

November 18, 2025

**Saugeen Shores Mayor Charbonneau
and Council Members
600 Tomlinson Dr.,
Port Elgin, ON NOH 2C0**

Dear Mr. Honorable Mayor and Members of the Council:

INVITATION TO DECEMBER 6TH VIGIL

On behalf of the over 100 members of CFUW Southport, we warmly invite each member of the Saugeen Shores Council to attend the upcoming December 6th Vigil. This important event commemorates the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

CFUW Southport has proudly hosted this vigil for the past 34 years, providing a space for reflection, solidarity, and commitment to ending violence against women. Your presence would be greatly valued as we honor this significant day together.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MUNICIPAL SUPPORT

We would also like to express our gratitude to the Town of Saugeen Shores for its support of the upcoming Vigil, which will take place at the Plex. This backing from the Town is greatly valued and underscores the importance of community collaboration in hosting events dedicated to remembrance and action against violence toward women. The Council's assistance in providing the venue helps ensure that the Vigil will be a meaningful and inclusive occasion for all who attend. Further, we respectfully request that you lower Town flags and promote this event, as you have done for many years. Your leadership as individuals and as a Council makes a significant difference.

RECOGNITION OF SAUGEEN SHORES COUNCIL'S LEADERSHIP

CFUW Southport wishes to express sincere gratitude to the leadership of the Saugeen Shores Council for their decisive action to declare Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an epidemic. The Council's leadership sends a clear message that IPV is not just an individual issue but one that affects women, children, families and entire communities. This collective action underscores the importance of community-wide efforts to confront and end violence against women.

Education is an essential tool for preventing gender-based violence (GBV) and intimate partner violence (IPV). Violence Prevention Grey Bruce is leading a prevention initiative that will help people to recognize the warning signs, how to respond safely and effectively, and where to refer to find help in the community. **Neighbors, Friends and Family** is a one hour online course provided by the **Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children at Western University**. We can educate ourselves so we can be confident to act when needed.

Our sincerest thanks for your support! We look forward to seeing you on December 6th at noon at the Plex.

Kind regards,

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Co-Chairs, Vigil Committee

