

Board Correspondence

January 2024

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January 16, 2024	Coleman Township	Resolution 24-011: Temiskaming District Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee (TDVAWCC). Letter to Premier Ford re: Declaration of intimate partner violence as an epidemic.
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January 24, 2024	Public Health Sudbury & Districts	Resolution #06-24: Household Food Insecurity.



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January 16, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier's Office, Room 281
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Dear Premier Ford:

RE: DECLARATION OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AS AN EPIDEMIC

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is a significant public health issue that has many individual and societal costs. In addition to the personal consequences of Intimate Partner Violence, the costs associated with medical services to treat injuries, lost productivity from paid work, criminal justice and social services total \$10 billion per year in Canada.

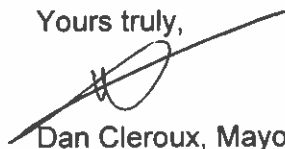
In 2022 there were 785 calls to the Ontario Provincial Police in the District of Timiskaming alone associated with intimate partner violence. Shockingly, 80% of intimate partner violence goes unreported.

We as Public Policy makers have a unique opportunity to make a difference and help reduce the risks to individuals through public education, prevention and supports.

As Premier of Ontario, I encourage you to reconsider your Government's position and join myself and other Ontario municipalities by issuing a formal declaration that Intimate Partner Violence is an epidemic.

Acknowledgement and acceptance that Intimate Partner Violence and Gender-based Violence is at an epidemic state in our Province is the first-step towards meaningful change and effective action.

Yours truly,



Dan Cleroux, Mayor

Copy: Temiskaming District Violence Against Women Committee
Timiskaming Board of Health
John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane

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**Resolution
Regular Council Meeting**



Agenda Number: 11.1.
Resolution Number 24-011
Title: Temiskaming District Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee (TDVAWCC)
Date: Monday, January 15, 2024

Moved by: M. Lubbock
Seconded by: S. Cote

WHEREAS the jury in the Renfrew County Inquest into the deaths of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

WHEREAS recommendation #1 of the inquest is that the Province of Ontario formally declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

WHEREAS every 6 days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and

WHEREAS this past year, in Ontario, 62 women were victims of femicide; and

WHEREAS Indigenous individuals as well as gender- and sexually diverse individuals are particularly at risk to experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS in 2022, in the District of Timiskaming, there were a total of 785 calls to the Ontario Provincial Police associated with intimate partner violence, with 27% resulting in criminal charges with the most common charge being assault; and

WHEREAS, according to Statistics Canada, 80% of intimate partner violence goes unreported; and

WHEREAS violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities nearly \$10 billion dollars per year; and

WHEREAS over 60 municipalities and regions across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic; and

WHEREAS on August 20, 2023, Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario passed a motion declaring intimate partner violence and gender-based violence an epidemic; and

WHEREAS The Township of Coleman recognizes that issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence are matters of local importance with far reaching implications on public health, EMS, and community services; and

WHEREAS the Township of Coleman is another Northern community deeply impacted by Intimate Partner Violence.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT: That Council of the Township of Coleman declare an epidemic in intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in accordance with recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest;

1. That intimate partner violence be integrated into the District of Timiskaming's community safety and well-being plan in accordance with recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest;
2. That Mayor Cleroux be requested to write a letter to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario requesting that the Province of Ontario re-consider their previous decision and declare intimate partner violence and gender-based violence as an epidemic and act on all of 86 recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest

by setting up a provincial implementation committee to oversee comprehensive consideration of all of the recommendations;

3. That a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; Timmins James-Bay MP Charlie Angus; Nipissing-Timiskaming MP Anthony Rota; MPP John Vanthof; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Police Services Board – Temiskaming Shores.

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January 24, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Recipient:

Re: Household Food Insecurity

At its meeting on January 18, 2024, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #06-24:

WHEREAS food security is a chronic and worsening health issue as documented by annual local data on food affordability and as recognized by multiple Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) resolutions: [A05-18](#) (Adequate Nutrition for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program), [A18-02](#) (Minimum Wage that is a Living Wage), [A15-04](#) (Basic Income Guarantee), and [A23-05](#) (Monitoring Food Affordability in Ontario and the Inadequacy of Social Assistance Rates)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts call on the provincial government to incorporate local food affordability findings in determining adequacy of social assistance rates to reflect the current costs of living and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and

THAT in the context of the Public Health Strengthening roles and responsibilities deliberations, the Board of Health urge all health system partners to remain committed to population health assessment and surveillance as it relates to monitoring food environments and, specifically, to monitoring food affordability; and share this motion broadly with local and provincial stakeholders.

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Household food insecurity is one of the strongest predictors of poor health, making it a serious public health issue (PROOF, 2023). Individuals who are food insecure are at higher risk of diet-related diseases like diabetes and are at higher risk for a wide range of chronic conditions such as depression and anxiety disorders, arthritis, and chronic pain. Household food insecurity leaves an indelible mark on children's health and well-being (PROOF, 2023). The experience of food insecurity in childhood is associated with mental health concerns throughout childhood and into early adulthood (PROOF, 2023). In Ontario, the healthcare costs of individuals who are the most food insecure can be more than double that of individuals who are food secure (PROOF, 2023, Tarasuk et al., 2015).

Thank you for your attention to this important issue – the solutions for which will not only help many Ontarians in need but also protect the sustainability of our critical health and social services resources.

Sincerely,



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Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Honourable Peter Bthlenfalvy, Ministry of Finance
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
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Jacqueline Edwards and Jennifer Babin-Fenske, Co-chairs, Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council
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