

May 1, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A5

Re: Deputation by Diane Porteous, on behalf of Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Orillia re: Intimate Partner Violence (IPV).

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting of Council on April 22, 2026, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte received and supported a deputation regarding the above-noted matter.

Be it resolved:

That the deputation by Diane Porteous, on behalf of Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Orillia re: Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) be received.

That Procedural By-Law No. 2023-043, Section 14.8 o) be waived.

And Whereas more than 4 in 10 Canadian women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and 1 in 10 experience it almost daily ;

And Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police have determined that in 2024 there was an 18% increase in intimate partner violence victims compared to 2023 ;

And Whereas North Simcoe Victim Services has had an increase in calls of 64% between 2023 and 2025 ;

And Whereas Green Havens Women's Shelter, which services Oro-Medonte, received more than 1,025 crisis calls in the 2024-2025 period ;

And Whereas the risk of intimate partner violence is 75% higher in rural communities like the Township of Oro-Medonte ;

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Oro-Medonte declares intimate partner violence as an epidemic;

And Further that the Township of Oro-Medonte respectfully requests the Province of Ontario to declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic under the Mayor's signature.

Council wishes to express its sincere appreciation to CFUW Orillia and to all community partners and advocates for their leadership and dedication in addressing intimate partner violence, and for their continued efforts to raise awareness and support those impacted. Council respectfully encourages the Province of Ontario to support the recognition of intimate partner violence as an epidemic and to work in partnership with municipalities to advance meaningful, coordinated action on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randy Greenlaw".

Randy Greenlaw

Mayor

Cc: Travis Kann, Chief of Staff to the Premier of Ontario
Hon. Charmaine Williams, Assoc. Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity
Diane Porteous, CFUW Orillia
Oro-Medonte Council