

Township of Wainfleet

"Wainfleet - find your country side!"

April 11, 2013

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Motion to Declare the Township of Wainfleet is Not a "Willing Host" for Wind Turbine Development (C-123-2013)

Dear Premier,

Please be advised that Council for the Township of Wainfleet, at its meeting held on April 9th, 2013, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Premier of Ontario has recently conveyed the Government's desire to limit Industrial Wind Turbine (IWT) Projects to communities that are willing hosts;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Wainfleet has received a clear message from its residents that they are not willing to host to IWTs in Wainfleet;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Wainfleet has taken a consistent position on the issue of IWTs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Wainfleet applauds the position taken by the Premier and the Government;

AND THAT based on the consistent position of Council for the Township of Wainfleet and the input received from the community regarding IWTs, the Province of Ontario and specifically the Ministry of Environment be now advised that the Township of Wainfleet is not a "willing host" for IWTs;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, as well as to the Minister of Environment, Minister of Energy, Minister of Rural Affairs and to all Ontario municipalities for their support and endorsement.

A copy of the signed Resolution is enclosed for your records. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



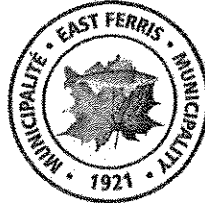
Scott Luey
CAO/Deputy Clerk

SL/sd

Encl.

cc: Honourable, Jim Bradley, MPP, Minister of the Environment
Honourable Bob Chiarelli, MPP, Minister of Energy
Honourable Jeff Leal, MPP, Minister of Rural Affairs
All Ontario Municipalities (via email)

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Corbeil, Ontario
March 12, 2013, Session No. 2013-82

Moved by: Terry Kelly

Seconded by: Dan Corbeil

WHEREAS the Governments of Canada and Ontario have been in negotiations with the Algonquins of Ontario for over 21 years;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of these negotiations is to resolve a land claim by the Algonquins of Ontario including the acquisition of crown land, harvesting rights and a cash settlement;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada and Ontario are working towards an Agreement in Principle and ultimately a land claim settlement;

AND WHEREAS the land claim will include some of the crown lands within the boundaries of the Municipality of East Ferris;

AND WHEREAS the crown lands of this Province are public lands that are there for all the people of the Province of Ontario to access and use for recreational purposes;

AND WHEREAS until more recently, these negotiations have been confidential allowing no involvement from municipalities and the general public;

AND WHEREAS some of the selected crown lands have multiple private access laneways to permanent residences;

AND WHEREAS the selection of such crown lands and transfer in fee simple may lead to future issues and conflicts which the municipality will have to deal with;

AND WHEREAS some of the selected crown lands are not the most suitable for development purposes;

AND WHEREAS there are other parcels of crown land which would be more suitable for development purposes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris does not support the transfer of all of crown lands to the Algonquin First Nations;

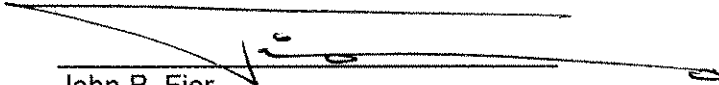
AND FURTHER THAT no crown lands over which individual home owners access their private residences should be transferred to the Algonquins of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris respectfully requests a meeting with the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and the Minister of Natural Resources to discuss our concerns over the land selection process;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; the Hon. David Zimmer, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs; the Hon. David Oraziotti, Minister of Natural Resources; Jay Aspin, MP (Nipissing-Timiskaming); Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing); the Negotiation Team for the Algonquin Land Claim; and, all municipalities within the land claim area.

Carried

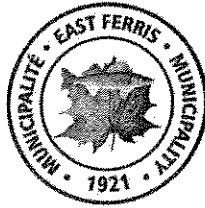
This is a true certified copy of
Resolution No.2013-82 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 12th day of March, 2013.



John B. Fior
CAO/Clerk

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Corbeil, Ontario
October 9, 2012, Session No.13

Moved by: Dan Corbeil
Seconded by: Terry Kelly

WHEREAS the Governments of Canada and Ontario have been in negotiations with the Algonquins of Ontario for the past 21 years;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of these negotiations is to resolve a land claim by the Algonquins of Ontario including the acquisition of Crown land, harvesting rights and a cash settlement;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada and Ontario are working towards an Agreement in Principle and ultimately a land claim settlement;

AND WHEREAS Council is concerned that any settlement may impact on the Crown lands within the boundaries of the Municipality of East Ferris;

AND WHEREAS the Crown Lands of this Province are public lands that are there for all the people of the Province of Ontario to access and use for recreational purposes;

AND WHEREAS these negotiations have been confidential allowing no involvement from the general public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris does not support the transfer of Crown Lands to the Algonquin First Nations;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Negotiation Team for the Algonquin Land Claim.

Carried

This is a true certified copy of
Resolution No.13 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 9th day of October, 2012


John B. Fior
CAO/Clerk



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Dear Community Leader,

On behalf of the Ontario Convenience Stores Association (OCSA) and the many convenience store retailers across this province, I would like to address a serious problem impacting not only small businesses in our communities, but the safety and security of our residents.

The distribution and sale of contraband (illegal) tobacco is a growing concern throughout Ontario. The sale of contraband hurts small business and government through tax evasion, resulting in millions of dollars in lost tax revenue annually. The sale of contraband also contributes to organized crime schemes and the deterioration of community safety; according to the RCMP, over 175 organized crime groups are involved in the distribution of contraband tobacco in Canada. It is a serious public safety concern that must be addressed at all levels.

The health and safety of our young people is also at risk. Contraband is sold at very low prices and without age verification checks, making it highly accessible to young people, who should not be smoking at all.

The Ontario government has taken the important step of addressing contraband tobacco in their 2012 provincial budget. Measures in that budget included increased fines for those convicted of contraband offenses, more authority for law enforcement officials to deal with these offences, and working with other jurisdictions to help tackle the contraband problem.

We ask that you join over 50 municipalities in supporting a motion which ensures the timely implementation of the proposed measures set out by the Minister of Finance.

Attached, you will find our proposed motion which has been passed by municipalities representing 43% of the Ontario population. Communities including Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, London, Windsor, Oshawa, Mississauga and North Bay have all supported stopping the spread of contraband tobacco by passing this motion.

I hope that Ontario's convenience store retailers can count on your support to address this vital community safety and health issue.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Bryans', is written over a white background.

Dave Bryans
CEO, Ontario Convenience Stores Association (OCSA)

PROPOSED MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCIL

WHEREAS Contraband tobacco has negative public consequences and impacts such as unrestricted youth access to tobacco products, and an increase in criminal activity

AND WHEREAS contraband tobacco products are easily accessible in our community;

AND WHEREAS small businesses are sometimes forced to close because of the sale of contraband tobacco;

AND WHEREAS small business in our community and government in general stand to benefit from the institution of tougher restrictions on contraband tobacco;

THEREFORE be it resolved that this Council request the Mayor write a letter to the Ontario Minister of Finance in support of the Ontario Government's 2012 Budget commitments to eradicate contraband tobacco through the implementation of additional regulatory, enforcement and other provisions in Bill 186 and amendments to the Tobacco Tax Act. Particularly, in support of measures such as:

- increased fines for those convicted of offenses related to contraband tobacco;
- more authority for law enforcement officials with respect to: forfeiture of items seized, and impounding of vehicles.
- drawing on the best practices of other jurisdictions and working collaboratively with the federal government and other jurisdictions to enhance contraband tobacco control through joint enforcement efforts.

AND that the provincial government be encouraged to continue to strengthen their strategies to address the manufacture and supply of contraband tobacco and maintain their commitment to introduce amendments this fall to implement these measures.

AND that surrounding municipalities be made aware of the actions taken by this Council to address the concerns presented by contraband tobacco.

TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT (FROM THE 2012 ONTARIO BUDGET)

Tobacco use continues to be the leading cause of preventable disease and premature death in Ontario. The government's Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy has made the province a leader in tobacco control. Ontario remains committed to reducing smoking among youth and other vulnerable persons, and to achieving the lowest smoking rate in Canada.

As part of this commitment, the government intends to take the necessary steps to increase fines on those convicted of selling tobacco to youth and to impose stronger sanctions for repeat offenders of Ontario's tobacco-related laws. These sanctions would include prohibiting a retailer from selling tobacco products or lottery tickets and would be implemented by the fall.

The availability of cheap, illegal tobacco makes it easier for non-smokers, especially youth, to start smoking, and removes an incentive for smokers to quit, undermining the government's policies to reduce smoking.

The government will work with key partners to further educate the public about health and social problems associated with tobacco and will undertake research to help measure the impact of its tobacco strategies on smoking levels in the province.

Ontario has also committed to doubling enforcement efforts to address the supply of cheap, illegal tobacco. As part of this commitment, the government will focus on the implementation of additional regulatory, enforcement and other provisions in Bill 186, which was enacted in 2011.

With the goal of enhancing oversight over the distribution of raw leaf tobacco in the province, Bill 186 provides for the regulation of raw leaf tobacco under the *Tobacco Tax Act*, effective October 1, 2012. In this context, raw leaf tobacco includes flue-cured tobacco as well as black and burley tobacco, and it also includes fully or partially processed tobacco. Tobacco growers, dealers, processors, importers, exporters and certain transporters will be required to register and report with the Ministry of Finance in order that this key component in the manufacture of tobacco products can be tracked throughout the supply chain. As the regulations are drafted, the Ministry of Finance will consult with key stakeholders including First Nations leadership.

Ontario also proposes to introduce amendments to the *Tobacco Tax Act* in the fall to provide additional enforcement and compliance tools. As part of this process, the government is actively exploring a number of measures, including:

- increased fines for those convicted of offences related to illegal tobacco;
- enabling law enforcement officers to ticket those found with smaller amounts of untaxed, illegal tobacco;
- impounding vehicles used to transport illegal tobacco;
- providing for the use of court-authorized tracking devices;
- forfeiture of items seized as evidence of a contravention of the *Tobacco Tax Act*;
- authorizing a vehicle to be stopped, detained and searched if there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that it contains raw leaf tobacco and, if there has been a contravention, to seize that tobacco;
- strengthening the registration system for retail dealers;
- replacing Ontario's yellow tear tape with the federal stamp;

- adopting best practices that have proven to be effective in other provinces; and
- strengthening other provisions to improve the effectiveness of the statute in meeting the government's commitments.

Consultation and discussions with stakeholders and key partners, including First Nations communities and organizations, will take place as part of this process.

Ontario will continue its ongoing dialogue with First Nations communities and organizations, band councils, and on-reserve tobacco manufacturers with the goal of expanding its understanding of tobacco issues on reserves. The government will also work with First Nations to explore ways to modernize the system for allocating untaxed tobacco products as well as options related to First Nations self-regulation of tobacco on reserve.

The availability of cheap, illegal tobacco is a significantly complex issue and requires the active involvement of governments of neighbouring provinces; the federal government; First Nations leadership; and numerous policing and enforcement agencies including the Ontario Provincial Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, First Nations policing services, municipal public health units and municipal police services. The ministry will continue to actively build relationships with other ministries, governments, First Nations leadership, and various enforcement agencies to work together on common goals and share best practices.

Ontario is working collaboratively with the federal government and other provinces to enhance tobacco enforcement. To effectively address illegal tobacco, joint tobacco enforcement and administration agreements are needed between Ontario, other provinces and jurisdictions, and various federal agencies. Ontario is particularly concerned about the impact of the proposed relocation of the Canada–U.S. border crossing currently located in Cornwall.

Over the next three years, the implementation of Bill 186 measures as well as the proposed measures to address illegal tobacco would raise revenues of \$375 million. By 2014–15, additional annual revenue would be \$175 million, with additional annual enforcement costs of \$34 million.

Source: 2012 Ontario Budget: Chapter IV: Tax and Pension Systems, March 2012

How Can Your Municipality Help?

In its 2012 budget, the Ontario government introduced a variety of measures that will help eradicate contraband tobacco, including more power for law enforcement, tougher fines for violators, and working with other jurisdictions to eliminate this serious problem. These will be enforced through the Tobacco Tax Act and Bill 186.

We are asking for municipal governments and community leaders to take action by passing a supportive motion at their local councils. Specifically, we're requesting the Mayor of a municipality to write a letter to the Ontario Minister of Finance in support of the Ontario Government's anti-contraband commitments, in an effort to eliminate contraband tobacco.

Our towns, villages and cities are the ones that feel the impact of contraband tobacco, which affects their local economies and community safety. Support from our municipalities will continuously remind the government how important the issue of contraband tobacco is in ensuring safer, more prosperous communities.

Municipalities that have already taken action include:

Ajax	Fort Erie	La Salle	Sudbury
Aurora	French River	Lincoln	Thunder Bay
Brantford	Ganonoque	London	Waterloo
Belleville	Grimsby	Mississauga	Windsor
Brockville	Haldimand	Niagara Region	Muskoka District
Burlington	Hamilton	Oshawa	
Cambridge	Kingston	Sault Ste. Marie	
Cornwall	Kitchener	Richmond Hill	

And many others across the province.

About Ontario's Convenience Stores

- More than 10,000 convenience stores in Ontario
- Industry employs over 75,000 individuals
- Economic footprint of \$5.5 billion annually
- 2.7 million customers visit a convenience store every day in Ontario
- For family-run stores, tobacco sales can account for up to 60% of store revenue

"We Expect I.D." Program

- Program created to train, test and certify convenience store employees on their legal obligations when selling age-restricted products
- Used throughout 8,000 locations across Ontario
- Program available in English, French and Korean
- Currently available as online training



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What You Need to Know

Ontario Convenience Stores Association

How Contraband Tobacco Impacts Our Communities

What Is Contraband Tobacco?

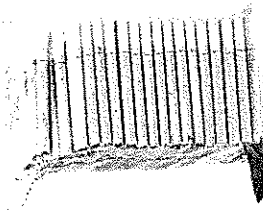
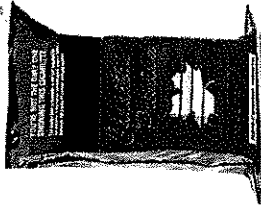
- Illegal cigarettes, or "contraband tobacco", are products that do not comply with Canada's tobacco regulations – such as labelling/ health warnings, importation, stamping, manufacturing, distribution and taxation.
- Contraband cigarettes are typically manufactured in illegal facilities on First Nations reserves in both Canada and the US. These products are sold and distributed via 350 smoke shacks in Ontario and Quebec, which sell baggies of 200 contraband cigarettes for as little as \$10 - \$15 per baggie.

How does it impact my community?

- Supports organized crime, putting communities at risk. The spread of contraband results in the growth of an underground, illegal economy. The RCMP has identified over 175 organized crime groups involved in the contraband trade.
- Lost revenue for government and small business: Contraband products are not subject to all levels of taxation and can be purchased at a much lower cost to consumers than legal products, resulting in lost revenue from taxes. This adds up to millions of dollars annually that could be used towards alternative government spending, including municipal funding. It also results in less sales for convenience stores, ultimately leading to store closures.
- More accessible to young people: Contraband products are sold without age verification checks, making them far more accessible to young people to whom they are sold without mandated health warnings.

What Does Contraband Look Like?

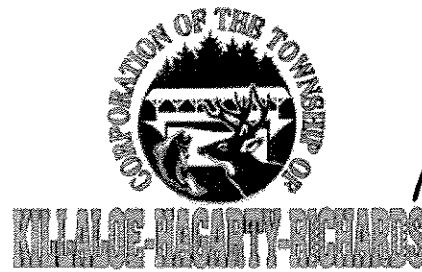
From baggies to knockoffs, contraband comes in many different forms. These products are sold without age verification checks, tax-free, and without adhering to any of the tobacco industry's manufacturing requirements.



Some important facts about

contraband tobacco:

- Organized crime groups are extensively involved in the distribution of contraband tobacco. When you buy contraband tobacco products you contribute to a major underground economy worth hundreds of millions of dollars.
- Profits from the sale of contraband tobacco are used to fund other illegal activities, such as the movement of drugs, weapons and money laundering operations. Contraband tobacco sales also support the sale of tax-exempt gasoline to those not on reserve. New fuel stations constructed on reserve are selling fuel at \$0.10 to \$0.12 cents cheaper than other businesses.
- There are 6 categories of contraband tobacco:
 - ⇒ Cigarettes that are illegally manufactured by unlicensed producers.
 - ⇒ Cigarettes legally purchased in the US at a lower price, and illegally imported across the border
 - ⇒ Counterfeit name-brand cigarettes that are illegally manufactured in other jurisdictions and imported into Ontario.
 - ⇒ "Secondary run" cigarettes produced at legal tobacco manufacturing plants, but are unclaimed, not subject to Ontario's tax regime, and distributed through the underground market
 - ⇒ Tax-exempt (excise only) cigarettes sold to First Nations communities, identified with a peach coloured band, that are sold to non-Natives, tax-free, and for a lower cost.
 - ⇒ Tax-exempt (PTT and excise only) sold through legal retail channels to non-status natives, who then re-sell them to the public through the underground market.



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April 17, 2013

Dave Bryans
CEO, Ontario Convenience Stores Association
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Dear Mr. Bryans

Re: Proposed Motion on Contraband Tobacco

In reference to the above and further to your letter, please be advised that Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards passed a resolution at its Regular Meeting on April 2, 2013 to support stopping the spread of contraband tobacco.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Yours truly

Susan Sheridan, CMO
Deputy CAO Clerk-Treasurer

SS/dcao

cc: Ontario Minister of Finance
Municipalities in Ontario

Encl:



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WHITEWATER REGION**

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April 17, 2013

**Moved by: Cathy Regier
Seconded by: Izette McBride**

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AND WHEREAS small business in our community and government in general stand to benefit from the institution of tougher restrictions on contraband tobacco;

THEREFORE be it resolved that this Council supports the Ontario Government's 2012 Budget commitments to eradicate contraband tobacco through the implementation of additional regulatory, enforcement and other provisions in Bill 186 and amendments to the Tobacco Tax Act., in support of measures such as:

- Increased fines for those convicted of offenses related to contraband tobacco;
- More authority for law enforcement officials with respect to: forfeiture of items seized, and impounding of vehicles;
- Drawing on the best practices of other jurisdictions and working collaboratively with the federal government and other jurisdictions to enhance contraband tobacco control through joint enforcement efforts;

AND that the provincial government be encouraged to continue to strengthen their strategies to address the manufacture and supply of contraband tobacco and maintain their commitment to introduce amendments this fall to implement these measures.

AND that surrounding municipalities be made aware of the actions taken by this Council to address the concerns presented by contraband tobacco.

Carried by
Jim Labow

April 22, 2013

Dear Mayors/Municipal Clerks

April 2nd, 2013 marked a historical day in Canada for the Autism community, for the first time Canadians recognized World Autism Awareness Day.

On behalf of Autism Ontario and our sponsor BMO, we would like to thank you for taking part in the Raise the Flag Initiative and acknowledging April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day. We appreciate you having the flag provided raised in recognition of all those in your community who have a family member or friend diagnosed with ASD. There were over 500 flags raised across the province creating awareness!

We had over 70% of the municipalities take part; truly a great success for our first year. Flags were raised on flag poles, put in local community centres, attached to walls and desks in communities across the province. We also had community service providers, emergency services, schools and several restaurants (including McDonalds) eager to take part. We heard stories of families and their children with ASD standing alongside local leaders and supporters about the joys and challenges of lives lived with ASD in Ontario.

For those who were not able to take part we hope that you will consider joining us next year. Although some of you were not able to take part this year we were thrilled to hear that some may even consider changing their by-laws regarding flag raising due to our request to help create autism awareness in their community for next year.

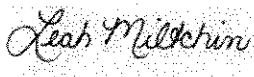
We ask that you please keep the flag provided to rise every year; Autism Ontario will be making the Raise the Flag Initiative an annual campaign for World Autism Awareness Day.

As with any new project, along the way you find things that you would like to do differently in the future. We would appreciate your suggestions on how we could do things differently to better suit the needs of your municipality. We have coordinated a brief survey that we would appreciate you completing for us: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/municipalitieswaad>

Our goal for World Autism Awareness Day 2014 is to expand the campaign to include schools from all three school boards, emergency services, and other new supporters across the province.

Thanks again for your involvement in our first annual Raise the Flag Initiative and look forward to your participation annually to help create awareness in your community.

Regards,



Leah Miltchin
Autism Ontario President



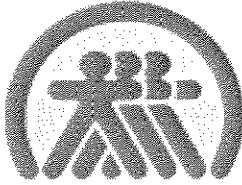
Margaret Spoelstra
Executive Director



Katherina Symes
Community Resources Manager



Photo from left: Stuart Arkett, Councillor Perth South; Lizet Scott, Clerk; Rebecca Clothier, Treasurer; Emily Patterson, support worker; Nicolas Graham; Heidi Holdsworth, Autism Ontario Huron Perth Chapter.
Photo by Terry Manzo.



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April 9, 2013

Dear Member Worksite

In view of the size of your worksite (less than 20 employees), we are unable to provide site specific information. Attached please find the quarterly thematic issues chart representative of all member sites. The reporting period is from January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2013.

Across all member worksites, Valley EFAP supported **72** clients in **200** sessions during the first quarter. **11** crisis clients received services within 24 hours and **3** site consults addressed supervisory issues with managers.

Our upgraded website remains a great source of information - program services, links to both community resources and web based screening tools, and topic itemized resource library. Our lending library continues to be one of Valley EFAP's defining assets, and we strongly promote usage. In the first quarter of 2013, 20 books, videos and/or DVD's have been borrowed by our worksite members.

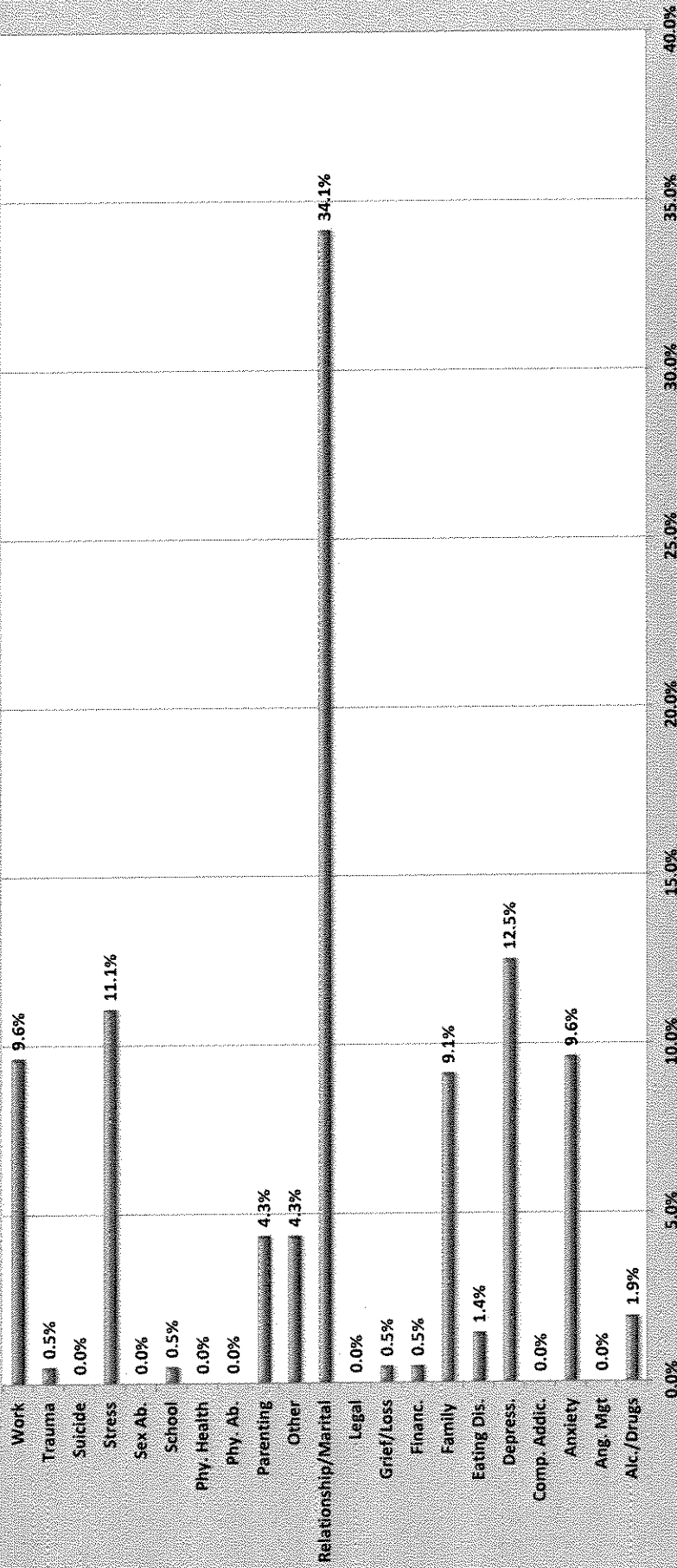
Please keep in mind that results of usage has a direct relation to the amount of education and awareness in the workplace. Please continue to ensure Valley EFAP visibility in your worksite i.e. distribution of the bi-monthly *Connections* newsletter, available business cards etc.

I look forward, in partnership with your organization, to making Valley EFAP a better service for you.

Yours Truly,

Shelley TerMarsch
Administrator Valley EFAP

Thematic Issues Addressed in Session - VEFAP 1st Quarter 2013
 (based on 200 sessions)



*Other = Career, Peers, Sexuality, Social Skills, Transitions, Coping etc.