

# YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

As was addressed in our previous newsletter “membership fees are due upon written notification and must be paid within 6 months of notice”.

Membership runs from Jan 1st to December 31st each year.

**Please accept our newsletter as written notification that your membership fee is now due!**

As of January 2025, the new member fee **structure** will be **\$20.00 per voting member** who must be **a minimum of 18 years of age**. This meets the requirements of ONCA guidelines and our recently revised bylaws.

Note: you can have as many **voting** members as you wish per household simply by submitting the proper fee per family member and indicating which family members the fees cover.

For example, if you send us \$30.00 and we have you listed on our system as a 2 person household (ie: husband and wife) \$20 of that amount will be allocated as a member fee for the Primary name submitted and the other \$10.00 will be allocated as a donation. If you would like both spouses to have voting rights you will be required to send in \$40.00.

As a member of CRTL, you will receive our quarterly newsletters which keep you informed of our activities and current “Pro-Life” news. You also will have voting privileges at our Annual General Meetings, and have the opportunity to participate in various committees, working directly with our Board of Directors to create a visible Pro-Life presence in our community.

Your membership is important to our success and helps us to present a stronger voice in the public forum.

There are various ways to submit your member fee / donation:

- Visit our Canada Helps Page to donate securely online (a transaction fee up to 4% will be deducted from your donation)
- Mail a cheque to the office at the address indicated on your newsletter (sending cash through the mail is not secure)
- eTransfer your funds directly to us at: cambridgerighttolife@gmail.com

## SUPPORT CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my tax-deductible gift.

Annual Membership: \$20 per voting member: ☐ # of members \_\_\_\_\_

Advertising: ☐ Bench Ads ☐ Newspaper ads ☐ Digital ads ☐

Pregnancy Outreach ☐ 24 Hour Helpline ☐ Other : \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the name of the person(s) who will be voting members and to whom your tax receipt should be issued

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



At our 51st AGM held on November 21st the following members put their names forward to stand again as Board Members for 2024-2025. All were voted upon and approved.

Myra Klaassen – President and Chair

Cathy Miedema – Secretary and Pro-Life Advocacy

Suzanne Rerrie – Special Events

Teresa Ferrazzi – Vice Chair

Anna Thompson – Board Member

Michelle Badham – Board Member

Office Staff: Chris O'Neill



Have you considered joining the greatest human rights cause? We are in need of a board member. If you would like to share your time and talents with us, please call the office at 519-623-1850, the commitment is 2 hours a month to attend our board meeting.



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## 19 ONTARIO WOMEN SENT TO U.S. FOR ABORTIONS, COSTING TAXPAYERS OVER \$300,000

From 2023 to 2024, Ontario sent 19 women to the U.S. for abortions which were covered by taxpayer dollars under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan. With an average cost of \$17,382, a pro-life researcher suspects many or all were late-term abortions.

**LIFESITE NEWS, JANUARY 3, 2025**  
**CLARE MARIE MERKOWSKY**

The province of Ontario has paid for 19 women to have their babies aborted in the United States at a taxpayer-covered cost of about \$17,382 per life ended.

According to information published December 18 by pro-life advocate Patricia Maloney, from 2023 to 2024, Ontario sent 19 women to the United States for abortions which were covered by taxpayer dollars under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP).

“Ontario sent 19 women to the United States and OHIP pre-approved these abortions to the tune of \$229,995US or about \$327,608.28 Canadian,” the report found.

“That is \$12,205US or about \$17,381.58 Canadian per abortion,” it continued.



Additionally, the report pointed out that the high cost of the abortion suggests that the procedures were likely to end the lives of third trimester babies. The average cost of third trimester abortions ranges from “a few thousand dollars to over \$25,000, depending on gestation and clinical complexity,” according to the National Library of Medicine.

Third trimester abortions, often performed on babies who can survive outside the womb, are usually carried out through a dilation and evacuation (D&E) procedure. During the abortion, a pair of forceps is inserted into the womb to grasp part of the fetus. The forceps are used to break and twist off the bones of the unborn child.

This process is repeated until the fetus is totally dismembered and removed. Usually, the spine must be snapped, and the skull crushed in

order to remove them.

Another and even more gruesome method for extremely late term abortions, from 30 to 40 weeks, is a partial birth abortion. During this procedure, the abortionist pulls the baby’s leg out into the birth canal using forceps.

The abortionist then delivers the baby’s entire body, except for the head. The abortionist jams scissors into the baby’s skull. The scissors are then opened to enlarge the skull. The scissors are removed, and a suction catheter is inserted. The child’s brains are sucked out, causing the skull to collapse. Finally, the dead baby is removed from his mother.

Abortion activists routinely deny that the violent procedure is carried out as even the most stalwart abortion advocate cannot escape the brutality of the murder of nearly fully developed babies. However, evidence has revealed that late term abortions are being performed across the country.

In October, Students for Life captured notorious abortionist Curtis Boyd eagerly offering advice on facilitating an abortion as late as eight months into pregnancy.

Despite pro-abortion advocates’ claims, more than 50,000 abortions a

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year take place after 15 weeks (almost four months into pregnancy) and approximately 10,000 after 20 weeks (five months), with published data even from pro-abortion sources acknowledging that the majority of those cases do not cite “medical” reasons, of which there aren’t any anyway.

“Don’t let the pro-abortions tell you that Canada isn’t committing very late term/third trimester abortions,” Maloney warned. “Because they do. In this case at least, we just did it in the United States. Oh. And those 19 out of country abortions? That’s only from one province. How many are being done in the rest of Canada?” ■



**SPEAK UP FOR LIFE EVENT**

January 28th was the 37th anniversary of the day the Supreme Court of Canada struck down Canada’s abortion law which took away all legal protection for children in the womb. At that time the Court urged politicians to establish a new abortion law to regulate the procedure. To date, no politician or political party has brought forward any such legislation.

Their lack of attention to this matter has meant the death of over 5 million of our precious preborn children.

Today, in 2025, there is still no means to help our vulnerable preborn in the womb. There are now two proposals to the Federal government that could bring further harm by trying to quiet all Pro-Life groups, including our churches and Pregnancy Resource centres. These two proposals would **(1) revoke charitable status from pregnancy resource centres** and **(2) no longer provide charitable status to anti-abortion organizations.**

We have learned that the committee reviewing these proposals included members from all the major political parties who apparently supported these recommendations. While the Conservative Party had a dissenting opinion in the report, it did not mention or oppose these charitable status recommendations.

Reference: *Government recommends stripping churches, pro-life groups of charitable status* - [www.campaignlifecoalition.com/shared/media/monthlynewsletter/375/newsletter.pdf](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/shared/media/monthlynewsletter/375/newsletter.pdf) (Newsletter tab: Page 3)

As is always the case, we meet with a MP or MPP each

January on or about the anniversary of the date when the Supreme Court of Canada struck down Canada’s abortion law.

With this most troubling news of the proposals to strip the charitable status of not only our Pregnancy Resource Centres, but also all Pro-Life organizations, our letter and in person discussion with MP Bryan May during our “Speak Up” event on January 30th will cover those two issues.

**Here is an excerpt from that letter:**

*...“Recently, we have been alarmed by a couple of government committee recommendations that would attack organizations like our own on the basis of holding pro-life values. The first blow came in form of a threat to revoke charitable status from pregnancy resource centres. And the second, more recent attack is Recommendation #429 embodied within a Finance Committee report, which suggests that, in its next federal budget, the Government of Canada should “no longer provide charitable status to anti-abortion organizations.”*

*“Bryan, we feel that we are under attack simply for holding views contrary to a Liberal platform which, by its policies, appears to consider some human lives more worthy of protection than others. We observe this with sadness and regret; but our government increasingly sponsors more methods of abortion through our own health care systems, donates millions of dollars internationally to fund abortions overseas, and it entertains further expansions for accessibility to medically assisted death: we believe*

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*the evidence speaks for itself.”*

*“In the face of these government trends, Cambridge Right to Life strives, from a positive life-affirming perspective (in contrast to the negative ‘anti-abortion’ label in #429 above) to protect, help and promote respect for all human beings within our community, especially those who are vulnerable, such as preborn babies, women stressed by pregnancy, the elderly, the sick and the disabled.”*

*“Likewise, we hereby speak in defense of our local pregnancy resource centre, DAWN Centre, which supports and enables all women—at their choice—with their unborn babies to thrive through a relationship which fully informs and assists them medically, socially, physically and emotionally from their first visit to the centre through the baby’s birth and early years. DAWN Centre’s purpose is also to affirm human life, not to be anti-abortion. We gratefully acknowledge their caring presence in our community.”*

*“Bryan, once the prorogation of Parliament is over or, if possible, before then, can we count on you to:*

- 1. Speak up for the beneficial contributions that charitable groups make within our community (as well as others), and*
- 2. Oppose the removal of charitable status on the basis of beliefs.”*

*“We believe the positive impact of charities speaking up for and supporting human life at all stages strengthens the physical and moral health of our whole community. These are causes that merit support from our government with continued charitable status, regardless of their pro-life or religious beliefs.”...*

**Action item:** Please consider following up with Mr. May about this concerning issue by emailing [bryan.may@parl.gc.ca](mailto:bryan.may@parl.gc.ca) or calling 519.624.7440 or writing to: MP Bryan May, 534 Hespeler Road, Suite A4, Cambridge ON N1R 6J7. ■

REST IN PEACE



BARBARA ANN HILLER

Barb passed away on January 19, 2025 at the age of 85. Barb was a long time office volunteer with Cambridge Right to Life, always eager to help and always involved in many of our events over the years.

After suffering a stroke a few years back she was not able to help at the office any longer but she continued to join our Life Chains, when she could, sitting in her wheelchair holding her sign, happy to be still involved. Her most recent event was the National Life Chain in October!

We are grateful to Barb for her many years of service and her unwavering commitment to “Life”. May she rest in peace.