



May 21, 2025

BY EMAIL: vmcdonald@hanover.ca

Vicki McDonald
Town of Hanover
341 10th Street, Hanover, ON N4N 1P5

Dear Ms. McDonald,

RE: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15, 2025

I am contacting you on behalf of the Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network (GBEAPN) to make you aware of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). The GBEAPN is a group of organizations and individuals committed to preventing elder abuse through providing public education and awareness about this issue. Providing information about WEAAD is one of our projects to raise awareness about elder abuse.

WEAAD is observed annually on June 15. WEAAD was launched on June 15, 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization. WEAAD was proclaimed to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue.

WEAAD was recognized as a United Nations (UN) Day by UN General Assembly resolution 66/127 adopted in December 2011. The resolution invites all Member States, organizations of the UN system, and other international and regional organizations to observe this day. WEAAD is the one day in the year when the whole world voices opposition to the abuse and suffering inflicted on some members of older generations.

The GBEAPN is asking everyone in Grey and Bruce Counties to help us take a step towards eliminating elder abuse by remembering the importance of respecting older adults on June 15, 2025. We ask the Town of Hanover to draw attention to elder abuse by issuing the attached proclamation for WEAAD. We also ask the Town to fly the WEAAD flag for part of June 2025. Please contact me at 519-370-2200, ext. 33 or at angela.yenssen@gbcl.clcj.ca to obtain the WEAAD flag if this request is approved.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Angela Yenssen (she/her), Chair, Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network



PROCLAMATION
WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY
JUNE 15, 2025

- WHEREAS:** Older adults in the Town of Hanover deserve to be treated with respect and dignity and valued as contributing members of society, imparting a wealth of experience and wisdom in our communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse proclaimed this day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and
- WHEREAS:** The United Nations General Assembly officially recognized this day by resolution 66/127 in December 2011; and
- WHEREAS:** The Town of Hanover recognizes the importance of taking action to invest in creating social change, to **prioritize the prevention of elder abuse and raise awareness to foster a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults and their rights;** and
- WHEREAS:** Elder abuse has a significant impact on the lives of older adults and families; and is not limited to race, gender, culture, or circumstance, and regardless of whether the abuse is physical, emotional, sexual, financial or neglect; and
- WHEREAS:** Ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse; and
- WHEREAS:** Recognizing that it is up to all of us, as **citizens, organizations, communities, and governments, to work collectively to prevent violence and abuse of older adults in their homes and communities;** and
- WHEREAS:** Preventing abuse of older adults through improving and maintaining social and health services and systems such as housing, income security, and safety will improve their quality of life and allow them to live independently and contribute to the vibrancy of our municipality; and
- WHEREAS:** Where there is **respect for human rights, equality, and justice** there can be no abuse; therefore, all residents of the Town of Hanover are urged to join this global movement to promote the Rights of Older Adults and Stop Abuse and Restore Respect.
- THEREFORE;** I, **Sue Paterson, Mayor** of the **Town of Hanover** in the Province of Ontario do hereby proclaim June 15, 2025 as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** and encourage all residents of the Town of Hanover to recognize and celebrate seniors and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our municipality.

Dated on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Signature