



## **NORTHWEST COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC**

### **URGENT MESSAGE TO STAKEHOLDERS**

Premier Doug Ford's recent Ontario budget has cut funding to Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) by \$133 million, which is 30% of LAO's budget, retroactive to April 1, 2019. The 30% cut to the LAO budget has already had a direct negative impact on the Northwest Community Legal Clinic and the services we provide.

The Northwest Community Legal Clinic is committed to upholding the rights of low income people of the Rainy River and Kenora Districts. We improve the quality of our client's lives through legal advice and representation and by also providing public legal education and community development. The most vulnerable persons within a community are those served by community legal clinics.

The budget cuts to Legal Aid Ontario will have a devastating impact on the Northwest Community Legal Clinic's ability to provide legal services to Ontario's most vulnerable population.

We are calling on Premier Ford and Attorney General Caroline Mulroney to make a commitment to access to justice; to respect the commitment of their government to not decrease front line services; and to confirm that funding for community legal clinics will not be decreased.

### **HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP STOP THESE CUTS!**

1. **EMAIL, CALL OR WRITE** to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Caroline Mulroney and your local MPP. **CONTACT INFORMATION** IS provided below. Please send them the **MESSAGE TO PREMIER FORD AND ATTORNEY GENERAL MULRONEY** given below (or compose your own message) urging them to STOP THE CUTS TO LEGAL AID!
2. **TELL US YOUR STORY:** Tell us in your own words how the Northwest Community Legal Clinic, another community legal clinic or anyone in Legal Aid Ontario helped you or someone in your life. **WE NEED TO HEAR YOUR STORIES** of how we helped you, in your words. This will help us defend against imminent LAO budget cuts that will hurt legal-aid services to the people of the Rainy River and Kenora Districts.

**Send us your stories by mail to:** Northwest Community Legal Clinic, 206 Scott Street., Fort Frances, ON P9A 1G7, by fax at (807)274-3141, by email at [wreggie@lao.on.ca](mailto:wreggie@lao.on.ca) or call us at (807)274-5327

**E-MAIL, PHONE OR WRITE TO PREMIER FORD:**

Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
Phone: (416) 325-1941 or TTY 1-800-387-5559  
Fax: (416) 325-3745  
Mail: The Hon. Doug Ford, MPP  
Premier of Ontario  
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**E-MAIL, PHONE OR WRITE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL MULRONEY:**

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**EMAIL, PHONE or WRITE TO YOUR MPP:**

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**ALWAYS CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS IN YOUR EMAIL, OR ELSE YOUR STATUS AS AN ONTARIO RESIDENT/ELIGIBLE VOTER WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED AND YOUR MESSAGE WILL NOT BE PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGED!**

