



## THE RIGHT TO LIFE

*Association of Thunder Bay and Area*

**LIFE – Precious at all Stages**

**FALL / WINTER 2025**



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### **MAID SOLELY FOR MENTAL ILLNESS – Unthinkable Expansion Possible March 2027**

In June 2025, at the Alliance for Life Ontario (AFLO) AGM and Conference held in Guelph, Ontario, M.P. Tamara Jansen made a surprise appearance to update participants of her Private Members Bill (PMB) C-218 the “Right to Recover Act”, which calls for a halt to the planned expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) solely for mental illness, previously delayed until March 17, 2027.

MP Tamara Jansen’s very moving speech at the first Debate for Bill C-218 that took place in the House of Commons on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, can be viewed through a link on the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) website at: <https://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2025/12/tamara-jansen-speech-in-house-of.html> MP Andrew Lawton, who co-sponsored the Private Members Bill, also spoke, drawing largely from his personal experience with mental illness. His speech is also posted on the EPC website and can be viewed at: <https://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2025/12/andrew-lawton-mp-speech-in-parliament.html>

the meeting, MP Jansen encouraged participants to share information about Bill C-218, encourage others to sign the petition, and to meet with local MPs to ask them to support her PMB.

Those wishing to show their support for Bill C-218 can still do so by signing the petition at <https://nomaidformentalillness.ca/>

### **LIFE CHAIN HUGE SUCCESS**

On Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, approximately 90 people lined Red River Road for the annual Life Chain, a national event organized by Campaign Life Coalition which is held in 350 locations across the country. Life Chain signs include messages such as “Abortion Kills Children”, “Abortion Hurts Women”. In Thunder Bay, the hour-long silent prayerful witness for life began and ended with the group gathering for prayer and was followed by fellowship over refreshments and snacks. The next Life Chain will take place Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Join us!



**ABORTION**

**ADOPTION:  
A LOVING  
OPTION**

**HURTS  
WOMEN**



In September 2025, MP Jansen was in Thunder Bay promoting her PMB C-218. She attended meetings with interested groups including a meeting attended by 34 people from various Christian denominations, as well as medical professionals, an

author, and Right to Life Board members. During

## PRO-LIFE BOOTH AT EMO FAIR

Thanks to Petra Gerber, there was a pro-life booth at the Emo Fair August 14-16, with materials supplied by Thunder Bay Right to Life Association. Your support of Right to Life enables us to provide these resources for the Emo Fair.

Petra's Review: *There were quite a few people showing up at our booth. Most of the comments were positive. People like the Touch of Life Fetal Models! It's always special to see how children hold the models, and grandparents or parents explain to them about a baby in a mother's womb. The book from Abby Johnson interested people. Different people were interested in the book "Pro Life 101" (Scott Klausendorf). The "little babies" (silicone fetal models) all went. People like them!*

*Thank you for all the supplies I get from you each year. I appreciate it!*



## IS GOD CALLING YOU TO VOLUNTEER FOR LIFE?

There are currently vacancies on the Right to Life Board. If you are unable to commit to the Board, there are many opportunities to volunteer, such as arranging food for our events, helping to organize activities, installing and maintaining billboards, delivering newsletters, communications, etc.

If you are interested, please send an email to [info@thunderbay.life](mailto:info@thunderbay.life)

Most importantly, please pray for the success of our work at promoting life, which is especially needed in the current culture.

## BILLBOARDS: PROGRESS CONTINUED IN 2025

We are pleased to report that progress continued to be made this Summer and Fall on new as well as existing area highway billboards. Old faded ones have been replaced and new billboards have been installed facing both eastward and westward traffic on Highway 11-17 (Arthur Street W.) near the McFarland Road intersection and on a farm site close to Hwy 130 and Arthur St. W. and Twin City Crossroads intersection.



Please pray that our billboard messages and images will awaken the public to the fact that Canada has no law to protect the unborn at any gestational stage, and that they influence people to choose life.

It is through your support that we are able to fund the required permits and materials.

THANK YOU!

Also, a very special thanks to Tim Janssens and Tiemon Schelhaas, two committed men who, despite their age (both are seniors), volunteer to do the difficult work of installing, repairing, maintaining and replacing billboard signs. If you can help them, please offer!





## **2024 EUTHANASIA NUMBERS RELEASED: Health Canada Sixth Annual Report on MAiD Indicates 16,499 People Died by Euthanasia**

According to the Health Canada report, 16,499 Canadians died by euthanasia in 2024, a 6.9% increase over the previous year (15,427 in 2023) and representing 5.1% of all Canadian deaths. Alarming, euthanasia deaths for people who are not terminally ill (Track 2) increased by 17%. Alexander Schadenberg of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition explains, "It is important to note that people who die by euthanasia based on Track 2 approval tend to be younger, are more likely to be women, and far more likely to be living with a disability."

Canada's MAiD practices had already drawn the attention of the United Nations back in March 2025, when the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) asked the government to repeal Track 2 of MAiD because it is "based on negative, ableist perceptions of the quality and value of life of persons with disabilities," resulting in disproportionate effects on marginalized Canadians. The report also criticized the Canadian government for offering MAiD as a relief for people for whom it failed to provide proper services and supports such as health care, housing, employment opportunities and financial support.

From the passing of the MAiD legislation in 2016, until December 31, 2024, there have been 76,475 deaths by euthanasia reported in Canada.



## **RTL 2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND YEAR-END DONATIONS**

Memberships expire at the end of December each year. Beginning in October, you can renew for the following year. Thank you to all who have already renewed their 2026 Membership! Your newsletter is being sent with a Membership Renewal form which can be mailed in, or you can also renew online at our website [www.thunderbay.life](http://www.thunderbay.life).

Our latest newsletter, which will also be distributed to churches and church groups in the new year, will also be sent with Membership Applications for New Members. Please encourage your family, friends, church leaders and acquaintances to become members. (**NOTE:** *We apologize for the delayed distribution to churches and church groups but this is due to our newsletter editor having suffered an accident and recovering from a broken wrist. Your patience along with prayers for healing are appreciated.*)

Your continued support, through your membership and donations, helps us continue to do the work of promoting and defending life. THANK YOU!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Annual General Meeting (AGM) Right to Life Association of Thunder Bay & Area:**

- April 2026, Thunder Bay
- Keynote speaker to be announced
- Board of Directors elections

#### **National March for Life & Youth Summit:**

- May 14 & 16, 2026, Ottawa
- RTL will subsidize Members
- See <https://marchforlife.ca/>

#### **Alliance For Life Ontario (AFLO) AGM & Conference:**

- June 19-20, 2026, Windsor

#### **National Life Chain:**

- Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026, Thunder Bay
- location to be announced.

## RACHELS VINEYARD -

### A RETREAT FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY ABORTION



For more information about this program, visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call the Program Coordinator at 807-767-7420.

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and wish you  
could reverse  
the effects of the  
abortion pill, we  
are here to help!**

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## DONATION FORM & MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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I am interested in becoming a Member of the Right to Life Association of Thunder Bay and Area.

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I am already a Member. Please renew my Membership for 2026.

Family \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Single adult \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Single Senior/Student/Disabled \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Church / Church Group Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

***I would like to make a donation to the General Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_***

I would like to receive newsletters & notices by: Mail (paper) \_\_\_\_\_ or Email (digital) \_\_\_\_\_

Do not send cash in the mail. Send cheque (payable to The Right to Life Association of Thunder Bay and Area) at address at the top of this newsletter. Or use on-line application at ***thunderbay.life*** (***click on Membership button***).

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