

# AM ETFO INFO

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## OTIP has an App

Did you know that OTIP has an app? To download it from your app store, search OTIP RAEO.

After you download the app, select your language of choice, choose Health and Dental, and log into OTIP's secure member site as usual (using your OTIP Identification Number, Date of Birth, and Password).

Your OTIP Identification Number can be found on your benefits card.

If you have any issues, contact OTIP Benefit Services at 1-866-783-6847

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## Using Social Media

Social media sites have the potential to provide a number of exciting and innovative ways for members to interact with their classes and the wider school community. They can be used to encourage group discussions, to facilitate collaborative projects, and provide peer-to-peer support. Social media sites also provide opportunities for members to communicate with groups of parents/caregivers and students in an effective and efficient manner.

**Vote. Get involved. Take action.**

On June 2, let's defeat Doug Ford and elect a government that believes in public education.

[BuildingBetterSchools.ca](http://BuildingBetterSchools.ca)



## Contact your Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Immediate, confidential  
help for any concern is  
just a phone call away,

Toll-free, 24 hours a day,  
seven days a week:  
1.800.387.4765 or

visit [http://  
www.shepell.com](http://www.shepell.com)

### Services Offered:

Professional counselling

Financial support

Legal support

Nutrition support

Family support

Health coaching

Naturopathic services

Fitness support

## Did You Know?

Even though the minimum wage is going up to \$15.00, the United Way Perth-Huron's **new living wage for Perth and Huron counties** has been set at **\$17.95 an hour**.

Calculated annually by the SRPC, the Living Wage is based on the living expenses of a family of four with both adults working full-time for 35 hours a week, once government transfers and deductions are taken into account. Everyday expenses included in the calculation are food, housing, utilities, childcare and transportation.

In Perth and Huron Counties the reality is stark; one in two households earn less than the current Living Wage level.

For more information, please check [ontariolivingwage.ca](http://ontariolivingwage.ca) or [perthhuron.unitedway.ca](http://perthhuron.unitedway.ca).

## United Way

Thinking of a Christmas gift for someone? Perhaps you may consider a donation to the United Way in their name. There are so many worthy causes to which we all donate our time, talents and money. Therefore, no matter who and/or what organization you support, know that your contributions are appreciated.

The capital campaign for the UWPH is currently in full swing . The campaign is a little behind this year compared to last year's total at this date. If you have donated, thank you! If you wish to donate there should be forms in each school. You may also choose to donate online, <http://perthhuron.unitedway.ca/>. Perhaps, as a school community you could consider making a donation. The United Way supports many worthy causes in each of our schools that directly have a positive impact on children. All of our communities benefit. Thank you for your support!



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The Avon Maitland Teachers' Local is the union local in the Huron Perth area for the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario. The Avon Maitland Teachers' Local represents all of the 650 full and part time elementary teachers employed by the Avon Maitland District School Board.

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## Getting Ready to Retire

Thinking of retirement (5 years or earlier):

- Plan to attend a Retirement Workshop
- Apply for iAccess at <https://members.otpp.com>
- Get a pension estimate
- Choose a survivor benefit At two years:
- Get a pension estimate update
- Review survivor benefits

During your last year of work:

1. Get a pension estimate update
2. Review survivor benefits
3. Call the ETFO office regarding LTD
4. Collect required documents:

Birth certificate

Marriage or statutory declaration of common law relationship certificate (if applicable)

Spouse's birth certificate (if applicable)

Separation or divorce certificate (if applicable)

## Dates to Remember

November 17 - Retirement Planning Workshop (Zoom)

November 18 - TPA Workshop (Zoom)

December 8 - Executive Meeting

December 20 - January 2 - Christmas Break

February 1 - PA Day for Assessment and Reporting