the province to receive prescriptions for some of the most common ailments, including rashes, pink eye, insect bites and urinary tract infections with just their health card.

This new service comes in addition to pharmacists being able to renew prescriptions for most medications, such as blood pressure, diabetes and asthma medication.

*Pharmacists will be able to offer prescriptions for 13 common ailments:*

- hay fever (allergic rhinitis);
- oral thrush (candidal stomatitis);
- pink eye (conjunctivitis; bacterial, allergic and viral);
- dermatitis (atopic, eczema, allergic and contact);
- menstrual cramps (dysmenorrhea);
- acid reflux (gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD));
- hemorrhoids;
- cold sores (herpes labialis);
- impetigo;
- insect bites and hives;
- tick bites (post-exposure prophylaxis to prevent Lyme disease);
- sprains and strains (musculoskeletal); and
- urinary tract infections (UTIs).

Individuals should speak to their pharmacist about whether they are able to renew other medications. Depending on their policy, pharmacies may charge a fee for this service.

You are also encouraged to speak to your pharmacist to find out what healthcare services they offer and whether they are right for your needs. **Having the legislated authority to prescribe for minor ailments does not mean that all pharmacists offer or provide this service.**

It is important that you consult your health-care provider if you have concerns about your health.

**For RTIP members**, please log in to the [RTIP plan member secure site](#) to access your RTIP contract for full coverage details.

## How to protect yourself from restoration fraud

No homeowner ever wants to find damage to their home following an extreme weather event or other disaster. In these situations, it is important to quickly find a reputable contractor to help you clean up and restore your home so you can get back to where you started. Unfortunately, there are fraudsters ready to take advantage of these circumstances. That's why the [Insurance Bureau of Canada](#) warns homeowners to watch out for restoration fraud when hiring a vendor to repair their homes.

### **What is restoration fraud?**

Restoration fraud is a type of contractor fraud. It involves a contractor or vendor scamming a homeowner after being hired to perform restoration work — typically following a natural disaster or other emergency. In these cases, the homeowner often needs immediate assistance and wants to get their house back to normal as soon as possible, making it easy for a fraudster to take advantage of the situation. These dishonest individuals may overcharge for their services, use substandard materials, or perform shoddy work.

If insurance is paying to repair the damage to your home as part of a claim, a vendor may overbill for the job, assuming your insurance company will pay the total amount. However, there are limits to what insurance will pay for certain items. That's why it's important to recognize the signs of restoration fraud, so you never end up paying out of pocket for fraudulent charges.

### **Warning signs to look out for**

Being on the lookout for fraud is one of the best actions you can take to support fraud prevention. Here are some common warning signs of restoration fraud to watch out for:

- **High-pressure sales tactics.** The contractor is being pushy and trying to rush you through the process, emphasizing the situation's urgency.
- **Demand for full payment upfront.** The contractor refuses to start work without the total value of the quote being paid upfront.
- **No written contract.** The contractor wants to work out a verbal agreement or cash deal without a contract, typically with the false promise that this will keep costs lower for you.
- **Missing licensing, insurance or permits.** The contractor can't produce proof of licensing or [Workers' Compensation](#) coverage. Necessary building permits aren't issued or posted for significant construction projects, which can cause problems for you down the line.
- **Work beyond the original quote.** The contractor suggests or starts working on unrelated or extra work that was not included in the initial agreement.
- **Unexpected "problems" driving up the cost.** Unforeseen complications can be legitimate, but some fraudsters will make up non-existent "problems" and pressure you to agree to the extra work.

## Fraud prevention tips

Here are some steps you can take to protect yourself from becoming a victim of restoration fraud:

- **Know your rights.** As a consumer, you have rights under your province's Consumer Protection Act. For example, some provinces have limitations on how much a final price can exceed the agreed contract price. Review your provincial Consumer Protection Act to understand your rights and what protections are available to you.
- **Get it in writing.** Ask for a written contract from your vendor and review it closely before work begins. Make sure your contract includes:
  - **The full name of the contractor** you're working with, as well as any subcontractors. Ask for government-issued ID to verify their identity.
  - **Detailed scope of work** that matches or is very close to the original estimate.
  - **The vendor's GST/HST and business license number.** You can verify GST and HST numbers on [Revenue Canada's website](#) and confirm they are registered with the [Better Business Bureau](#).
  - **Payment schedule** with a reasonable upfront deposit and a 'hold back' payment that you will pay only after you've inspected and are satisfied with the work done.
- **Ask for proof of Workers' Compensation insurance.** A professional contractor should have [Workers' Compensation insurance](#), which provides them coverage for medical treatment and salary protection in the case of a work-related injury or occupational disease.
- **Check references.** Ask for and contact references provided by your vendor to ask about their past work.
- **Never agree to cash payments.** A cash payment or underground deal can put you at risk. All payments should be trackable and listed in the agreed-upon payment schedule in your contract. If you do pay in cash, always get a receipt.
- **Document the process.** Take pictures and videos before, during and after the repairs are finished. Ensure the work done matches the work agreed to in your contract.
- **Do your research.** Fraudsters will try to take advantage of an assumed lack of knowledge about the repairs being done to your home. Take control of the situation by educating yourself on the project's key steps to keep vendors accountable.

If you think you've been the victim of restoration fraud, report it. Contact your insurer right away to report the fraud and fill them in on the details of the situation.

In addition to contacting your insurer, you can also:

- Anonymously report suspected fraud to IBC through their [confidential online form](#) or by calling 1-877-IBC-TIPS ([1-877-422-8477](#)).
- Contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at [1-888-495-8501](#) or [info@antifraudcentre.ca](mailto:info@antifraudcentre.ca).

## Wellness is more than a hashtag

Wellness is more than just a term or social media hashtag.

And while it is often confused with terms like health, well-being and happiness, **it is the active pursuit of activities, choices and lifestyles that lead to a state of holistic health.**

People often think about wellness in terms of physical health — diet, exercise, etc., but it is so much more. Wellness refers to the holistic care of your physical, mental and spiritual well-being, fueling your body, engaging your mind and nurturing your spirit.

**It's about living life fully in a way that allows you to be the best version of yourself.**



One way to understand wellness is to consider it as a continuum that extends from unwell to optimal wellness. For example, if everything in your life is going great, but you then begin to feel sad or lonely at times, other areas of your life may be affected, and you likely won't feel as well as you want to. You may begin to distance yourself from colleagues or struggle with feeling motivated. In this case, it takes strength and resiliency to keep moving forward. But it can also take support from others.

## OTIP is here for you

Wellness is not about getting it perfect; it's about getting started. One step at a time.

We encourage you to take the first step in your wellness journey and [check your coverage](#) to see which service providers are covered by your benefits plan or RTIP policy.

## UPDATE: AMPA 2023



On Sunday, March 12, 2023, Delegates of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) elected their Provincial Executive to represent the more than 60,000 members of the Federation. The elected officials will start their two-year term on **July 1, 2023**.

Those elected were Karen Littlewood, President; Martha Hradowy, Vice-President; Malini Leahy, Vice-President; Jeff Denys, Treasurer; Roxanne Beauchamp, Executive Officer; Sherry-Ann Bowen-Gordon, Executive Officer; and Colin Matthew, Executive Officer.

Please note that **Martha Hradowy** was re-elected Vice-President and is a developmental service worker from District 9, Greater Essex. Martha served as President of the District 9 Educational Support Staff bargaining unit before her involvement at the provincial level began in 2017.

Additionally, the Table Officer and Governors representing OSSTF/FEESO at the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) were elected; **Andy Adzic**, a teacher from District 9, Greater Essex, was acclaimed as OTF Governor for a second term. Andy is currently serving as the Chief Negotiator/Contract Maintenance Officer for the Teachers' Bargaining Unit.

History was made at AMPA 2023 as five women were elected from the seven elected positions on the Provincial Executive. In addition, three of the women are members of support staff bargaining units – another first to be acknowledged. Finally, it should also be noted that the newly elected Provincial Executive includes two women of colour and a Metis woman from a French language bargaining unit.



## Plans are underway for the 100th W.D. Lowe high school reunion.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Caboto Club. The school located on Giles Boulevard and Parent Avenue first initially began as Walkerville Technical School before being renamed Windsor-Walkerville Technical School. It was renamed to W.D. Lowe in the 1940s after a former longtime principal.

The core-area high school at its peak in the 1960s and 1970s reached over 1,600 students. But enrollment gradually decreased, and the high school was closed by the Greater Essex County District School Board in 2000.



Portions of the high school have continued to be used since that time for temporary housing for various local elementary schools.

Sponsors are being sought for the school's 100th reunion event with proceeds to be used to maintain the spirit of W.D. Lowe in the local community. Past reunion events saw donations made to Childrens' Aid Society, local Cancer Society and Sport Fest Windsor Organ and Tissue Awareness.

For further information about the 100th Lowe reunion, follow the WD Lowe Reunion Facebook page online or for questions email at [trojanreunion@hotmail.com](mailto:trojanreunion@hotmail.com)

## Plans are underway to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Walkerville Collegiate Institute

**Attention  
Former Tartans,  
Students and Staff**

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the re-union was postponed from 2022 to 2023. The new dates are shown below.

Date: May 18-20, 2023

To receive a registration package and a program of events, please send an email to [walkervilleci100th@gmail.com](mailto:walkervilleci100th@gmail.com) or call either of the following:

Ken Dafoe 519-948-4317

Allan Cruickshanks 519-735-9864

**Please include your name and contact information.** A package will be sent to you by email or regular mail.

There will be no organized events at the school on Thursday, May 18th.

Reunion attendees are encouraged to attend a local establishment to meet fellow Tartans and enjoy a beverage.

Events for May 19th and 20th will be held at the school.

## Noteworthy Dates

Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>  
National Day of Mourning

Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Mother's Day

Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Victoria Day

Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>  
Father's Day

Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup>  
National Indigenous Peoples Day – *chosen because of the cultural significance of summer solstice & a day on which many Indigenous communities in Canada celebrate their heritage.*

July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day

September 4<sup>th</sup>  
Labour Day

September 30<sup>th</sup> National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

## In Memoriam

### • Jim Fleming

Jim Fleming passed away on February 8, 2023. He was a teacher at Leamington District Secondary School and Vincent Massey between 1954 and 1971. The final years of his career established his as a “pioneer of inclusivity and diversity” long before they became official policy.

### • Joseph Tomc

Chapter 9 ARM was saddened to learn of the passing of Joseph Tomc on February 28, 2023. Joseph was a teacher at Sandwich Secondary School for much of his career. He will be missed by family and friends.

### • Ted Symonds

Chapter 9 ARM wishes to acknowledge the February 5, 2023 passing of Ted Symonds. His loss is felt deeply by his family and many friends. Ted enjoyed most of his teaching career at Riverside Secondary School.

### • Gregory Sovan

On March 22, 2023, ‘Greg’ Sovan passed away surrounded by his family. He is remembered as a caring high school English teacher who worked for many years at Walkerville Collegiate.

*As ARM members, the memories of Ted Symonds and Gregory Sovan will be celebrated by Chapter 9 ARM at the September 2023 ceremony where a memorial brick will be unveiled in their honour. Former friends and colleagues are welcomed to attend.*

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### MEMBERSHIP VOICE MATTERS!

This SPRING edition of Chapter 9 News is the third of four planned for this year. The fourth edition will consist primarily of information relating to the June 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting to be held in-person at the District 9 office at 547 Victoria in Windsor.

The Newsletter Editorial Team welcomes submissions for the FALL 2023 edition.

Contributions for the FALL edition can be forwarded to [armchapter9@outlook.com](mailto:armchapter9@outlook.com) by September 29, 2023.

*We look forward to hearing from you!*