



**PCAWA**  
PEEL COMMITTEE AGAINST WOMEN ABUSE

WE COUNT  
**FEMICIDE**  
BECAUSE...

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Date: March 25, 2025**

RE: Femicide in Brampton

March 25, 2025. Peel Region - The Peel Committee Against Women Abuse (PCAWA) is incredibly saddened and outraged to share that on Tuesday March 11th a 42-year old woman was murdered in Brampton by her intimate partner. The accused is in his 30s and has been charged with second-degree murder. The woman's name has not been released in respect of her family's wishes. PCAWA sends our deepest condolences to her family, friends and community.

This is the first femicide to take place in our community in 2025. We mourn this loss as a community and are deeply saddened that femicide continues to be a reality in Peel.

**Gender-based violence shelters across our community are at capacity.** There are no emergency beds available for survivors to access immediate safety and support. We need to sound the alarm on this and recognize it as the crisis it is for our community.

"Our collective response to gender-based violence is inadequate as a community if there is not an emergency shelter bed available 24/7 in Peel Region. These survivors are in **emergency** situations, there is no such thing as a waitlist in this case. They need immediate safety and the impact of not having that can be as severe as femicide."

- Rebecca Pacheco, PCAWA Coordinator

It is critical that survivors know that they can call a gender-based violence shelter at any moment and be welcomed immediately into safety. It is also critical that service providers know that they can call a gender-based violence shelter and be reassured that there is space for their client to be immediately transitioned into safety. Anything less than this is the system failing survivors and their children.

We will continue to advocate loudly for survivors until femicide and gender-based violence is no longer a reality in our community.

## WE MUST DO BETTER

Understanding what femicide means is critical in raising awareness on an issue that continues to grow larger in Ontario. Femicide includes any gender-based killing of a woman, child, trans woman, 2-Spirited Person or gender non-conforming individual where a man has been charged in relation to the death.<sup>1</sup>

Most femicides are preventable. ***We Count Femicide Because...*** is intended to mark the

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<sup>1</sup> Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses (OAITH)

tragic loss of each life, to raise a public alarm and to engage everyone in working together toward prevention. Professionals, coworkers, neighbours, friends and family members can learn to recognize the warning signs and how to respond safely and supportively. It is a call to action to prevent future deaths. Ask us what you can do to contribute.

PCAWA released its newest resource, the [GBV Resource Guide](#). This resource guide was developed to provide a clear, detailed and comprehensive overview of supports and services available to survivors of gender-based violence in the Region of Peel. It includes informational profiles for over 100 community supports in the Greater Toronto Area.

Education is a key part of prevention and PCAWA has created a series of resources to support these prevention efforts. The [GBV Allyship Resource](#) outlines tangible ways to get involved in GBV advocacy, and the [Understanding Femicide Infographic](#) provides education and information on femicide. The [2023 PCAWA Peel Regional Snapshot](#) is now available, which shares more information about gender-based violence within the context of the Region of Peel. All three of these resources are available on the PCAWA website.

PCAWA also has training opportunities available on the [Enhanced Gender-Based Violence Protocol](#) for the Region of Peel. This training is available to all community members and will provide you with information on how to best support survivors and respond to disclosures of gender-based violence. Please contact Rebecca Pacheco at [rebeccap@embrace.ca](mailto:rebeccap@embrace.ca) to schedule this training.

If you would like to join the PCAWA mailing list to receive newsletters and updates on events and advocacy efforts email [rebeccap@embrace.ca](mailto:rebeccap@embrace.ca)

If you are a survivor of violence in need of support, please contact Embrace: Agency to End Violence's 24-hour Crisis Line at 905-403-0864 or 1-855-676-8515. You can also seek support from any of the PCAWA member agencies. Visit their website at [www.pcawa.net](http://www.pcawa.net) for more information. **Remember that you are not alone. We are here if you need us.**

You can find a link to related media here:

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