

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

- p. 1 1. Essa Building Department Report, September 2024.
- p. 2 2. Correspondence from the City of Temiskaming Shores dated September 17, 2024, re: Provincial Decision Regarding Alcohol Sales in Convenience Stores and Locations that Sell Fuel to Drivers, and the Development of a Comprehensive Provincial Alcohol Strategy Resolution.
- p. 4 3. Correspondence from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury dated September 20, 2024, re: Ontario Deposit Return Program.
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- p. 5 4. Correspondence from the Regional Municipality of Waterloo dated September 26, 2024, re: Resolution - Solve the Crisis.
- p. 8 5. Correspondence from the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus dated September 27, 2024, re: Support for Blue Box Program Extended Producer Responsibility for Industrial, Commercial and Institution Sector (Non-Eligible Sources).
- p. 10 6. Correspondence from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness dated September 27, 2024, re: Investing up to 1.5 million over four years for support for International Agri-food Workers in Ontario through the new International Agri-food Workers Welcoming Communities Initiative.
- p. 11 7. Correspondence from the Township of Brock dated October 1, 2024, re: Rideshare Services Resolution.
- p. 13 8. Correspondence from the Town of Cobourg dated October 4, 2024, re: Motion regarding Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues.
- p. 15 9. Correspondence from Ontario Provincial Police dated October 4, 2024, re: 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement.
- p. 34 10. Email from Alicia Roleff dated October 9, 2024, re: Request to place a Little Free Library at Burke Family Park, Thornton.
- p. 37 11. Correspondence from the Essa Public Library:
p. 45 a) Strategic Plan – 2025-2028.
 b) October 8, 2024 – Release – Essa Public Library Enhances Opportunities for Seniors Through Grant-funded Program.
- p. 46 12. Correspondence from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority:
p. 106 a) October 1, 2024 – Correspondence – 2025 Draft Budget Package.
 b) October 4, 2024 – Correspondence – Public Consultation for NVCA’s Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy.
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13. Correspondence from the County of Simcoe:
- p. 110 a) September 26, 2024 – Joint Release – CONTACT Community Services and the South Georgian Bay Community Health Clinic Team Up to Operate and Manage Supportive Rapid Rehousing Program in the Town of Collingwood.
 - p. 113 b) September 30, 2024 – Release - Simcoe County to Participate in the Fourth Nationally Coordinated Point-in-Time Homeless Count.
 - p. 114 c) September 30, 2024 – Release – Fall Bi-weekly Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Returns October 7.
 - p. 115 d) October 1, 2024 – Release – County launches Age-Friendly Wellness Program to enhance community support for seniors.
 - p. 116 e) October 4, 2024 – Release – County of Simcoe Celebrates Millionth Rider on LINX Transit Service.
 - p. 117 f) October 8, 2024 – Release – County Gift-A-Lift Fundraising Campaign Surpasses Goal.
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B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None

C – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR REVIEW AND REPORT TO COUNCIL

None.

Sep-24

Current

Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	22	205	\$2,938,588.00	\$37,995,513.00	\$52,885.95	\$491,352.57
Commercial		13		\$1,145,560.00		\$14,104.00
Industrial	2	5	\$1,059,000.00	\$6,293,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,159.27
Institutional	1	7	\$50,000.00	\$788,600.00	\$300.00	\$3,796.50
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural		9		\$2,019,000.00		\$9,648.80
TOTAL	25	239	\$4,047,588.00	\$ 48,241,673.00	\$53,185.95	\$ 530,061.14

Y.O.Y.	48	280	\$5,385,830.00	\$ 58,053,759.00	\$68,776.29	\$ 601,686.27	-11.90%
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

Dwelling Units Created

Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	4	70	\$1,460,588.00	\$29,990,842.00
Mult Res Bldgs		0		\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg		3		\$0.00
TOTAL	4	73	\$1,460,588.00	\$29,990,842.00

Reviewed by CBO Pedro Granes



Y.O.Y.	11	68	\$ 3,837,080.00	\$ 21,104,257.00
	-63.64%	7.35%	-61.93%	42.11%



The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Resolution

Provincial decision regarding alcohol sales in convenience stores and locations that sell fuel to drivers, and the development of a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy

Resolution No. 2024-332

Moved by: Councillor Whalen
Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Whereas excessive consumption of alcohol has a negative impact on many communities because of detrimental health effects, road safety, and other harms; and

Whereas the number of cases of individuals driving under the influence are increasing in Ontario, and the Timiskaming District has recently seen its highest rate ever for impaired driving infractions with 10 in April of 2024; and

Whereas jurisdictions with broader access to alcohol have higher rates of driving under the influence and crashes associated with alcohol; and

Whereas alcohol causes at least seven types of cancer and is a risk factor for, disease, disability and premature death, and is a direct cause of 4,300 deaths and 195,000 emergency department visits per year in Ontario; and

Whereas alcohol related emergency department visits increased 18 percent after the introduction of alcohol sales in grocery stores in Ontario; and

Whereas 35 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have indicated that they consumed alcohol at 13 years or younger; and

Whereas 49 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have been drunk at least once in their life; and

Whereas alcohol related harms cost the Ontario economy 7 billion dollars a year; and

Whereas alcohol is a factor in many domestic, sexual and physical assaults in Ontario; and

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Whereas most tax revenue generated by the sale of alcohol goes to the province yet the costs and harms that are alcohol related are borne by the municipalities in the form of policing and social services and public health costs.

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores requests the Government of Ontario reverse their decision to allow alcohol to be sold in more locations and implement the following recommendations:

1. Permit municipalities to opt out of retail alcohol expansion;
2. Grant municipalities the powers to use zoning to determine where new alcohol retail locations are acceptable;
3. Not permit alcohol sales within 150 m of schools, daycares, or substance use facilities;
4. Prohibit the sale of Alcohol at gas stations;
5. Require health warning labels on all alcohol containers;
6. Dedicate a portion of provincial alcohol revenue to addressing alcohol related harms; and
7. Develop and implement a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy, in partnership with municipalities, that prioritizes health and safety and considers the costs associated with alcohol consumption.

Further that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming Cochrane; AMO; FONOM; ROMA; Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA); Timiskaming Health Unit (Planet Youth Timiskaming); Temiskaming Shores OPP Detachment Board; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Certified True Copy
City of Temiskaming Shores



Logan Belanger
Municipal Clerk



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September 20, 2024

BY E-MAIL

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

Ontario Deposit Return Program

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,

Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities



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September 26, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Solve the Crisis

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on September 25, 2024, approved the following motion:

Whereas there is a humanitarian crisis in cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. We need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province; and

Whereas the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023 as well as with an estimated 234,000 Ontarians experiencing homelessness and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023; and

Whereas the province has provided additional funding for mental health, addictions and homelessness programs, including the recently announced Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and

Whereas municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and

Whereas this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and

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Whereas there is no provincial Minister focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Region of Waterloo supports the Solve the Crisis Campaign;

And calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially;

AND that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;

AND appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;

AND request that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*;

AND that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis.

AND provides the adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;

And that this Council calls on the residents across the Region of Waterloo to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting SolveTheCrisis.ca and showing your support;

And further that a copy of this motion be sent to:

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- **The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada**
- **The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**
- **The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health**
- **The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**
- **The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions**
- **Local and area MPs, MPPs and Heads of Council**
- **The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions please contact Regional Councillor Dorothy McCabe Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca

Please forward any written responses to this letter to William Short, Director, Council & Administrative Services/Regional Clerk
regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca

Yours sincerely,

William Short, Director Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk

cc: Region of Waterloo Councillor Dorothy McCabe Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca



Friday, September 27, 2024

Sent via email
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Hon. Andrea Khanjin
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Flr,
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

Dear Honourable Minister Khanjin,

Re: Support for Blue Box Program Extended Producer Responsibility for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector (Non-Eligible Sources)

On Sunday, August 18, 2024 the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus passed the following motion:

Moved by C. Peabody, seconded by A. Lennox:

"THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus direct staff to write a letter to the Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, citing the need for the Province to reconsider the criteria for including NESs in the O. Reg. 391/21; at a minimum to expand the producer responsibility to include IC&I properties not governed by O. Reg. 103/94 to bridge the gap between the two regulations' criteria while promoting continued participation in recycling programs." - **CARRIED**

The current Ontario Regulation 391/21 mandates producers to collect recyclables only from residences, multi-residential buildings, schools, and non-profit long-term care and retirement homes. However, this regulation excludes industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) sources that are presently benefiting from Blue Box curbside collection services. These excluded sources include not-for-profit organizations, municipal buildings and facilities, daycares, private schools, places of worship, campgrounds, trailer parks, and commercial farms.

Existing waste diversion regulations for the ICI sector, such as Ontario Regulation 102/94 (Waste Audits and Waste Reduction Work Plans) and Ontario Regulation 103/94 (Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Source Separation Programs), focus on large ICI establishments. Unfortunately, they do not cover small and medium-sized establishments, which have been left out of the new Blue Box Regulation but currently receive collection services through their municipalities.

This gap in the legislation poses significant risks to waste diversion efforts. Without proper regulation, Blue Box materials from these sectors are likely to end up in landfills—at a time when Ontario's landfill capacity is nearing a critical point. Additionally, separating the collection and processing of eligible and non-eligible materials will reduce operational efficiencies, increase supply-chain strain, and drive up the costs of collection contracts. This arrangement is particularly unfair to municipalities that have successfully supported Blue Box material diversion from their landfills for over 30 years.

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The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus is calling on the Province to reconsider the exclusion of Non-Eligible Sources under Regulation 391/21. At the very least, we urge the Province to extend producer responsibility to include ICI properties not covered by Regulation 103/94, closing the gap between the two regulations. This would help maintain participation in recycling programs, ensure continued waste diversion, and extend the lifespan of provincial landfills.

The Caucus respectfully asks for your support in this effort and hopes you will advocate for this issue at this critical juncture for waste diversion in Ontario.

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil,
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc:

Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs
Western Ontario MPPs
Municipalities in Western Ontario

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Ministry of Agriculture,
Food and Agribusiness

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Ontario

September 27, 2024

Michael Mikael
CAO (Interim)
Township of Essa
mmikael@essatownship.on.ca

Dear Mr. Mikael:

The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1.5 million over four years to support international agri-food workers (IAWs) in Ontario through the new IAW Welcoming Communities Initiative. IAWs are key contributors to Ontario's \$51 billion agri-sector, and this investment reflects our commitment to attracting and retaining them. In doing so, we are helping to enhance their quality of life and supporting our goal of making Ontario the destination of choice for IAW's.

The IAW Welcoming Communities Initiative supports not-for-profits and municipalities such as yourself in delivering access to services and an inclusive and welcoming environment for IAWs. Eligible activities include developing translation supports, expanding transportation services, promoting cultural and recreational events, and more.

The IAW Welcoming Communities Initiative intake will open on October 8, 2024, to November 19, 2024. Successful projects can receive up to 75 per cent in cost-shared funding, up to a maximum of \$100,000. Applications demonstrating financial need may be eligible for a higher-level of cost-share funding. The initiative guidelines are available online: www.ontario.ca/page/international-agri-food-workers-welcoming-communities-initiative.

Please contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre (AICC) by phone at 1-877-424-1300 or by e-mail at ag.info.omafa@ontario.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rob Flack
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness



Good things grow in Ontario
À bonne terre, bons produits

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The Corporation of
The Township of Brock
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October 1, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Rideshare Services

Please be advised that Council adopted the following resolution at their Council meeting held on September 23, 2024:

C-2024-226

"Whereas, the Township of Brock faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community; and

Whereas Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel; and

Whereas, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework; and

Whereas, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Township of Brock Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

Be It Further Resolved that the Township of Brock Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Laurie Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock; the

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Region of Durham; all Durham Region lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities."

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

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Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Clerks@Brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Maralee Drake
Deputy Clerk

MD:dh

cc. Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation – minister.mto@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – minister.mah@ontario.ca
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock - laurie.scott@pc.ola.org
Robin Jones, President, AMO - amopresident@amo.on.ca
Durham Region municipalities
All Ontario municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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October 4, 2024

RE: Motion from Mayor Lucas Cleveland regarding Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has announced the creation of highly secure facilities to provide involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues under the Mental Health Act, including dedicated mental health units in correctional centres and regional secure care facilities; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg, along with municipalities across Ontario, are facing growing challenges in addressing the complex needs of individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues, which place a significant strain on local emergency services, healthcare systems, community resources, and public safety; and

WHEREAS individuals experiencing severe mental health and addictions issues often cannot voluntarily seek the care they need, and involuntary care, provided with compassion and appropriate safeguards, can ensure they receive the necessary treatment to help stabilize their condition and improve community safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobourg supports the BC government's approach to providing secure, involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions challenges, as a compassionate and necessary intervention for those unable to seek help on their own; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobourg urges the Province of Ontario to implement similar measures to ensure that individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues in Ontario have access to secure, involuntary care when necessary; and

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The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Premier, Honourable David Piccini, MPP, all other Members of Provincial Parliament and all Ontario municipalities to seek their endorsement and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
Honourable, David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills
Development and Northumberland – Peterborough South MPP;,
All other Members of Provincial Parliament; and
All Ontario Municipalities

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612-20

October 4, 2024

Dear Mayor/Reeve/CAO/Treasurer,

Please find attached the OPP municipal policing 2025 Annual Billing Statement package.

This year's billing package includes a statement for the 2023 year-end reconciliation. The final cost adjustment calculated as a result of the 2023 annual reconciliation has been included as an adjustment to the amount being billed to the municipality during the 2025 calendar year.

The final reconciliation of the 2025 annual costs will be included in the 2027 Annual Billing Statement.

For more detailed information on the 2025 Annual Billing Statement package please refer to the resource material available on the internet, www.opp.ca/billingmodel. Further, the Municipal Policing Bureau will be hosting a webinar information session in October/November. An e-mail invitation will be forwarded to the municipality advising of the session date.

If you have questions about the Annual Billing Statement please e-mail OPP.MPB.Financial.Services.Unit@OPP.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Ridout", written in a cursive style.

Steve Ridout
Superintendent
Commander,
Municipal Policing Bureau

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OPP 2025 Annual Billing Statement

Essa Tp

Estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025

Please refer to www.opp.ca for 2025 Municipal Policing Billing General Information summary for further details.

			<u>Cost per Property \$</u>	<u>Total Cost \$</u>
Base Service	Property Counts			
	Household	7,720		
	Commercial and Industrial	194		
	Total Properties	<u>7,914</u>	189.44	1,499,194
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Calls for Service	(see summaries)			
	Total all municipalities	209,489,870		
	Municipal portion	0.6524%	172.69	1,366,706
Overtime	(see notes)		20.44	161,732
Contract Enhancements	(see summary)		42.25	334,377
Prisoner Transportation	(per property cost)		1.67	13,216
Accommodation/Cleaning Services	(per property cost)		<u>5.70</u>	<u>45,110</u>
Total 2025 Estimated Cost			<u>432.19</u>	3,420,335
2023 Year-End Adjustment	(see summary)			201,979
Grand Total Billing for 2025				<u>3,622,314</u>
2025 Monthly Billing Amount				301,860

OPP 2025 Annual Billing Statement

Essa Tp

Estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025

Notes to Annual Billing Statement

- 1) Municipal Base Services and Calls for Service Costs - The costs allocated to municipalities are determined based on the costs assigned to detachment staff performing municipal policing activities across the province. A statistical analysis of activity in detachments is used to determine the municipal policing workload allocation of all detachment-based staff as well as the allocation of the municipal workload between base services and calls for service activity. For 2025 billing purposes the allocation of the municipal workload in detachments has been calculated to be 50.7 % Base Services and 49.3 % Calls for Service. The total 2025 Base Services and Calls for Service cost calculation is detailed on the Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary included in the municipal billing package.
- 2) Base Services - The cost to each municipality is determined by the number of properties in the municipality and the standard province-wide average cost per property of \$189.44 estimated for 2025. The number of municipal properties is determined based on MPAC data. The calculation of the standard province-wide base cost per property is detailed on Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary included in the municipal billing package.
- 3) Calls for Service - The municipality's Calls for Service cost is a proportionate share of the total cost of municipal calls for service costs calculated for the province. A municipality's proportionate share of the costs is based on weighted time standards applied to the historical billable calls for service. The municipality's total weighted time is calculated as a percentage of the total of all municipalities.
- 4) Overtime - Municipalities are billed for overtime resulting from occurrences in their geographic area and a portion of overtime that is not linked specifically to a municipality, such as training. Municipalities are not charged for overtime identified as a provincial responsibility. The overtime activity for the calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 has been analyzed and averaged to estimate the 2025 costs. The costs incorporate the estimated 2025 salary rates and a discount to reflect overtime paid as time in lieu. The overtime costs incurred in servicing detachments for shift shortages have been allocated on a per property basis based on straight time. Please be advised that these costs will be reconciled to actual 2025 hours and salary rates and included in the 2027 Annual Billing Statement.
- 5) Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) - Municipalities with court security responsibilities in local courthouses are billed court security costs based on the cost of the staff required to provide designated court security activities. Prisoner transportation costs are charged to all municipalities based on the standard province-wide per property cost. The 2025 costs have been estimated based on the 2023 activity levels. These costs will be reconciled to the actual cost of service required in 2025.

There was no information available about the status of 2025 Court Security Prisoner Transportation Grant Program at the time of the Annual Billing Statement preparation.
- 6) Year-end Adjustment - The 2023 adjustment accounts for the difference between the amount billed based on the estimated cost in the Annual Billing Statement and the reconciled cost in the Year-end Summary. The most significant year-end adjustments are resulting from the cost of actual versus estimated municipal requirements for overtime, contract enhancements and court security.

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OPP 2025 Estimated Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary
Estimated Costs for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Salaries and Benefits	Positions		Base \$/FTE	Total Base Services and Calls for Service	Base Services	Calls for Service
	FTE	%		\$	\$	\$
Uniform Members	Note 1					
Inspector	26.56	100.0	187,318	4,975,177	4,975,177	-
Staff Sergeant-Detachment Commander	8.60	100.0	156,717	1,347,770	1,347,770	-
Staff Sergeant	38.53	100.0	168,657	6,498,335	6,498,335	-
Sergeant	226.23	50.7	143,480	32,459,478	16,460,024	15,999,454
Constable	1,618.15	50.7	120,835	195,529,705	99,147,813	96,381,892
Part-Time Constable	11.97	50.7	91,572	1,096,112	555,839	540,272
Total Uniform Salaries	1,930.04			241,906,577	128,984,959	112,921,618
Statutory Holiday Payout			6,207	11,906,411	6,262,929	5,643,483
Shift Premiums			1,129	2,095,821	1,062,740	1,033,081
Uniform Benefits - Inspector			29.47%	1,466,114	1,466,114	-
Uniform Benefits - Full-Time Salaries			36.38%	85,791,541	44,909,750	40,881,790
Uniform Benefits - Part-Time Salaries			18.75%	205,571	104,245	101,326
Total Uniform Salaries & Benefits				343,372,035	182,790,737	160,581,298
Detachment Civilian Members	Note 1					
Detachment Administrative Clerk	164.29	50.7	75,342	12,377,949	6,276,748	6,101,201
Detachment Operations Clerk	3.41	50.7	69,798	238,011	120,750	117,260
Detachment Clerk - Typist	1.74	50.7	62,349	108,488	54,867	53,620
Court Officer - Administration	28.73	50.7	92,124	2,646,719	1,342,245	1,304,474
Crimestoppers Co-ordinator	0.89	50.7	73,240	65,184	32,958	32,226
Cadet	1.62	50.7	51,219	82,974	41,999	40,975
Total Detachment Civilian Salaries	200.68			15,519,324	7,869,568	7,649,757
Civilian Benefits - Full-Time Salaries			36.13%	5,606,608	2,843,009	2,763,599
Total Detachment Civilian Salaries & Benefits				21,125,933	10,712,577	10,413,355
Support Costs - Salaries and Benefits	Note 2					
Communication Operators			6,682	12,896,527	6,782,230	6,114,297
Prisoner Guards			2,061	3,977,812	2,091,915	1,885,897
Operational Support			7,119	13,739,955	7,225,785	6,514,170
RHQ Municipal Support			3,208	6,191,568	3,256,120	2,935,448
Telephone Support			157	303,016	159,355	143,661
Office Automation Support			938	1,810,378	952,070	858,308
Mobile and Portable Radio Support			357	693,298	364,522	328,776
Total Support Staff Salaries and Benefits Costs				39,612,554	20,831,997	18,780,557
Total Salaries & Benefits				404,110,521	214,335,311	189,775,210
Other Direct Operating Expenses	Note 2					
Communication Centre			150	289,506	152,250	137,256
Operational Support			1,112	2,146,204	1,128,680	1,017,524
RHQ Municipal Support			360	694,814	365,400	329,414
Telephone			1,458	2,813,998	1,479,870	1,334,128
Mobile Radio Equipment Repairs & Maintenance			168	326,258	171,540	154,718
Office Automation - Uniform			4,487	8,660,089	4,554,305	4,105,784
Office Automation - Civilian			1,154	231,585	116,485	115,100
Vehicle Usage			10,219	19,723,079	10,372,285	9,350,794
Detachment Supplies & Equipment			1,073	2,070,933	1,089,095	981,838
Uniform & Equipment			2,360	4,583,144	2,409,725	2,173,418
Uniform & Equipment - Court Officer			1,037	29,793	15,109	14,684
Total Other Direct Operating Expenses				41,569,403	21,854,744	19,714,660
Total 2025 Municipal Base Services and Calls for Service Cost				\$ 445,679,925	\$ 236,190,055	\$ 209,489,870
Total OPP-Policed Municipal Properties					1,246,809	
Base Services Cost per Property					\$ 189.44	

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OPP 2025 Estimated Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary

Estimated Costs for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Notes:

Total Base Services and Calls for Service Costs are based on the cost of salary, benefit, support and other direct operating expenses for staff providing policing services to municipalities. Staff is measured in full-time equivalent (FTE) units and the costs per FTE are described in the notes below.

- 1) Full-time equivalents (FTEs) are based on average municipal detachment staffing levels for the years 2020 through 2023. Contract enhancements, court security, prisoner transportation and cleaning staff are excluded.

The equivalent of 85.71 FTEs with a cost of \$17,779,996 has been excluded from municipal costs to reflect the average municipal detachment FTEs required for provincially-mandated responsibilities eligible for Provincial Service Usage credit.

Salary rates are based on weighted average rates for municipal detachment staff by rank, level, and classification. The 2025 salaries incorporate the 2025 general salary rate increase set in the 2023 to 2026 OPPA Uniform and Civilian Agreements (uniform and civilian staff - 4.75% in 2023, 4.50% in 2024 and 2.75% in 2025.)

The benefit rates are estimated based on the most recent rates set by the Treasury Board Secretariat, (2024-25). Statutory Holiday Payouts, Shift Premiums, and Benefit costs are subject to reconciliation.

Two new premiums were added in these new agreements: a 3% Frontline Patrol Premium (which applies to Constables and Sergeants in Frontline roles only) and a 3% Second-In-Command Premium (which applies to members when temporarily backfilling a short term platoon command position.) An allowance of \$2,101 per Constable FTE and \$3,330 per Sergeant FTE for the Frontline Patrol Premium and \$76 per Constable FTE for the Second-In-Command premium have been included in the salary rates for Constables and Sergeants. These allowances are subject to reconciliation.

FTEs have been apportioned between Base Services and Calls for Service costs based on the current ratio, 50.7% Base Services : 49.3% Calls for Service.

- 2) Support Staff Costs and Other Direct Operating Expenses for uniform FTEs are calculated on a per FTE basis as per rates set in the 2024 Municipal Policing Cost-Recovery Formula.

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OPP 2025 Calls for Service Billing Summary

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Estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count					2025 Average Time Standard	Total Weighted Time	% of Total Provincial Weighted Time	2025 Estimated Calls for Service Cost
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Four Year Average				
	A					B	C = A * B		
	Note 1							Note 2	Note 3
Drug Possession	14	21	7	12	14	5.9	80	0.0044%	9,162
Drugs	8	8	6	4	7	88.1	573	0.0314%	65,871
Operational	1,245	1,311	1,144	1,234	1,234	3.9	4,811	0.2641%	553,357
Operational 2	304	294	250	316	291	1.7	495	0.0272%	56,904
Other Criminal Code Violations	49	55	51	50	51	7.1	364	0.0200%	41,856
Property Crime Violations	276	277	227	256	259	6.2	1,606	0.0882%	184,711
Statutes & Acts	202	203	236	204	211	3.5	739	0.0406%	85,048
Traffic	308	281	386	302	319	3.8	1,213	0.0666%	139,546
Violent Criminal Code	105	135	147	154	135	14.8	2,002	0.1099%	230,251
Municipal Totals	2,511	2,585	2,454	2,532	2,521		11,882	0.6524%	\$1,366,706

Provincial Totals (Note 4)

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count					2025 Average Time Standard	Total Weighted Time	% of Total Provincial Weighted Time	2025 Estimated Calls for Service Cost
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Four Year Average				
	A					B	C = A * B		
	Note 1							Note 2	Note 3
Drug Possession	2,803	2,979	2,483	2,363	2,657	5.9	15,676	0.8608%	1,803,207
Drugs	1,127	1,050	797	920	974	88.1	85,765	4.7092%	9,865,380
Operational	178,171	180,823	176,502	180,423	178,980	3.9	698,021	38.3272%	80,291,662
Operational 2	48,046	48,395	46,304	47,019	47,441	1.7	80,650	4.4283%	9,276,939
Other Criminal Code Violations	12,123	12,103	12,206	12,931	12,341	7.1	87,619	4.8110%	10,078,638
Property Crime Violations	46,799	47,403	48,878	49,446	48,132	6.2	298,415	16.3855%	34,325,987
Statutes & Acts	31,261	32,888	32,697	34,047	32,723	3.5	114,531	6.2887%	13,174,266
Traffic	32,067	34,757	38,776	32,713	34,578	3.8	131,397	7.2148%	15,114,318
Violent Criminal Code	19,343	20,055	21,513	22,640	20,888	14.8	309,139	16.9743%	35,559,474
Provincial Totals	371,740	380,453	380,156	382,502	378,713		1,821,214	100%	\$209,489,870

Notes to Calls for Service Billing Summary

- 1) Displayed without decimal places, exact numbers used in calculations
- 2) Displayed to four decimal places, nine decimal places used in calculations
- 3) Total costs rounded to zero decimals
- 4) Provincial Totals exclude data for dissolutions and post-2021 municipal police force amalgamations.

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OPP 2025 Calls for Service Details

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For the calendar years 2020 to 2023

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Grand Total	2,511	2,585	2,454	2,532	2,520.50
Drug Possession	14	21	7	12	13.50
Drug Related Occurrence	7	12	6	4	7.25
Possession - Cocaine	1	2	0	5	2.00
Possession - Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth)	0	3	0	0	0.75
Possession – Opioid (other than heroin)	2	4	0	1	1.75
Possession - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act	3	0	1	2	1.50
Possession of > 4 budding or flowering cannabis plants	1	0	0	0	0.25
Drugs	8	8	6	4	6.50
Distribution > 30g dried cannabis (or equivalent) - adult	1	0	0	0	0.25
Drug Operation - Commercial Grow Outdoor	0	1	0	0	0.25
Sale of cannabis to youth	1	0	0	0	0.25
Trafficking - Cocaine	2	5	3	2	3.00
Trafficking - Heroin	1	0	0	1	0.50
Trafficking - Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth)	0	0	1	0	0.25
Trafficking – Opioid (other than heroin)	1	0	0	0	0.25
Trafficking - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act	2	2	2	1	1.75
Operational	1,245	1,311	1,144	1,234	1,233.50
Accident - non-MVC - Construction Site	1	0	0	1	0.50
Accident - non-MVC - Industrial	1	0	0	1	0.50
Accident - non-MVC - Master Code	0	0	0	2	0.50
Accident - non-MVC - Public Property	0	0	1	0	0.25
Accident - non-MVC - Residential	0	1	0	0	0.25
Alarm - Others	0	1	0	0	0.25
Animal - Bite	3	7	3	9	5.50
Animal - Dog Owners Liability Act	5	2	2	2	2.75
Animal - Injured	10	11	15	12	12.00
Animal - Left in Vehicle	4	6	7	7	6.00
Animal - Master Code	3	2	1	4	2.50
Animal - Other	5	6	5	9	6.25
Animal - Rabid	0	1	0	0	0.25
Animal - Stray	20	16	18	13	16.75
Assist Fire Department	16	5	6	8	8.75
Assist Public	298	381	212	248	284.75
Bomb Threat	0	0	0	1	0.25
By-Law - Master Code	1	6	0	1	2.00
Distressed / Overdue Motorist	4	1	1	5	2.75
Dogs By-Law	3	4	0	2	2.25
Domestic Disturbance	164	160	137	167	157.00
Family Dispute	100	103	134	135	118.00
Fire - Building	12	7	14	15	12.00
Fire - Other	8	3	3	2	4.00
Fire - Vehicle	5	5	7	7	6.00
Firearms (Discharge) By-Law	1	0	0	0	0.25
Fireworks By-Law	1	1	1	1	1.00

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Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Found - Bicycles	0	1	0	0	0.25
Found - Gun	0	0	0	1	0.25
Found - Household Property	0	0	2	0	0.50
Found - License Plate	0	1	0	2	0.75
Found - Others	2	8	0	2	3.00
Found - Personal Accessories	1	0	1	0	0.50
Found Property - Master Code	32	25	21	22	25.00
Insecure Condition - Building	0	1	1	0	0.50
Insecure Condition - Master Code	1	2	7	1	2.75
Lost - Accessible Parking Permit	0	1	0	0	0.25
Lost - Household Property	0	0	1	0	0.25
Lost - License Plate	2	1	3	0	1.50
Lost - Others	0	0	1	0	0.25
Lost - Personal Accessories	1	1	1	1	1.00
Lost Property - Master Code	9	10	15	11	11.25
Medical Assistance - Other	0	1	1	0	0.50
Missing Person - Master Code	0	0	1	1	0.50
Missing Person 12 & older	8	6	9	10	8.25
Missing Person Located 12 & older	5	3	19	18	11.25
Missing Person Located Under 12	2	0	1	3	1.50
Missing Person under 12	3	1	0	2	1.50
Neighbour Dispute	67	77	81	87	78.00
Noise By-Law	3	2	0	0	1.25
Noise Complaint - Animal	10	3	6	13	8.00
Noise Complaint - Master Code	73	91	76	58	74.50
Noise Complaint - Others	6	4	1	0	2.75
Noise Complaint - Residence	3	3	2	0	2.00
Other Municipal By-Laws	24	14	10	7	13.75
Overdose/Suspected Overdose	0	2	0	0	0.50
Overdose/Suspected Overdose -Opioid Related	0	3	1	0	1.00
Phone - Master Code	1	0	0	3	1.00
Phone - Nuisance - No Charges Laid	0	1	8	4	3.25
Phone - Obscene - No Charges Laid	0	0	0	1	0.25
Phone - Threatening - No Charges Laid	0	3	1	3	1.75
Protest - Demonstration	0	1	0	0	0.25
Sudden Death - Accidental	0	0	1	2	0.75
Sudden Death - Apparent Overdose/Overdose	0	0	3	3	1.50
Sudden Death - Natural Causes	13	18	17	18	16.50
Sudden Death - Others	5	1	4	1	2.75
Sudden Death - Suicide	3	0	1	4	2.00
Suspicious Person	118	129	97	133	119.25
Suspicious vehicle	75	64	66	66	67.75
Swatting - Electronic Communication	0	0	0	1	0.25
Traffic By-Law	1	3	3	2	2.25
Trouble with Youth	44	48	61	58	52.75

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Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Theft Under \$5,000 - Boat (Vessel)	1	0	0	0	0.25
Theft Under \$5,000 - Construction Site	2	0	0	0	0.50
Theft Under \$5,000 - Farm Agricultural Livestock	1	0	0	0	0.25
Theft Under \$5,000 - Gasoline Drive-off	12	17	9	10	12.00
Theft Under \$5,000 - Master Code	8	11	16	6	10.25
Theft Under \$5,000 - Other Theft	28	26	24	17	23.75
Theft Under \$5,000 - Persons	0	2	3	3	2.00
Theft Under \$5,000 - Trailers	1	0	2	0	0.75
Theft Under \$5,000 Shoplifting	29	17	11	22	19.75
Unlawful in a dwelling house	1	0	0	0	0.25
Statutes & Acts	202	203	236	204	211.25
Custody Dispute	1	0	0	0	0.25
Family Law Act - Other	0	0	0	1	0.25
Landlord / Tenant	26	34	35	40	33.75
Mental Health Act	41	55	114	57	66.75
Mental Health Act - Apprehension	5	25	21	15	16.50
Mental Health Act - Attempt Suicide	12	8	10	12	10.50
Mental Health Act - No contact with Police	5	3	6	11	6.25
Mental Health Act - Placed on Form	16	10	6	6	9.50
Mental Health Act - Threat of Suicide	19	17	11	16	15.75
Mental Health Act - Voluntary Transport	23	10	16	7	14.00
Trespass To Property Act	54	41	17	39	37.75
Traffic	308	281	386	302	319.25
MVC - Fatal (Motor Vehicle Collision)	1	0	1	0	0.50
MVC - Others (Motor Vehicle Collision)	4	4	1	5	3.50
MVC - Pers. Inj. Failed to Remain (Motor Vehicle Collision)	0	0	0	2	0.50
MVC - Personal Injury (Motor Vehicle Collision)	34	26	40	20	30.00
MVC - Prop. Dam. Failed to Remain (Motor Vehicle Collision)	9	18	18	17	15.50
MVC - Prop. Dam. Non Reportable (Motor Vehicle Collision)	86	68	94	97	86.25
MVC - Prop. Dam. Reportable (Motor Vehicle Collision)	169	164	229	161	180.75
MVC (Motor Vehicle Collision) - Master Code	5	1	2	0	2.00
Road Rage	0	0	1	0	0.25
Violent Criminal Code	105	135	147	154	135.25
Abandon Child	0	0	1	0	0.25
Aggravated Assault - Level 3	0	1	0	0	0.25
Arson - Disregard for Human Life	0	0	2	0	0.50
Assault - Level 1	25	47	50	54	44.00
Assault Peace Officer	3	1	1	1	1.50
Assault With Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm - Level 2	15	13	19	14	15.25
Attempted Murder	0	1	0	0	0.25
Conspire to Commit Murder	0	0	1	0	0.25
Criminal Harassment	8	12	15	20	13.75

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Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Criminal Harassment - Offender Unknown	1	3	0	1	1.25
Discharge Firearm with Intent	0	0	1	0	0.25
Extortion	0	0	1	0	0.25
Forcible confinement	1	3	0	2	1.50
Indecent / Harassing Communications	4	1	9	7	5.25
Invitation to Sexual Touching	0	1	2	0	0.75
Mischief - Cause Danger to Life	1	0	0	0	0.25
Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images	2	2	2	0	1.50
Other Assaults / Admin Noxious thing	0	0	0	1	0.25
Pointing a Firearm	1	0	0	1	0.50
Robbery - Master Code	1	2	0	2	1.25
Robbery - Other	0	1	0	2	0.75
Robbery - Pursesnatch With Violence	0	0	2	0	0.50
Robbery - With Threat of Violence	0	0	1	0	0.25
Sexual Assault	22	18	15	18	18.25
Sexual Assault With a Weapon	0	0	2	0	0.50
Sexual Exploitation	0	1	0	0	0.25
Sexual Interference	5	2	2	4	3.25
Using firearm (or imitation) in commission of offence	2	1	0	0	0.75
Utter Threats - Master Code	1	3	4	3	2.75
Utter Threats to Person	13	22	16	23	18.50
Voyeurism	0	0	1	1	0.50

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Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Unwanted Persons	62	49	48	40	49.75
Vehicle Recovered - All Terrain Vehicles	0	1	0	0	0.25
Vehicle Recovered - Automobile	2	2	6	2	3.00
Vehicle Recovered - Master Code	1	1	0	1	0.75
Vehicle Recovered - Other	2	0	0	0	0.50
Vehicle Recovered - Trucks	1	0	0	1	0.50
Operational 2	304	294	250	316	291.00
911 call - Dropped Cell	79	66	54	66	66.25
911 call / 911 hang up	48	69	21	48	46.50
911 hang up - Pocket Dial	0	0	0	2	0.50
False Alarm - Malfunction	0	1	0	0	0.25
False Alarm - Others	84	52	85	80	75.25
False Holdup Alarm - Accidental Trip	6	14	14	6	10.00
Keep the Peace	87	92	76	114	92.25
Other Criminal Code Violations	49	55	51	50	51.25
Animals - Cruelty	0	0	1	0	0.25
Bail Violations - Breach of Recognizance	2	0	1	1	1.00
Bail Violations - Fail To Comply	15	24	14	16	17.25
Bail Violations - Master Code	0	1	0	2	0.75
Bail Violations - Others	0	1	1	1	0.75
Breach of Firearms regulation - Unsafe Storage	0	0	0	1	0.25
Breach of Probation	4	6	6	3	4.75
Child Pornography - Making or distributing	0	0	0	1	0.25
Child Pornography - Other	0	0	1	0	0.25
Child Pornography - Possess child pornography	2	0	0	0	0.50
Counterfeit Money - Master Code	1	0	1	0	0.50
Counterfeit Money - Others	0	0	1	0	0.25
Disobey court order / Misconduct executing process	1	0	0	0	0.25
Disturb the Peace	9	6	7	14	9.00
Indecent acts - Master Code	0	0	0	3	0.75
Nudity - public/private property	0	1	0	0	0.25
Obstruct Justice / Fabricate Evidence	0	1	0	0	0.25
Obstruct Public Peace Officer	0	0	2	0	0.50
Offences Related to Currency	0	0	0	1	0.25
Offensive Weapons - Careless use of firearms	0	1	0	0	0.25
Offensive Weapons - Carry concealed	0	0	1	0	0.25
Offensive Weapons - In Vehicle	1	0	1	0	0.50
Offensive Weapons - Other Offensive Weapons	4	1	0	2	1.75
Offensive Weapons - Other Weapons Offences	3	2	3	1	2.25
Offensive Weapons - Possession of Weapons	1	1	1	2	1.25
Personate Peace Officer	0	1	0	0	0.25
Possess Firearm while prohibited	1	0	0	0	0.25
Possession of Burglary Tools	1	0	0	0	0.25
Possession Of Counterfeit Money	3	1	0	0	1.00
Public Mischief - mislead peace officer	0	4	0	1	1.25

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Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Public Morals	0	1	0	0	0.25
Trespass at Night	0	2	9	1	3.00
Uttering Counterfeit Money	1	1	1	0	0.75
Property Crime Violations	276	277	227	256	259.00
Arson - Auto	0	1	0	1	0.50
Arson - Building	0	1	1	0	0.50
Arson - Others	0	5	0	1	1.50
Break & Enter	24	22	23	16	21.25
Break & Enter - Firearms	0	1	0	0	0.25
Fraud - Account closed	0	1	0	0	0.25
Fraud - False Pretence Over \$5,000	0	1	1	0	0.50
Fraud - False Pretence Under \$5,000	0	0	4	2	1.50
Fraud - Forgery & Uttering	2	2	2	2	2.00
Fraud - Fraud through mails	0	1	0	0	0.25
Fraud - Master Code	6	5	6	13	7.50
Fraud - Money/property/security Over \$5,000	8	6	6	20	10.00
Fraud - Money/property/security Under \$5,000	14	20	12	18	16.00
Fraud - Other	15	16	14	22	16.75
Fraud - Steal/Forge/Poss./Use Credit Card	5	2	5	4	4.00
Fraud - Transportation	2	2	1	1	1.50
Identity Fraud	2	3	3	3	2.75
Identity Theft	1	0	0	0	0.25
Interfere with lawful use, enjoyment of property	2	0	1	2	1.25
Mischief	46	55	27	43	42.75
Mischief Graffiti - Non-Gang Related	5	1	0	0	1.50
Personation with Intent (fraud)	0	1	0	2	0.75
Possession of Stolen Goods over \$5,000	1	1	2	1	1.25
Possession of Stolen Goods under \$5,000	2	1	2	0	1.25
Property Damage	4	10	4	7	6.25
Theft Over - Master Code	2	0	0	3	1.25
Theft from Motor Vehicles Over \$5,000	0	2	1	2	1.25
Theft from Motor Vehicles Under \$5,000	32	19	20	14	21.25
Theft of - All Terrain Vehicles	1	2	1	0	1.00
Theft of - Automobile	5	3	4	4	4.00
Theft of - Construction Vehicles	0	0	1	0	0.25
Theft of - Mail	0	2	1	0	0.75
Theft of - Motorcycles	0	0	1	0	0.25
Theft of - Other Motor Vehicles	1	0	0	1	0.50
Theft of - Snow Vehicles	0	1	1	1	0.75
Theft of - Trucks	3	2	2	3	2.50
Theft of Motor Vehicle	6	9	10	9	8.50
Theft Over \$5,000 - Bicycles	0	0	0	1	0.25
Theft Over \$5,000 - Other Theft	2	1	3	0	1.50
Theft Over \$5,000 - Trailers	0	0	1	2	0.75
Theft Under \$5,000 - Bicycles	2	5	2	0	2.25

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OPP 2025 Estimated Contract Enhancement Cost Summary
Adjala-Tosorontio/Essa/New Tecumseth Tp
 Estimated cost for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025

2024 Cost Recovery Formula

Salaries and Benefits

		Positions	\$/FTE	\$ Total
Uniform Members	Note 1			
Sergeant		2.00	143,480	286,960
Constable		3.00	120,835	362,506
Total Uniform Salaries		5.00		649,466
Statutory Holiday Payout			6,207	31,037
Shift Premiums			1,129	5,645
Uniform Benefits - Full-Time Salaries			36.38%	236,261
Total Uniform Salaries & Benefits				922,410
Detachment Civilian Members	Note 1			
Detachment Administrative Clerk	Full-time	1.00	75,342	75,342
Total Detachment Civilian Salaries		1.00		75,342
Civilian Benefits - Full-Time Salaries			36.13%	27,219
Total Detachment Civilian Salaries & Benefits				102,561
Support Costs - Salaries and Benefits				
Communication Operators			6,682	33,410
Prisoner Guards			2,061	10,305
Operational Support			7,119	35,595
RHQ Municipal Support			3,208	16,040
Telephone Support			157	785
Office Automation Support			938	4,690
Mobile and Portable Radio Support			357	1,785
Total Support Staff Salaries and Benefits Costs				102,610
Total Salaries & Benefits				1,127,580
Other Direct Operating Expenses				
Communication Centre			150	750
Operational Support			1,112	5,560
RHQ Municipal Support			360	1,800
Telephone			1,458	7,290
Mobile Radio Equipment Repairs & Maintenance			168	840
Office Automation - Uniform			4,487	22,435
Office Automation - Civilian			1,154	1,154
Vehicle Usage			10,219	51,095
Detachment Supplies & Equipment			1,073	5,365
Uniform & Equipment			2,360	11,800
Additional Municipally Leased Desktop Computer	Note 2		1,028	1,028
Total Other Direct Operating Expenses				109,117
Total 2025 Estimated Enhancement Cost	Note 3			\$ 1,236,697
Total OPP-Policed Properties				29,270
Cost Per Property				\$ 42.25

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OPP 2025 Estimated Contract Enhancement Cost Summary
Adjala-Tosorontio/Essa/New Tecumseth Tp
Estimated cost for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025

Notes:

- 1) Salary rates are based on weighted average rates for municipal detachment staff by rank, level, and classification. The 2025 salaries incorporate the 2025 general salary rate increase set in the 2023 to 2026 OPPA Uniform and Civilian Agreements (uniform and civilian staff - 4.75% in 2023, 4.50% in 2024 and 2.75% in 2025.) In 2025, the reconciliation for hours of service provided will be based on the updated availability factor of 1,381 hours per year.
- 2) Additional Municipally Leased Desktop Computers includes one (1) desktop computer which was previously under a separate agreement with the OPP IT Section, at the current Cost-Recovery Formula rate of \$1,028 each.
- 3) Costs are allocated to contract members based on property counts. See table below:

Municipality	Property Count	%	Enhancement cost
Adjala-Tosorontio Tp	4,242	14.49%	179,230
Essa Tp	7,914	27.04%	334,377
New Tecumseth T	17,114	58.47%	723,090
Total	29,270	100.00%	1,236,697

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OPP 2023 Reconciled Year-End Summary
Essa Tp
Reconciled cost for the period January 1 to December 31, 2023

			<u>Cost per Property \$</u>	<u>Reconciled Cost \$</u>	<u>Estimated Cost \$</u>
Base Service	Property Counts				
	Household	7,629			
	Commercial and Industrial	190			
	Total Properties	<u>7,819</u>	174.11	1,361,404	1,295,311
Calls for Service					
	Total all municipalities	187,830,598			
	Municipal portion	0.6587%	158.23	1,237,198	1,176,246
Overtime			22.62	176,903	120,027
Contract Enhancements	(see summary)		41.75	326,438	312,056
Prisoner Transportation	(per property cost)		1.45	11,338	9,148
Accommodation/Cleaning Services	(per property cost)		5.06	39,564	38,079
Total 2023 Costs			<u>403.23</u>	<u>3,152,845</u>	<u>2,950,867</u>
2023 Billed Amount				<u>2,950,866</u>	
2023 Year-End-Adjustment				<u>201,979</u>	

Notes

The Year-End Adjustment above is included as an adjustment on the 2025 Billing Statement.
This amount is incorporated into the monthly invoice amount for 2025.
The difference between the estimated and billed amount is due to rounding the bills to the nearest dollar throughout the year.

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OPP 2023 Reconciled Contract Enhancement Cost Summary
Adjala-Tosorontio/Essa/New Tecumseth Tp
 Reconciled cost for the period January 1 to December 31, 2023

2022 Cost Recovery Formula

Salaries and Benefits

		Positions	\$/FTE	Total \$
Uniform Members	Note 1			
Sergeant		2.00	130,812	261,623
Constable		3.00	111,708	335,125
Total Uniform Salaries		5.00		596,749
Statutory Holiday Payout			5,240	26,202
Shift Premiums			1,129	5,645
Uniform Benefits - Full-Time Salaries			34.81%	207,721
Total Uniform Salaries & Benefits				836,317
Detachment Civilian Members	Note 1			
Detachment Administrative Clerk	Full-time	1.96	70,324	137,834
Total Detachment Civilian Salaries		1.96		137,834
Civilian Benefits - Full-Time Salaries			35.00%	48,236
Total Detachment Civilian Salaries & Benefits				186,070
Support Costs - Salaries and Benefits				
Communication Operators			6,698	33,490
Prisoner Guards			2,074	10,370
Operational Support			5,604	28,020
RHQ Municipal Support			2,713	13,565
Telephone Support			131	655
Office Automation Support			680	3,400
Mobile and Portable Radio Support			250	1,250
Total Support Staff Salaries and Benefits Costs				90,750
Total Salaries & Benefits				1,113,137
Other Direct Operating Expenses				
Communication Centre			147	735
Operational Support			991	4,955
RHQ Municipal Support			122	610
Telephone			1,496	7,480
Mobile Radio Equipment Repairs & Maintenance			56	280
Office Automation - Uniform			2,282	11,410
Office Automation - Civilian			1,490	2,920
Vehicle Usage			8,999	44,995
Detachment Supplies & Equipment			406	2,030
Uniform & Equipment			2,105	10,525
Additional Municipally Leased Desktop Computer	Note 2		370	370
Total Other Direct Operating Expenses				86,310
Sub-Total Enhancement Cost				\$ 1,199,448
Contractual Hours Reduction, If Applicable	Note 3			(4,040)
Total 2023 Reconciled Enhancement Cost	Note 4			\$ 1,195,408

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OPP 2023 Reconciled Contract Enhancement Cost Summary
Adjala-Tosorontio/Essa/New Tecumseth Tp
Reconciled cost for the period January 1 to December 31, 2023

Notes:

- 1) Salary rates are based on weighted average rates for municipal detachment staff by rank, level and classification. The 2022 salaries incorporate the 2023 general salary rate increases set in the 2023 to 2026 OPPA Uniform and Civilian Collective Agreements, (uniform and civilian staff - 4.75%). The benefit rates are based on the most recent rates set by the Treasury Board Secretariat, (2023-24).
- 2) Additional Municipally Leased Computers includes one (1) desktop computer which was previously under a separate agreement with the OPP IT Section, at the current Cost-Recovery Formula rate of \$370 each.
- 3) The municipality receives an under hours credit in the amount of \$4,040. This credit is calculated using the number of hours below as follows: minimum hours required in contract, 6,905 contractual hours less 6,877 hours provided = shortfall of 28 hours, divided by the total contractual hours multiplied by the total uniform policing costs exclusive of overtime: \$1,010,087.

Contractual Hours Calculation

Billable Uniform Contract Enhancement Hours Worked			7,745
Calls For Service Hours Removed			(867)
Total Uniform Enhancement Hours Worked In Contract			6,877
Minimum Hours Required in Contract	5.00	FTEs x 1381	6,905
Total Hours Below Minimum Hours Required			(28)
Total Percentage Reduction (28 / 6905)			0.40%
X (Uniform Salaries + Uniform related ODOE)		X	1,010,087
Reduction Applied:			\$ (4,040)

4) Costs are allocated to contract members based on property counts. See table below:

Municipality	Property Count	%	Enhancement cost
Adjala-Tosorontio Tp	4,226	14.76%	176,433
Essa Tp	7,819	27.31%	326,438
New Tecumseth T	16,588	57.93%	692,538
Total	28,633	100.00%	1,195,408

Subject: RE: Inquiry

From: Alicia Roleff [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 3:24:17 p.m.
To: Henry Sander <hsander@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Inquiry
Good afternoon Henry Sander,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my email.
My name is Alicia Roleff and I am a resident of Thornton, in fact I live just a few houses down from the park that was recently named after the Burke family. (The address of this park is 35 Kevin Cr).

I am in my seventh year of post-secondary education, and in 6 months I will be a certified elementary school teacher.

Currently in my environmental education class, I have the opportunity to engage in a climate based action project. My idea for this project is to build a **Little Free Library** at our **Burke Family Park**. Little Free Libraries are an excellent way to promote literacy in our community, encourage sharing, foster lifelong learning, and strengthen community bonds and social connections. The Burke Family Park is important to my family and I, as we walk through it each and everyday with our dog, and often use the tennis courts in the summer time as well. I am emailing you today because I am unsure how exactly to get permission to place it in this park? I also have a timeline I am working on with my university which is November 1st.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference in our community! I look forward to hearing your thoughts regarding this.

Warmest regards,

Alicia Roleff
Bachelor of Science and Education
[REDACTED]
Lakehead University

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A place to imagine, discover, and connect.

Strategic Plan | 2025-2028

Message from the Library Board Chair



This Strategic Plan was conceived with forward momentum at the core.

Essa Township has plans to grow and the Essa Public Library will not be left behind. EPL plans to remain relevant and accessible to a bigger user group with a curated collection of physical and digital items, expanded program offerings, and access to multiple supports for our changing demographic.

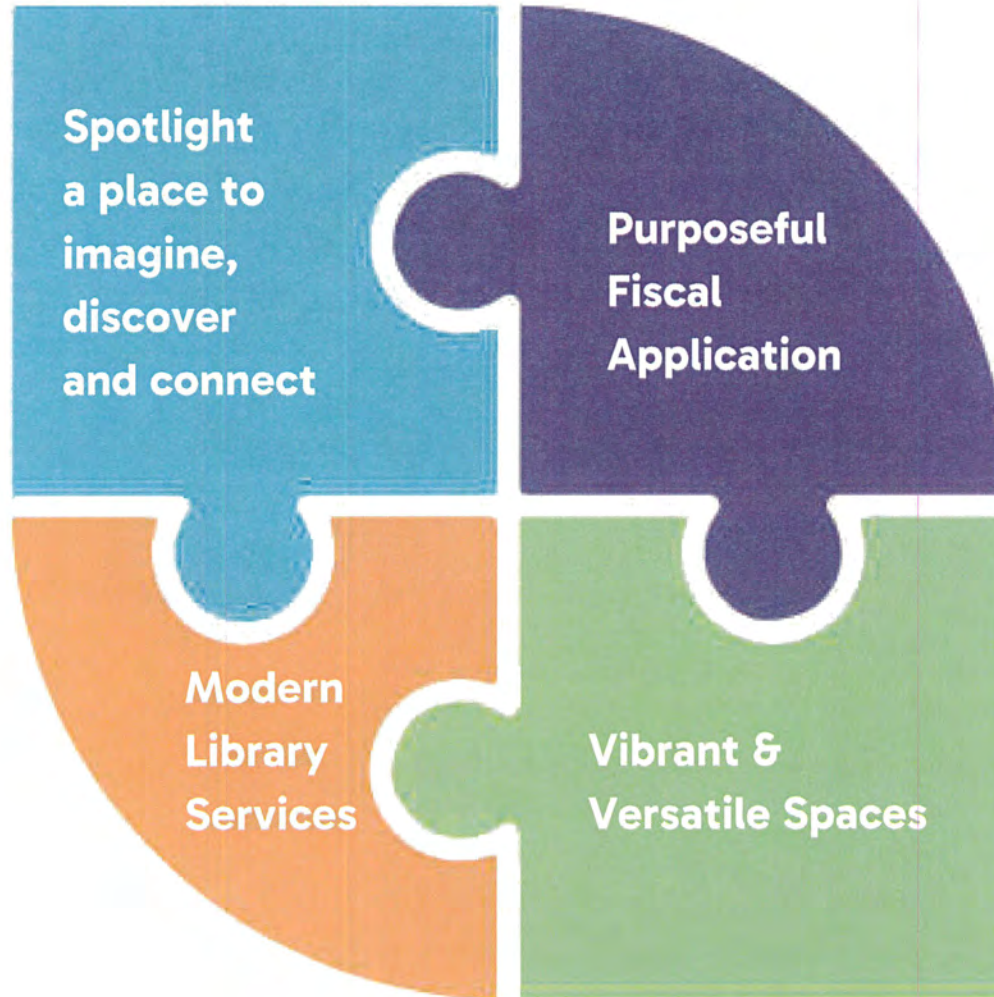
This Strategic Plan focuses on:

- Marketing this modern library and the incredible resources it provides.
- Purposeful use of fiscal budget.
- Program offerings designed with the changing demographic in mind.
- Imaginative use of limited library space.

In short - the best possible place to imagine, discover, and connect.

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Strategic Investments



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Spotlight a place to imagine, discover, and connect

People need to know public libraries are available to them.

- Highlight that Essa Public Library has both an Angus Branch and a Thornton Branch.



- Develop and maintain a community embedded Marketing Plan.
- Design a professional brochure to share physically and digitally.
- Plan outreach at IVY Days, Canada Day, and other local events, as well as vibrant programs for seniors, adults, teens, and children.
- Strengthen partnerships with Campus Partners in Angus: Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School, EarlyON, Angus Food Bank, Base Borden, Township of Essa Parks & Recreation.



Purposeful Fiscal Application

Protect Services

- Prevent dissolution of services in face of rising costs.
- Secure funding for additional Public Engagement Representative hours to allow Coordinators to deepen program offerings to the community.
- Explore fundraising opportunities and grants for specific library needs.



Community Need

- Review business hours in Thornton and Angus.

Technology

- Budget funds for mandatory computer replacements for ongoing Simcoe County IT security requirements.
- Plan for retirement of Integrated Library System Software and Website (2027-2028).
- Support the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) to request a province-wide Digital Library for equitable access to e-books, e-audiobooks and databases.



Modern Library Services

- Community requested programs: Arts, Widows Group, Repair Cafe, Gardening, Professional Speakers, Book Clubs, and additional Children's Programs.
- Plan to offer SMS text notifications for phone users.
- Invest in multilingual resources.
- Food Literacy: Community Gardens and environmental sustainability.
- Community Supports: CONTACT Community Services, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit prenatal classes, Citizenship tests, employment connections for Newcomers and individuals looking for new beginnings.
- Language Opportunities: ASL, French, Italian, Spanish, or more as requested.
- Apply Volunteer expertise and knowledge to participate in programming events.





Vibrant & Versatile Spaces



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- Nurture real and virtual **environments** where all feel welcome, included, sustained, and supported.
- Plan an **outdoor learning site** at Thornton Branch to expand program opportunities.
- Retire a section of shelves at Angus Branch to create much-needed programming space.
- Invest in quiet booths to provide spaces where individuals can concentrate.
- Continue to explore Environmental improvements within the library setting.

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This Strategic Plan was created through a variety of inputs: ongoing informal conversations with library users; responses to a community survey released in 2024; library staff discussions; interviews with Township of Essa Councillors; forward-looking thinking by the Essa Public Library Board Planning Committee and from the governance and visioning body of the Essa Public Library Board.



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Essa Public Library Board

- Judith Hunter Chair
- Carol Cryer Vice-Chair & Planning Committee
- Jennet Bushey Finance Committee
- Sydney Hyatt Personnel Committee, Policy Committee
- Liana Maltby Essa Council Representative
- Rachael Tracey Policy Committee (until July 2024)

- Laura Wark CEO, Secretary & Treasurer to the Board

Not pictured: Rachael Tracey





MEDIA RELEASE

Essa Public Library enhances opportunities for seniors through grant-funded program

October 8, 2024 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Essa, Ontario – Offerings for seniors at Essa Public Library have expanded thanks to a Simcoe County Age-Friendly municipal grant, which provided \$9,557 to launch *Grow Getters: A Lifestyle Program for Seniors*.

Through partnerships with local organizations, such as Simcoe County Master Gardeners and Side Door Yoga Studio, funds have made it possible to offer educational and movement-based workshops and programs. Participants have been able to get more involved in our community gardens, experience chair yoga, and reap the many benefits of being outdoors and moving their bodies.

Glenda Newbatt, Manager of Library Services at Essa Public Library, has been diligently expanding offerings for seniors and adults over the past two years to help those who experienced isolation during the pandemic to reconnect with their community.

“In my conversations with local seniors, I keep hearing the same things. They are anxious for opportunities to connect with their community and each other, move their bodies, and engage in more life-long learning,” said Newbatt. “Thanks to the Simcoe County Community Age-Friendly grant, I’m so excited that we can expand our offerings for the amazing seniors in our community – we’re having a lot of fun together.”

The grant also funded the addition of an accessible picnic table at both the Angus and Thornton library branches which were assembled by Essa Parks and Recreation, as well as additional perennials and seeds for the Seed Library.

And of course, this can all be enjoyed for free at the library, giving seniors access to programs they might not otherwise be able to experience.

About Essa Public Library

Essa Public Library delivers a place to imagine, discover, and connect.

Welcoming spaces at the Angus and Thornton locations include a wide collection of items to borrow, from board games to kitchen appliances to seeds. Essa Public Library serves a population of more than 20,000, including residents of Essa Township and Base Borden.

A calendar of programs and events is available online at essalibrary.ca.

Media Contact:

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Essa Public Library
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Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

October 1, 2024

Township of Essa
5786 Simcoe County Road 21
Utopia, ON
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Dear Sarah Corbett:

Please find the 2025 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Draft Budget Booklet can be found [here](#) and is also attached for ease of distribution. This draft budget was received and approved for circulation and input for the mandatory 30-day review period, at the September 27, 2024, NVCA Board meeting. Please forward any comments to the undersigned by November 22, 2024.

The NVCA is also pleased to include the budget companion, the 2025 Program Overview provides simple, understandable information about how our budget is allocated, what our goals and objectives are both for the current year and future year, along what has been achieved by our team. It can be found [here](#) and is also attached for ease of distribution.

The NVCA worked very diligently to address the impacts of inflation and subsequent pricing increases, combined with the uncontrollable costs of items such as insurance, to minimize the impact to our member municipalities.

2025's draft budget also includes the addition of two new positions, one in Flood Forecasting & Warning as well as a contract Engineering Technologist. The contract position is being brought in to assist with the backlog in our engineering department with plan review as more and more time imperative projects are moving forward. Flood Forecasting & Warning is requiring another person as we have had one person in this department for over 20 years and with the increasing severity of storms, climate change, and the aging infrastructure (dams) that the NVCA has, more staffing is required.

The 2025 budget is the second year with the new framework of budgeting using categories 1, 2 & 3 and the requirements of signed MOU's. The NVCA has signed agreements with all 18 of our municipalities and will continue to work on renewing them as required.

We thank your Township for your support of the NVCA's category 3 programs in 2024, and hope that support will continue into 2025.

The Township of Essa's proposed 2025 operational levy contribution is \$243,627.06. The capital asset levy will be \$14,035.74. This represents a total of \$257,662.80 contribution for 2025.

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Below is how it is broken down into the Category 1 and Categories 2 & 3:

Category 1 Operational Levy - \$219,108.92

Categories 2 & 3 Operational Levy - \$24,518.14

Category 1 Asset Levy - \$1,1970.38

Categories 2 & 3 Asset Levy - \$2,065.36

Please contact Kerry Jenkins at 705-424-1479 ext. 272 or kjenkins@nvca.on.ca if your council would like to schedule a deputation or a meeting with staff to discuss this draft budget. We believe the 2025 draft budget represents a wise investment for the long-term health of our environment, watershed, and local economy.

Yours truly,



Doug Hevenor
Chief Administration Officer

Copies: NVCA Board Member, Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink
Debbie Dollmaier, Finance Manager

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**NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
2025 DRAFT BUDGET**

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OUR VISION

A sustainable watershed that is resilient to the effects of climate change, urban growth and other stressors and provides for safe, healthy and prosperous people and communities.

OUR MISSION

Working together to deliver innovative, integrated watershed management that is responsive to the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the Nottawasaga Valley watershed.

WHAT WE VALUE

An abundance of clean water, clean air and fertile soils that provide for healthy people and ecosystems.

Natural heritage systems and the ecosystem services they provide, particularly as they support resilience to the effects of a changing climate.

Distinctive landforms and waterways including the Georgian Bay coastline, Niagara Escarpment, Minesing Wetlands and others that give our watershed a unique sense of place.

Quality recreational opportunities that our hills, forests, meadows, wetlands, waterways and coastline provide for residents and tourists alike.

A wealth of resources within the capacity of our watershed to provide for thriving communities, successful economies and sustainable agriculture, now and in the future.

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About the 2025 budget

The 2025 budget represents the second year for the new budgetary framework for NVCA. Through the Province of Ontario, NVCA's program areas are separated into three categories:

- Category 1: Mandatory programs and services, where municipal levy could be used without any agreement
- Category 2: Municipal programs and services provided at the request of a municipality through an agreement
- Category 3: Other programs and services an authority determines are advisable but are not under Categories 1 and 2. Use of municipal levy requires an agreement with participating municipalities.

As we deliver mandatory programs services under Categories 1 to municipalities, NVCA is committed to continuing to manage human activities and natural resources on a watershed basis. Through Categories 2 & 3, we look forward to continuing our collaboration with municipal partners to deliver science based, innovative, watershed-wide services to improve water quality, manage flood and erosion, create more resilient habitats, grow economies through recreational opportunities, and better adapt to climate change.

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OUR WATERSHED

The Nottawasaga Valley Watershed is approximately 3,700 km², with jurisdiction in 18 municipalities in the counties of Simcoe, Dufferin and Grey. The watershed is the source of watercourses that flow into Georgian Bay at Wasaga Beach, Collingwood and Severn Sound.

NVCA's Board of Directors is comprised of one representative appointed from each of our member municipalities.

Board members have a very important role and responsibility to represent the interests of their municipalities, consider the interests and needs of the conservation authority, and establish an effective reporting relationship with their municipal council and staff.

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Budget Process

In August 2024, board members amended and approved a staff report on the budget pressures projected for 2025 and directed staff to prepare a 2025 budget for consideration based on a \$400,000 increase to general levy.

Staff have developed a draft budget based on a \$399,981.36 increase. The draft budget is reviewed at the September 27, 2024 Board of Directors meeting and subsequently circulated to NVCA watershed municipalities for the mandatory 30 commenting period.

The NVCA realizes that 30 days can be difficult for our member municipalities and strives to give approximately 60 days. The Board of Directors will vote on the budget at the December 2024 Board Meeting.

Budget Vote

The Board of Directors will vote on the budget and levy using a weighted vote. The weighting formula is based on the Modified Current Value Assessment (MCVA) levy apportionment found later in this booklet.

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Step 1

September 27, 2024

Board of Directors approves circulation of draft budget

Step 2

October 1, 2024

Budget to Municipal partners

Step 3

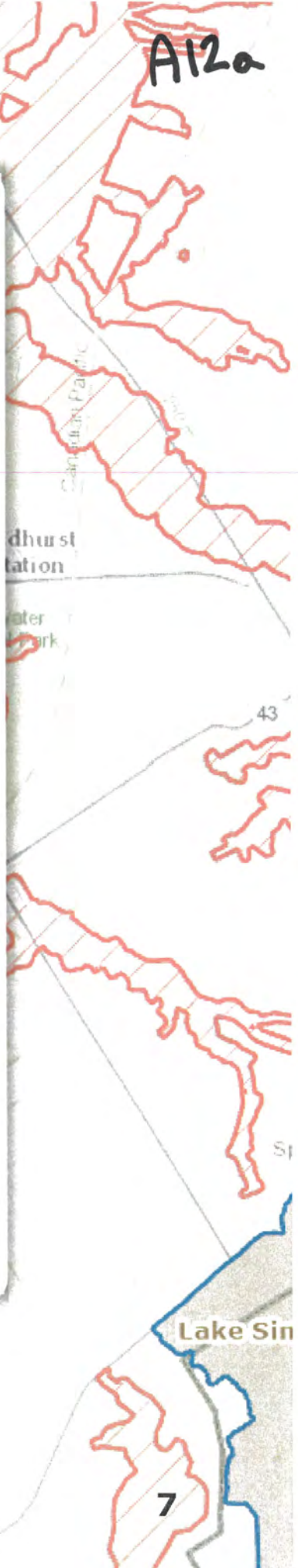
November 22, 2024

Municipal review period

Step 4

December 13, 2024

Board of Directors weighted vote



2025 Category 1 Draft Budget

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As per the NVCA's Inventory of Programs and Services, Category 1 items are provincially mandated services that NVCA must deliver to our partner municipalities. The 2024 operational budget for Category 1 is organized into business units and departments and is intended to reflect all associated costs. All operating programs, with the exception of planning and regulations with the addition of two new staff, have been maintained at the previous years' service level.

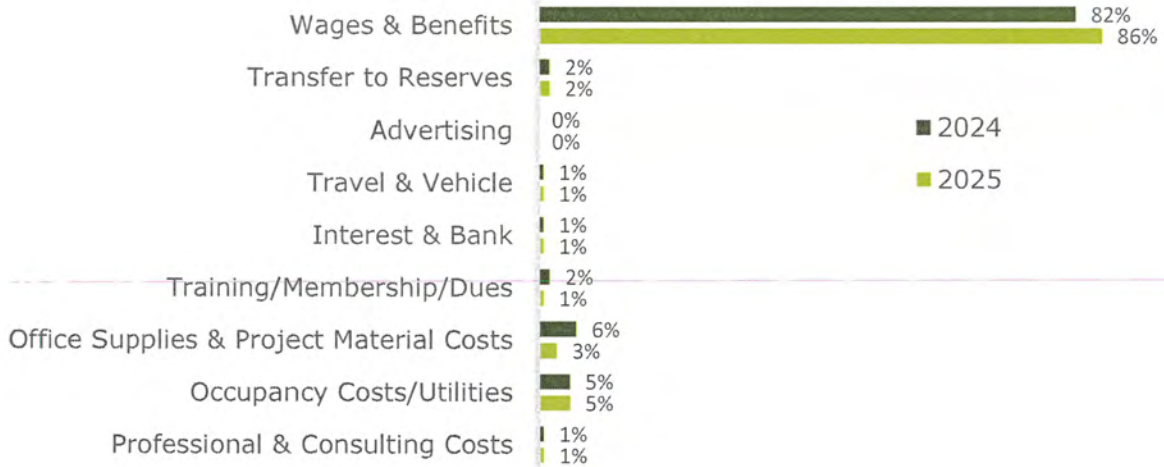
For Category 1's budget, a \$368,108.43 increase in municipal levy is needed to support the operating expenditures. The operating levy is shared by NVCA member municipalities based on the MCVA apportionment percentages provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry.

Summary of Category 1 Municipal Levy Contribution

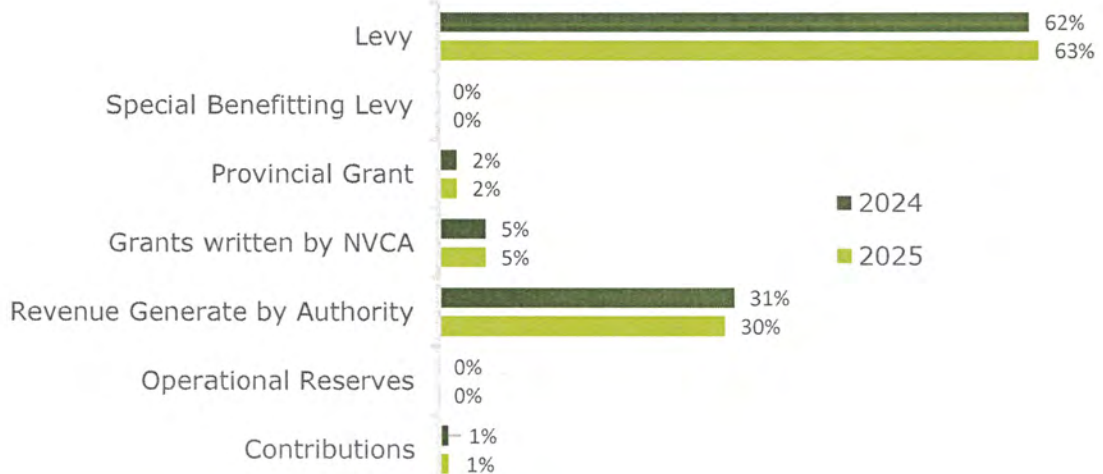
Municipality	2024 MCVA Apportionment Percentage	2025 MCVA Apportionment Percentage	2024 Draft Operating Levy	2025 Draft Operating Levy	\$ Increase
			\$2,856,357.59	\$3,224,466.02	\$368,108.43
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio	4.01%	4.04%	\$114,531.37	\$130,378.06	\$15,846.69
Township of Amaranth	0.22%	0.22%	\$6,232.57	\$7,039.01	\$806.44
City of Barrie	14.80%	14.75%	\$422,835.18	\$475,579.72	\$52,744.53
Town of The Blue Mountains	1.45%	1.47%	\$41,494.31	\$47,335.16	\$5,840.85
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	4.29%	4.28%	\$122,572.02	\$137,865.27	\$15,293.25
Clearview Township	4.92%	4.93%	\$140,589.92	\$159,095.15	\$18,505.23
Town of Collingwood	10.35%	10.27%	\$295,584.45	\$331,133.31	\$35,548.86
Township of Essa	6.86%	6.80%	\$195,874.72	\$219,108.92	\$23,234.19
Municipality of Grey Highlands	0.34%	0.34%	\$9,631.64	\$10,808.41	\$1,176.77
Town of Innisfil	7.22%	7.30%	\$206,197.60	\$235,498.88	\$29,301.28
Township of Melancthon	0.48%	0.48%	\$13,579.12	\$15,306.54	\$1,727.42
Town of Mono	3.67%	3.58%	\$104,716.93	\$115,564.86	\$10,847.94
Mulmur Township	1.61%	1.59%	\$39,589.79	\$51,130.36	\$5,214.41
Town of New Tecumseth	13.59%	13.40%	\$334,317.84	\$431,981.71	\$44,445.40
Township of Oro-Medonte	7.37%	7.36%	\$181,301.29	\$237,343.27	\$26,432.68
Town of Shelburne	2.11%	2.17%	\$51,854.13	\$70,106.34	\$9,131.67
Township of Springwater	7.56%	7.76%	\$185,979.75	\$250,128.28	\$34,170.51
Town of Wasaga Beach	9.04%	9.28%	\$222,347.2	\$299,062.77	\$37,840.30

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Expenses



Revenues



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**Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Proposed 2025 Budget - Category 1**

Consolidated

	BUDGET 2024	BUDGET 2025	\$ CHANGE
REVENUE:			
Municipal Levy	2,856,357.59	3,224,466.02	368,108.43
Special Benefit Projects	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
Total Municipal Revenue	<u>2,860,357.58</u>	<u>3,228,466.02</u>	<u>368,108.44</u>
MNR Transfer Payment-Flood	97,307.00	97,307.00	-
Other Provincial Sources	197,000.00	227,000.00	30,000.00
Federal Sources	15,000.00	10,000.00	(5,000.00)
Total Government Grants	<u>309,307.00</u>	<u>334,307.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
Contributions	42,150.00	32,150.00	(10,000.00)
Healthy Waters	5,000.00	3,000.00	(2,000.00)
Conservation Lands	34,300.00	44,500.00	10,200.00
Planning	1,260,500.00	1,367,250.00	106,750.00
Tiffin Operations	9,000.00	10,000.00	1,000.00
GIS & Technical Support	12,500.00	10,000.00	(2,500.00)
Investment Income	100,000.00	100,000.00	-
Total Contributions and User Fees	<u>1,463,450.00</u>	<u>1,566,900.00</u>	<u>103,450.00</u>
Operational Reserves	5,000.00	-	(5,000.00)
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>4,638,114.59</u>	<u>5,129,673.02</u>	<u>491,558.43</u>
EXPENSES:			
Wages and Interprogram Charges	4,008,243.32	4,512,111.11	503,867.79
	<u>4,008,243.32</u>	<u>4,512,111.11</u>	<u>503,867.79</u>
Other Expenses			
Staff Cost	10,300.00	10,100.00	(200.00)
Memberships/Professional Dues	45,600.00	45,600.00	-
Educations and Training	31,500.00	31,500.00	-
Materials & Supplies - General	110,700.00	98,200.00	(12,500.00)
Vehicles & Large Equipment Costs	45,250.00	45,250.00	-
Office Expenses	14,500.00	14,500.00	-
Equipment Costs	8,000.00	7,000.00	(1,000.00)
Transportation Costs	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
Legal	22,000.00	22,000.00	-
Consultants	8,500.00	8,500.00	-
Insurance	155,800.00	155,800.00	-
Taxes	18,860.00	18,860.00	-
Heat and Hydro	30,800.00	30,800.00	-
Telephones and Internet Access	21,000.00	21,000.00	-
Audit Fees	20,500.00	20,750.00	250.00
Interest and Bank Charges	38,500.00	38,500.00	-
Maintenance Expense	32,900.00	35,600.00	2,700.00
Uniform Expense	6,400.00	6,400.00	-
Leases	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
Advertisement and Communications	21,100.00	19,100.00	(2,000.00)
Bad Debt Expense	500.00	500.00	-

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	BUDGET 2024	BUDGET 2025	\$ CHANGE
Transfer to Reserves	120,000.00	120,000.00	-
	<u>780,710.00</u>	<u>767,960.00</u>	<u>(12,750.00)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>4,788,953.32</u>	<u>5,280,071.11</u>	<u>491,117.79</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>(150,838.73)</u>	<u>(150,398.09)</u>	<u>440.64</u>

2025 Categories 2 & 3 Draft Budget

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As per the NVCA's Inventory of Programs and Services, NVCA can only deliver items under Categories 2 & 3 if there are agreements in place with our municipalities. Category 2 items do not require levy, and projects are based on agreements with individual municipalities. Category 3 items require some levy to meet eligibility requirements for grants and other revenues, which in turn will help reduce the amount of levy needed under Category 1.

For Categories 2 & 3's budget, a \$2,942.78 decrease in municipal levy is realized to support the operating expenditures. The operating levy is shared by NVCA member municipalities based on the MCVA apportionment percentages provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry.

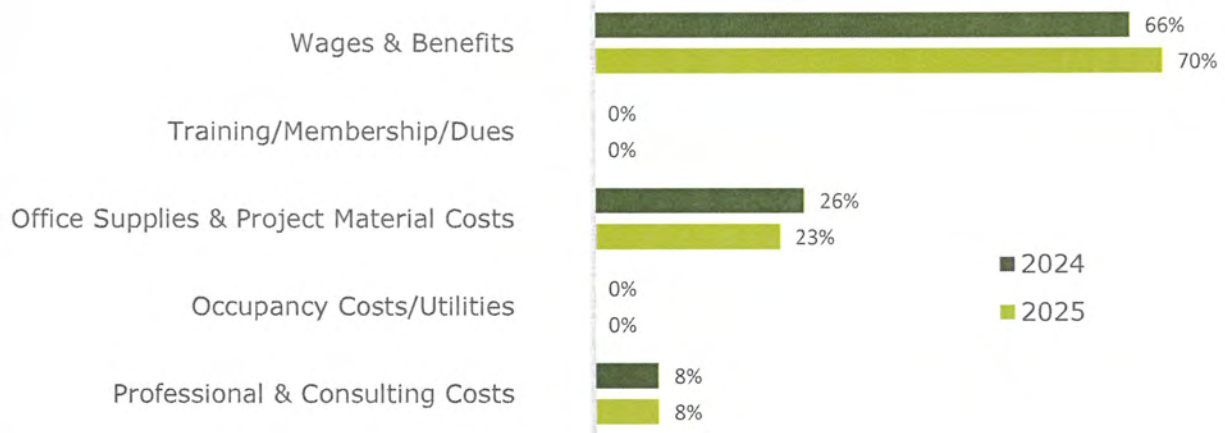
Summary of Category 3 Municipal Levy Contribution

Municipality	2024 MCVA Apportionment Percentage	2025 MCVA Apportionment Percentage	2024 Operating Levy	2025 Draft Operating Levy	\$ Increase
			\$328,942.68	\$360,815.61	\$31,872.93
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio	4.01%	4.04%	\$13,189.61	\$14,589.22	\$1,399.61
Township of Amaranth	0.22%	0.22%	\$717.75	\$787.66	\$69.91
City of Barrie	14.80%	14.75%	\$48,694.37	\$53,217.06	\$4,522.69
Town of The Blue Mountains	1.45%	1.47%	\$4,778.55	\$5,296.77	\$518.22
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	4.29%	4.28%	\$14,115.59	\$15,427.03	\$1,311.44
Clearview Township	4.92%	4.93%	\$16,190.56	\$17,802.64	\$1,612.08
Town of Collingwood	10.35%	10.27%	\$34,039.98	\$37,053.60	\$3,013.62
Township of Essa	6.86%	6.80%	\$22,557.24	\$24,518.14	\$1,960.90
Municipality of Grey Highlands	0.34%	0.34%	\$1,109.19	\$1,209.45	\$100.26
Town of Innisfil	7.22%	7.30%	\$23,746.04	\$26,352.17	\$2,606.13
Township of Melancthon	0.48%	0.48%	\$1,563.79	\$1,712.79	\$149.00
Town of Mono	3.67%	3.58%	\$12,059.37	\$12,931.63	\$872.26
Mulmur Township	1.61%	1.59%	\$5,287.75	\$5,721.45	\$433.70
Town of New Tecumseth	13.57%	13.40%	\$44,629.30	\$48,338.47	\$3,709.17
Township of Oro-Medonte	7.38%	7.36%	\$24,288.80	\$26,558.55	\$2,269.75
Town of Shelburne	2.13%	2.17%	\$7,021.94	\$7,844.85	\$822.91
Township of Springwater	7.56%	7.76%	\$24,870.04	\$27,989.19	\$3,119.15
Town of Wasaga Beach	9.15%	9.28%	\$30,082.79	\$33,464.93	\$3,382.14

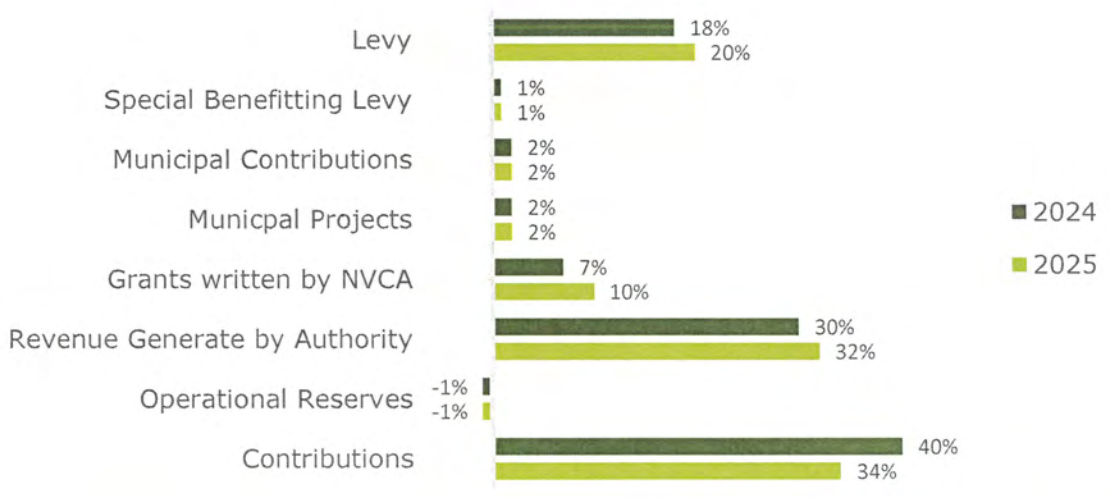
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	BUDGET 2024	BUDGET 2025	\$ CHANGE
REVENUE:			
Municipal Levy	328,942.68	360,815.61	31,872.93
Special Benefit Projects	21,000.00	18,000.00	(3,000.00)
Municipal Contributions	44,050.00	44,050.00	-
Municipal Project - RMO	36,000.00	30,000.00	(6,000.00)
Total Municipal Revenue	<u>429,992.68</u>	<u>452,865.61</u>	<u>22,872.93</u>
Other Provincial Sources	500.00	20,500.00	20,000.00
Federal Sources	125,000.00	155,000.00	30,000.00
Total Government Grants	<u>125,500.00</u>	<u>175,500.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
Contributions	<u>715,130.00</u>	<u>634,130.00</u>	<u>(81,000.00)</u>
User Fees			
Reforestation	39,000.00	40,000.00	1,000.00
Healthy Waters	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
Environmental Monitoring	6,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00
Environmental Education	285,000.00	323,500.00	38,500.00
Tiffin Operations	167,600.00	169,100.00	1,500.00
Conservation Land Leases	33,140.00	34,240.00	1,100.00
Total Contributions and User Fees	<u>1,260,870.00</u>	<u>1,223,970.00</u>	<u>(36,900.00)</u>
Operational Reserves	(9,800.00)	(9,800.00)	-
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>1,806,562.68</u>	<u>1,842,535.61</u>	<u>35,972.93</u>
EXPENSES:			
Wages and Interprogram Charges	<u>1,086,464.09</u>	<u>1,178,203.06</u>	<u>91,738.97</u>
	1,086,464.09	1,178,203.06	91,738.97
Other Expenses			
Staff Cost	300.00	300.00	-
Memberships/Professional Dues	1,250.00	1,250.00	-
Materials & Supplies - General	327,109.87	316,784.46	(10,325.41)
Materials & Supplies - Cost of Trees	110,000.00	65,000.00	(45,000.00)
Equipment Costs	500.00	500.00	-
Consultants	127,500.00	127,500.00	-
Heat and Hydro	200.00	200.00	-
Maintenance Expense	2,300.00	2,300.00	-
Uniform Expense	100.00	100.00	-
	<u>569,259.87</u>	<u>513,934.46</u>	<u>(55,325.41)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,655,723.96</u>	<u>1,692,137.52</u>	<u>36,413.56</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>150,838.72</u>	<u>150,398.09</u>	<u>(440.63)</u>

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The capital asset levy, which funds the Asset Management Plan (AMP), is shared by the municipal partners based on their modified apportionment percentage.

The AMP is based on the annual approval of the asset management plan by the Board of Directors.

The AMP for 2025 was approved by the Board of Directors at the August 2024 Board meeting and is also split between Category 1 and Categories 2 & 3.

Below are the contributions for 2025 based on the approved Asset Management Plan:

Category 1 Capital Asset Levy

Municipality	2025 MCVA Apportionment%	2025 Capital Levy
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio	4.04%	\$ 7,111.81
Township of Amaranth	0.22%	\$ 387.28
City of Barrie	14.75%	\$ 25,965.16
Town of The Blue Mountains	1.47%	\$ 2,587.71
Bradford/West Gwillimbury	4.28%	\$ 7,534.30
Clearview Township	4.93%	\$ 8,678.53
Town of Collingwood	10.27%	\$ 18,078.79
Township of Essa	6.80%	\$ 11,970.38
Municipality of Grey Highlands	0.34%	\$ 598.52
Town of Innisfil	7.30%	\$ 12,850.56
Melancthon Township	0.48%	\$ 844.97
Town of Mono	3.58%	\$ 6,302.05
Mulmur Township	1.59%	\$ 2,798.96
Town of New Tecumseth	13.40%	\$ 23,588.69
Township of Oro-Medonte	7.36%	\$ 12,956.18
Town of Shelburne	2.17%	\$ 3,819.96
Township of Springwater	7.76%	\$ 13,660.32
Town of Wasaga Beach	9.28%	\$ 16,336.05

Categories 2 & 3 Capital Asset Levy

Municipality	2025 MCVA Apportionment%	2025 Capital Levy
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio	4.04%	\$ 1,227.07
Township of Amaranth	0.22%	\$ 66.82
City of Barrie	14.75%	\$ 4,480.02
Town of The Blue Mountains	1.47%	\$ 446.48
Bradford/West Gwillimbury	4.28%	\$ 1,299.96
Clearview Township	4.93%	\$ 1,497.39
Town of Collingwood	10.27%	\$ 3,119.31
Township of Essa	6.80%	\$ 2,065.36
Municipality of Grey Highlands	0.34%	\$ 103.27
Town of Innisfil	7.30%	\$ 2,217.23
Melancthon Township	0.48%	\$ 145.79
Town of Mono	3.58%	\$ 1,087.35
Mulmur Township	1.59%	\$ 482.93
Town of New Tecumseth	13.40%	\$ 4,069.98
Township of Oro-Medonte	7.36%	\$ 2,235.45
Town of Shelburne	2.17%	\$ 659.09
Township of Springwater	7.76%	\$ 2,356.94
Town of Wasaga Beach	9.28%	\$ 2,818.61

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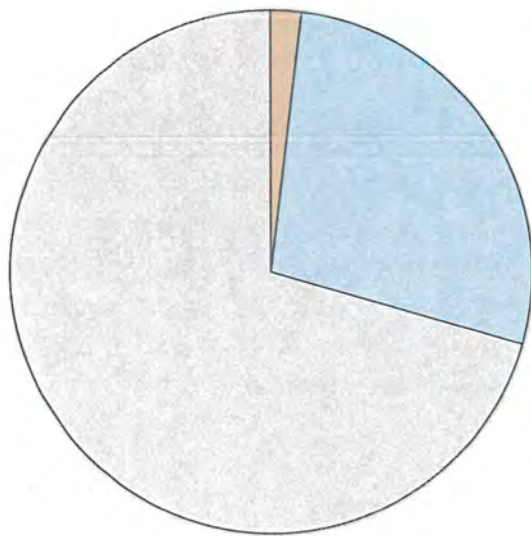


Reserves

These amounts will be put into reserves to pay for the repair maintenance and replacement of the assets as identified in the AMP. The asset levy is funding less than 50% of the purchases, as 2025 is a heavy year and the total levy is spread out over 10 years. Also, some purchases were deferred from 2024 to 2024 and therefore the levy was already received for it and placed into the reserve for 2025.

Some of the 2025 expenditures as per the AMP:

1. Dam safety review for Utopia Dam, urgent repair work to be completed at Tottenham and New Lowell Dams
2. Parts replacement on lands, flood and monitoring equipment to extend life as well as replacement of some end-of-life equipment, specifically some flood loggers & communicators due to cellular upgrade requirements
3. Computers and server upgrades and network hardware
4. Replacement of 1 vehicle.



Funding for Asset Management Plan

2025 Total Cost: \$704,900

Capital Reserves

\$498,492 | 71%

Category 1 Asset Levy

\$176,035 | 25%

Categories 2 & 3 Asset Levy

\$30,373 | 4%

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	BUDGET 2024	BUDGET 2025	\$ CHANGE
REVENUE:			
Municipal Levy	3,185,300.27	3,585,281.63	399,981.36
Special Benefit Projects	25,000.00	22,000.00	(3,000.00)
Municipal Contributions	44,050.00	44,050.00	-
Municipal Project - RMO	36,000.00	30,000.00	(6,000.00)
Total Municipal Revenue	<u>3,290,350.26</u>	<u>3,681,331.63</u>	<u>390,981.37</u>
MNR Transfer Payment-Flood	97,307.00	97,307.00	-
Other Provincial Sources	197,500.00	247,500.00	50,000.00
Federal Sources	140,000.00	165,000.00	25,000.00
Total Government Grants	<u>434,807.00</u>	<u>509,807.00</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>
Contributions	757,280.00	666,280.00	(91,000.00)
User Fees			
Reforestation	39,000.00	40,000.00	1,000.00
Healthy Waters	20,000.00	18,000.00	(2,000.00)
Conservation Lands	34,300.00	44,500.00	10,200.00
Planning	1,260,500.00	1,367,250.00	106,750.00
Environmental Monitoring	6,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00
Environmental Education	285,000.00	323,500.00	38,500.00
Tiffin Operations	176,600.00	179,100.00	2,500.00
Conservation Land Leases	33,140.00	34,240.00	1,100.00
GIS & Technical Support	12,500.00	10,000.00	(2,500.00)
Investment Income	100,000.00	100,000.00	-
Total Contributions and User Fees	<u>2,724,320.00</u>	<u>2,790,870.00</u>	<u>66,550.00</u>
Operational Reserves	(4,800.00)	(9,800.00)	(5,000.00)
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>6,444,677.27</u>	<u>6,972,208.63</u>	<u>527,531.36</u>
EXPENSES:			
Wages and Interprogram Charges	5,094,707.40	5,690,314.17	595,606.77
	<u>5,094,707.40</u>	<u>5,690,314.17</u>	<u>595,606.77</u>
Other Expenses			
Staff Cost	10,600.00	10,400.00	(200.00)
Memberships/Professional Dues	46,850.00	46,850.00	-
Educations and Training	31,500.00	31,500.00	-
Materials & Supplies - General	437,809.87	414,984.46	(22,825.41)
Materials & Supplies - Cost of Trees	110,000.00	65,000.00	(45,000.00)
Vehicles & Large Equipment Costs	45,250.00	45,250.00	-
Office Expenses	14,500.00	14,500.00	-
Equipment Costs	8,500.00	7,500.00	(1,000.00)
Transportation Costs	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
Legal	22,000.00	22,000.00	-
Consultants	136,000.00	136,000.00	-
Insurance	155,800.00	155,800.00	-
Taxes	18,860.00	18,860.00	-
Heat and Hydro	31,000.00	31,000.00	-

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	BUDGET 2024	BUDGET 2025	\$ CHANGE
Telephones and Internet Access	21,000.00	21,000.00	-
Audit Fees	20,500.00	20,750.00	250.00
Interest and Bank Charges	38,500.00	38,500.00	-
Maintenance Expense	35,200.00	37,900.00	2,700.00
Uniform Expense	6,500.00	6,500.00	-
Leases	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
Advertisement and Communications	21,100.00	19,100.00	(2,000.00)
Bad Debt Expense	500.00	500.00	-
Transfer to Reserves	120,000.00	120,000.00	-
	<u>1,349,969.87</u>	<u>1,281,894.46</u>	<u>(68,075.41)</u>
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 <u>6,444,677.27</u>	 <u>6,972,208.63</u>	 <u>527,531.36</u>
 SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	 <u>(0.00)</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>0.00</u>

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**Nottawasaga Valley
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2025 Program Overview**

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OUR VISION

A sustainable watershed that is resilient to the effects of climate change, urban growth and other stressors and provides for safe, healthy and prosperous people and communities.

OUR MISSION

Working together to deliver innovative, integrated watershed management that is responsive to the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the Nottawasaga Valley watershed.

WHAT WE VALUE

An abundance of clean water, clean air and fertile soils that provide for healthy people and ecosystems.

Natural heritage systems and the ecosystem services they provide, particularly as they support resilience to the effects of a changing climate.

Distinctive landforms and waterways including the Georgian Bay coastline, Niagara Escarpment, Minesing Wetlands and others that give our watershed a unique sense of place.

Quality recreational opportunities that our hills, forests, meadows, wetlands, waterways and coastline provide for residents and tourists alike.

A wealth of resources within the capacity of our watershed to provide for thriving communities, successful economies and sustainable agriculture, now and in the future.

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NVCA PROFILE

2025 represents NVCA's 65th anniversary of providing services to our watershed. Since 1960, we have worked with our municipal partners to provide programs and services that bring to life our vision of a vibrant watershed that supports healthy environments, communities and lifestyles.

Through the Province of Ontario, NVCA's program areas are separated into three categories:

- Category 1: Mandatory programs and services, where municipal levy could be used without any agreement
- Category 2: Municipal programs and services provided at the request of a municipality through an agreement
- Category 3: Other programs and services an authority determines are advisable but are not under Categories 1 and 2. Use of municipal levy requires an agreement with participating municipalities.

NVCA employs approximately 55 full-time, part-time, contract and seasonal staff across numerous professional fields. Our employees uphold our mandate under the seven service areas listed below and detailed in the pages that follow.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Category 1: \$2.24M / 17.5 FTEs
Category 2 & 3: \$0

CONSERVATION LANDS

Category 1: \$435K / 3.75 FTEs
Category 2 & 3: \$238K / 2 FTEs

FLOOD MANAGEMENT

Category 1: \$443K / 3.48 FTEs
Category 2 & 3: \$0 / 0 FTE

RESTORATION SERVICES

Category 1 \$97.4K / 0.58 FTEs
Category 2 & 3 \$1.07M / 4.62 FTEs

Watershed Science

Category 1: \$382K / 3.05 FTE
Category 2 & 3 \$137K / 1.28 FTE

CORPORATE SERVICES

Category 1: \$1.56M / 12.55 FTEs
Category 2 & 3: \$0 / 0 FTE

EDUCATION

Category 1: \$0 / 0 FTE
Category 2 & 3: \$370K / 4.08 FTEs

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FUNDING CONSERVATION

Total Funding

NVCA's 2025 budget is \$6,972,208.63, which includes a total levy contribution of \$3,585,282. When combined with fee for service revenues, 51% of NVCA's budget is funded through non-levy sources of funding.

This corresponds to \$17.09 per watershed resident which is in line with the average conservation authority levy across the Province.

Category 1 Funding

NVCA's 2025 budget is \$5,129,673.02, which includes a total levy contribution of \$3,224,466.02. When combined with fee for service revenues, 37% of NVCA's budget is funded through non-levy sources of funding.

Category 1 budget corresponds to \$15.42 per watershed resident.

Category 2 & 3 Funding

NVCA's 2025 budget is \$1,842,535.61, which includes a total levy contribution of \$360,816. When combined with fee for service revenues, only 20% of NVCA's Category 2 & 3 budget is funded through levy. User fees and leverage of levy makes up the remaining 80%. These categories also subsidize Category 1 programs, helping to reduce the levy required.

Category 2 & 3 corresponds to \$1.68 per watershed resident.

While this builds a strong case for support, it is not enough to improve the health of our watershed, improve water quality, protect from flooding, provide open spaces and trails that are accessible for people to use, and connect and restore forests wetlands and habitats.

We rely on our partners, funders, landowner and volunteers to help build communities resilient to climate change, and most importantly, attracting and retaining the talent and economic opportunities that this watershed desires.

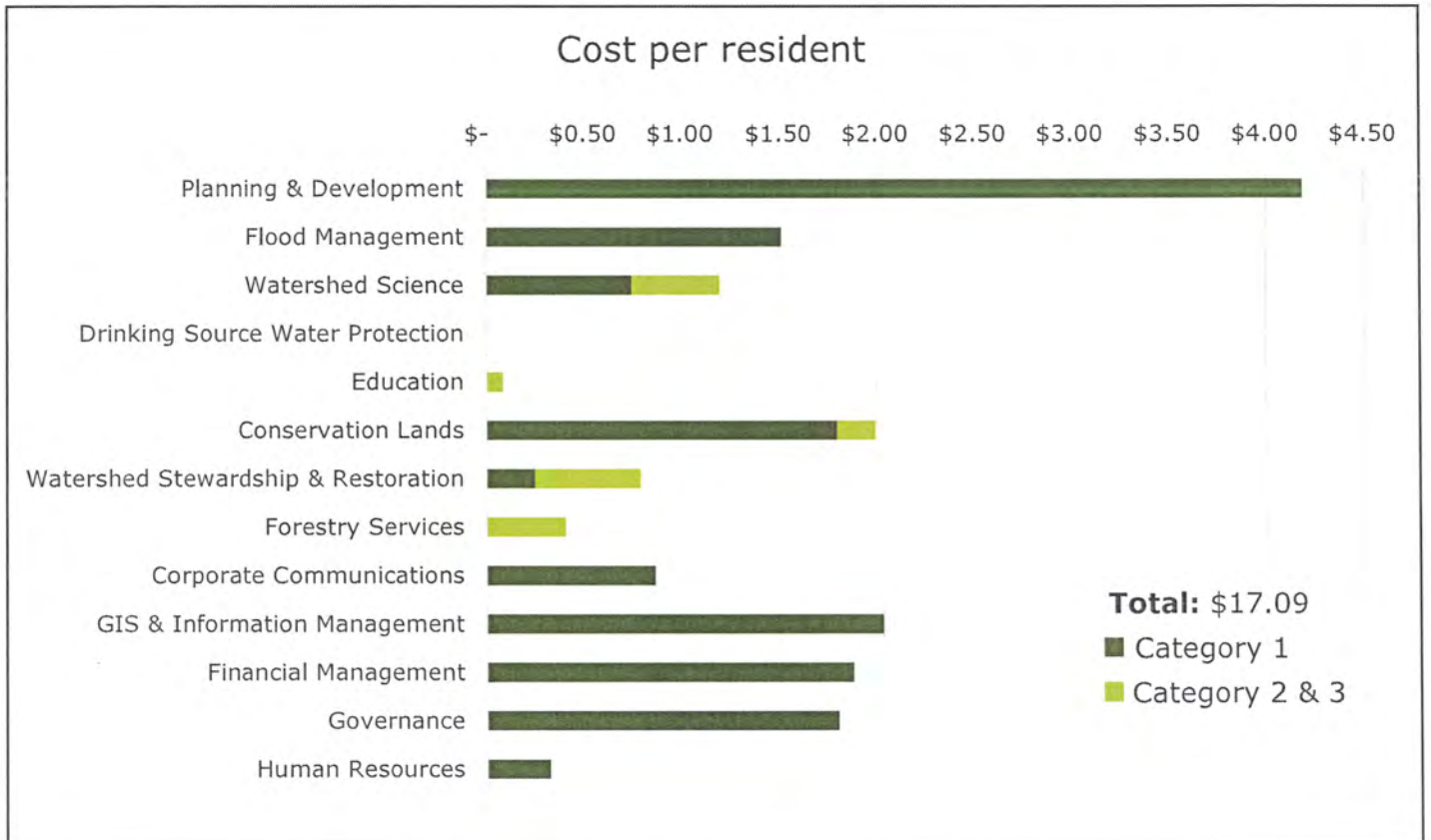
Sustaining the watershed is not our work alone. It is what we do together with municipalities, our neighbours, universities and colleges, donors, local and regional agencies, and the many other partners we work with. We need to celebrate our successes but we also need to increase the scope, scale and intensity of our joint efforts to create a place we can be proud of and celebrate – one we can call home. For life.

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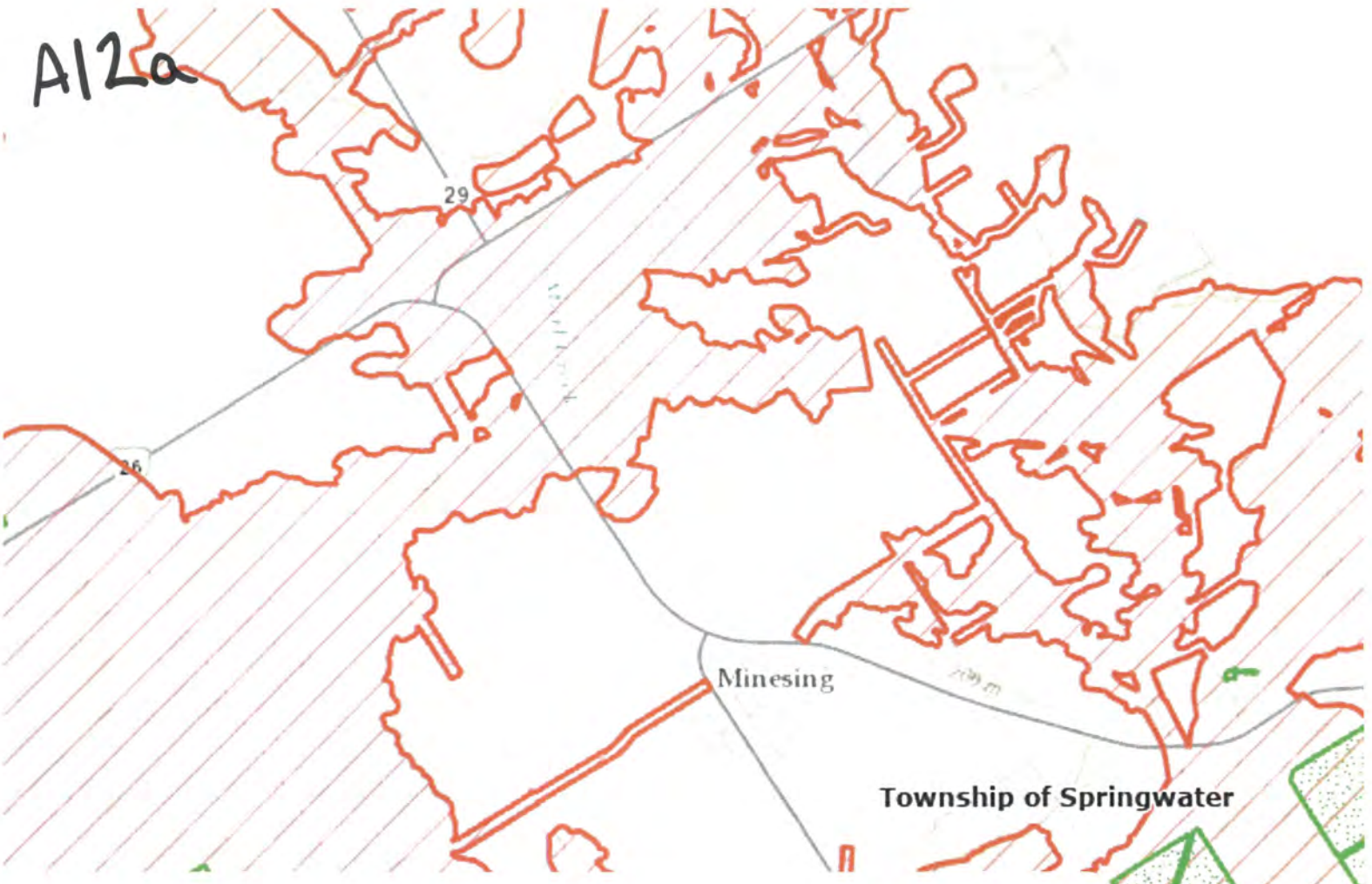


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Program Name	Cost/ Resident
Planning & Development	\$4.19
Flood Management	\$1.51
Watershed Monitoring - Category 1	\$0.75
Watershed Monitoring - Category 2 & 3	\$0.45
Drinking Source Water Protection	\$-
Education	\$0.08
Conservation Lands - Category 1	\$1.80
Conservation Lands - Category 2 & 3	\$0.20
Watershed Stewardship & Restoration - Category 1	\$0.25
Watershed Stewardship & Restoration - Category 2 & 3	\$0.54
Forestry Services	\$0.41
Corporate Communications	\$0.87
GIS & Information Management	\$2.04
Financial Management	\$1.88
Governance	\$1.80
Human Resources	\$0.32



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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Category 1: \$2.24M / 17.5 FTEs

Category 2 & 3: \$0 / 0 FTE

Planning Services, which includes engineering, permitting and enforcement, ensures that development in the watershed progresses in a sustainable manner that will direct development away from natural hazard lands and protect our water resources. NVCA promotes a planning first principle which ensures that planning permissions are in place prior to considering approvals under the Conservation Authorities Act.



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2024 Achievements

- Continued to process applications and inquiries under various provincial acts including the Conservation Authorities Act, Planning Act, Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, Aggregate Resource Act, Drainage Act and Environmental Assessment Act.
- Continued to look for opportunities to streamline the application review process.
- Updated Planning and Regulation Guidelines and policy documents to reflect new provincial legislation.
- Worked with the Information Management and Engineering teams to update regulation mapping for the NVCA watershed.
- Began updating planning agreements with member municipalities to ensure the agreement reflect new legislation.
- Worked with the Information Management team to develop a e-permitting platform to allow applicants to make digital permit submissions.
- Mid-year reporting indicated that regulations staff met provincial timelines 92% of the time.

2025 Focus

- Continue to work with municipalities and other partners to streamline the application review process, and ensure timely approvals for development applications.
- Continue to develop a data management strategy, improve internal systems and look for opportunities to continue to automate processes.
- Promote storm water management and Low Impact Development in municipal plans.
- Continue to operate on a cost recovery basis.
- Promote sustainable development and other associated land use changes in the Nottawasaga Watershed.
- Review and investigate the increase of unauthorized fill in NVCA's regulated areas.

Service Pressures

- Program operates on a cost recovery basis.
- Fees increases to recover costs according to Watson Report can only be implemented once the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) lifts the freeze on planning and Regulation fees.
- Increasing growth, development and associated land use changes in the Nottawasaga Watershed.
- Increase in unauthorized fill violations.
- Understand and implement the amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act regarding permit processes and how that will impact service delivery.

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FLOOD MANAGEMENT

Category 1: \$443K / 3.48 FTEs

Category 2 & 3: \$0 / 0 FTE

The goals of the Flood Management Program are to reduce the risk to people, property and infrastructure, minimize social disruption due to hazards related to flooding and erosion and to encourage the use of natural flood management practices. This is a delegated responsibility from the Province of Ontario. NVCA also helps maintain the federal-provincial surface water monitoring network.

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2024 Achievements

- Monitored flood and low water conditions.
- Updated NVCA's Flood Contingency Plan and updated online website version.
- Inspected and operated flood and erosion control structures.
- Monitored ice conditions throughout the watershed.
- Ongoing maintenance and improvements to NVCA stream and weather gauges to improve data quality and reliability.
- Completed vegetation removal along the embankments of the Pretty River Dike and removed select trees identified for priority removal in the overall tree inventory for the dike.
- Resumed the NVCA Stormwater Management Technical Work Group by hosting one new meeting.
- Continued to maintain the City of Barrie's rain gauge network.
- Conducted Phase 1 of the Pretty River Dike safety study.
- Developed an Ice Management Plan for the Nottawasaga Watershed.
- Developed a Natural Hazard Infrastructure Operational Management Plan for the Nottawasaga Watershed.
- Enhanced data management for flood data including snow survey field work.
- Successfully acquired Provincial WECI funding for New Lowell Dam to begin addressing recommendations from the 2023 dam safety study.
- Updated the Asset Management Plan to reflect priority requirements in 2025 for NVCA's flood and erosion control structures.
- Completed the Upper Mad River Flood Hazard Update Study.

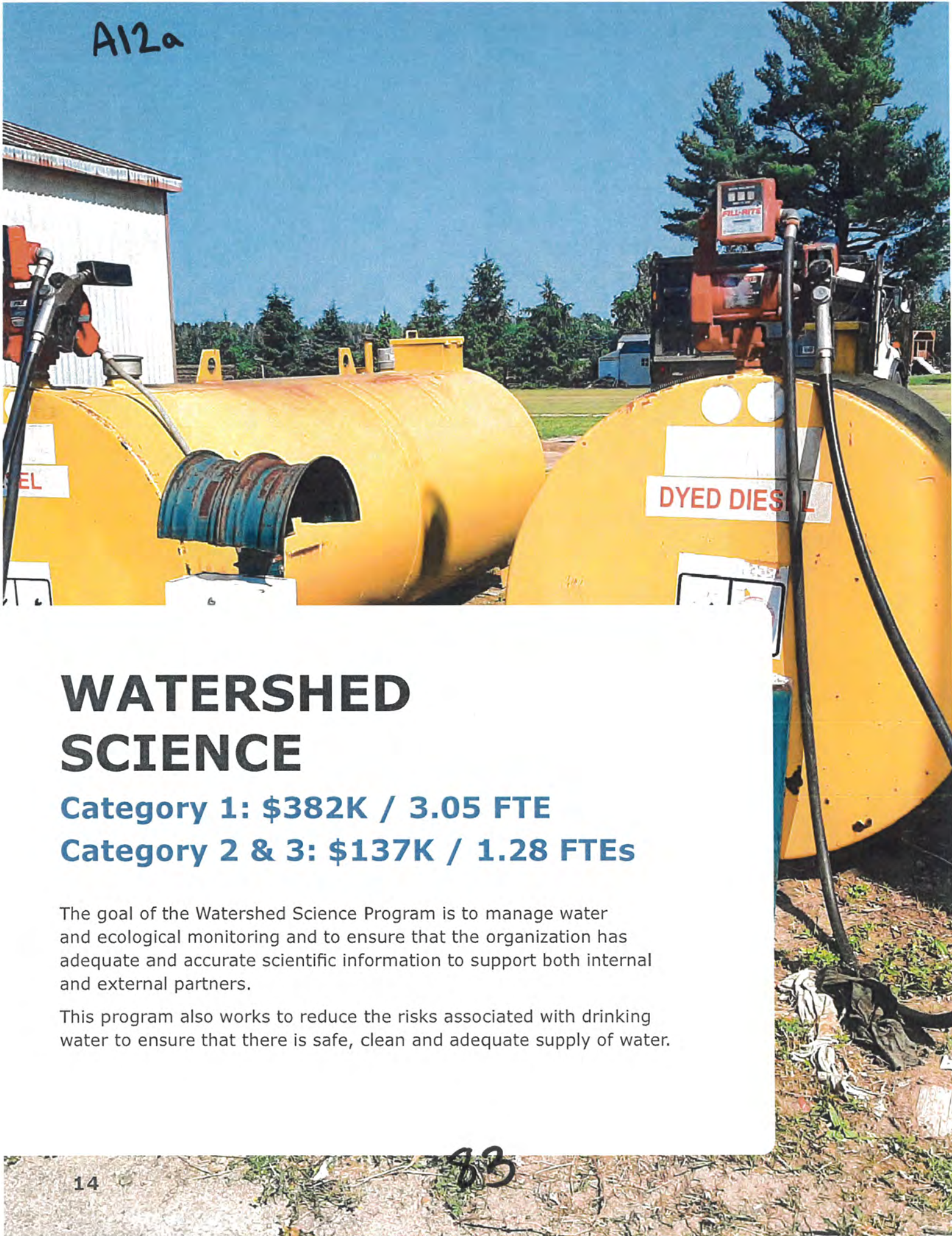
2025 Focus

- Update the watershed hydrology and initiate transfer of flow regime to NVCA's flood hazard models.
- Apply for Federal/Provincial FHIMP funding to continue to gradually update the hydraulic models for key/priority subwatersheds.
- Apply for Provincial 2025-2026 WECI funding to continue to implement recommendations from flood structure safety studies.
- Continue the Pretty River Dike maintenance project (pending funding).
- Conduct Phase 2 of the Pretty River Dike safety study.
- Continue to enhance data management for flood data, including developing an internal Standard Operating Procedure.
- Update NVCA's Low Water Response Contingency Plan.
- Update NVCA's Flood Patrol/River Survey manual, Flood Patrol implementation, and Flood Patrol kit supplies.
- Continue to maintain the City of Barrie's rain gauge network.
- Ongoing maintenance, improvements and state-of-repair replacements to NVCA stream and weather gauges.

Service Pressures

- Increased pressure on staff and resources to respond to flood events.
- Reduced resources due to provincial funding cuts.
- Time and training requirements to build new hydrologic and hydraulic models and analyze large volumes of data.

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WATERSHED SCIENCE

Category 1: \$382K / 3.05 FTE

Category 2 & 3: \$137K / 1.28 FTEs

The goal of the Watershed Science Program is to manage water and ecological monitoring and to ensure that the organization has adequate and accurate scientific information to support both internal and external partners.

This program also works to reduce the risks associated with drinking water to ensure that there is safe, clean and adequate supply of water.

Drinking Water Source Protection

Category 1: \$225K / 1.3 FTE

Category 2 & 3: \$30K / 0 FTE

The Source Water Protection Program ensures a sustainable and safe source of clean drinking water to residents within the South Georgian Bay-Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region. NVCA does this by meeting our legislative requirements within the Clean Water Act and ensuring policies in the Source Protection Plan are implemented. This program also includes Risk Management Official duties as prescribed by agreements with several of our municipalities.

2024 Achievement

- Signed a three-year Source Water Protection delivery agreement with the province through 2026-27.
- Ongoing work to complete of Risk Management Plans for the ten delegated municipalities. The Town of Collingwood has prescribed its RMO duties to NVCA.
- Review planning applications under Section 59 of the Clean Water Act to ensure compliance with the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan.
- Complete amendments to the Source Protection Plan to include new drinking water systems, as required by Regulation 205/18 of the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- Completed efforts to make the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Area Assessment Report compliant to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and updated based on Director Technical rules.

2025 Focus

- Complete the outstanding Risk Management Plans for the ten delegated municipalities.
- Review planning applications under Section 59 of the Clean Water Act to ensure compliance with the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan.
- Complete amendments to the source protection plan to include new drinking water systems, as required by Regulation 205/18 of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Service Pressures

- This source water protection program (not including Risk Management) has always been fully funded by the Province but there is uncertainty about continued funding in the long term.

Watershed Monitoring

Category 1: \$157K / 1.75 FTE

Category 2 & 3: \$107K / 1.28 FTEs

The Watershed Monitoring Program monitors the natural resources in the Nottawasaga River watershed including the status of surface water, groundwater, natural heritage and climate. These programs aim to identify emerging issues and document environmental trends to support science-based adaptive management. A growing focus of Watershed Monitoring is supporting our municipal partners with the inspection and monitoring of stormwater management facilities.

2024 Achievements

- Onboarded new program manager, full time monitoring and part time ecology staff.
- Continued to monitor the state of the Nottawasaga River watershed.
- Continued to update and refine regulatory wetland inventories.
- Conducted natural heritage inventories of Petun and Minesing conservation areas in support of land management planning
- Conducted performance monitoring of Ecological Net Gains policy projects.
- Implemented the Watershed Monitoring Strategy – surface water discipline.
- Completed the Watershed Monitoring Strategy – climate discipline.
- Completed externally funded projects with the Town of Collingwood (stream health), Town of Shelburne (wastewater treatment plant stream health) and Township of Oro-Medonte (stormwater management).
- Began implementing the NVCA Climate Change Strategy through a review of internal programs and development of a monitoring approach.

2025 focus

- Integrate the Watershed Monitoring Strategy – climate discipline recommendations into the monitoring program.
- Develop the Watershed Monitoring Strategy – natural heritage and groundwater disciplines.
- Develop a watershed-scale natural heritage system.
- Expand stormwater technical service delivery to support municipal partners.
- Conduct externally funded projects with the Town of Collingwood (stream health & wetland hydroperiod) and Town of Shelburne (wastewater treatment plant stream health).
- Continue to monitor the Nottawasaga River watershed.
- Continue to update wetland inventories.
- Conduct natural heritage inventories of Nottawasaga Bluffs conservation area in support of land management planning.

Service Pressures

- There are challenges around the predictability and certainty of project-specific funding agreements with municipalities, the province and other partners.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Category 1: \$0 / 0 FTE

Category 2 & 3: \$370K / 4.08 FTEs

The Environmental Education program focuses on connecting watershed residents with the natural world for the mutual benefit of public health, conservation, and our member municipalities. Citizens that use green spaces close to home and are aware of ecosystem benefits will champion green changes, help reduce pollution, support conservative efforts and protect nature for our shared future.

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2024 Achievements

- Delivered programming to almost all 18 municipalities in the watershed, including some of the far reaches in Township of Mulmur, Township of Melancthon and Township of Oro-Medonte.
- Worked with 11,000 + individuals from 2.5 to 90 years old by September 2024.
- Partnered with Simcoe County District School Board for the new grade 5 Indigenous Education program, seeing 900 students.
- Day camp opportunities expanded from 60 campers a week to 80, as well as offering all PD Days. Further, we saw 490 external visiting campers.
- Workshops sponsored by Georgian Bay Forever for microplastics and Enviroscape lessons were reinstated in June of 2024 seeing 201 students across four events.
- Launched several iterations of our new climate change programming, and pursued funding to enhance and expand these opportunities.
- Filed our Notice of Intention to be an uninspected private school. To necessitate the operation of the Tiffin Nature School, offerings have been expanded to include children between the ages of 2.5 – 10.
- Hired more French educators and began developing program resources in French and secured free French tutoring for Tiffin Educators.

2025 Focus

- Reaching all 18-member municipalities with at least 1 educational opportunity each.
- Fully launch forest school program with 2nd Forest School Practitioner Course completed.
- Expand and market French programming.
- Expand day camp programming.

Service Pressures

- Geographic expanse of watershed service area has resource implications.
- Sharing the educational building with other departments limits current service capacity.
- Most positions are casual or part-time, in part, due to the nature of the program, resulting in higher-than-normal staff turnover.
- Program fees must stay competitive, resulting in inadequate funding for competitive wages.

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CONSERVATION LANDS

Category 1: \$435K / 3.75 FTEs

Category 2 & 3: \$238K / 2 FTEs

Conservation Lands ensures that valuable greenspace is protected and that recreational opportunities are provided in safe, well maintained natural settings so that watershed residents can enjoy a high quality of life. NVCA manages 5,260 hectares of conservation land, including the internationally significant Minesing Wetlands.

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2024 Achievements

- Improved infrastructure at multiple conservation areas including Tiffin, Fort Willow, Edenvale and Utopia.
- Ensured continued safe access to NVCA conservation areas.
- Provided interdepartmental support for NVCA programs, including Forestry, Stewardship, Education, Regulations and Flood.
- Collaborated with community partners to hold two successful public outreach events.
- Completed exterior repairs on the Utopia Grist Mill.
- Implemented upgrades at Edenvale Conservation Area based on the 2023 hazard assessment. This included hazard tree removals, road improvements and decommissioning the pavilion.
- Installed a boardwalk at the canoe coral in partnership with the Rotary Club of Barrie.
- Installed the initial phase of a self-guided, interactive tour at Fort Willow Conservation Area in partnership with Tourism Simcoe County.
- Continued hazard tree removals resulting from Emerald Ash Borer infestation and major weather events.
- Hosted multiple charity fundraising events at Tiffin and Fort Willow, establishing new community partnerships.
- Assisted in the development of the NVCA's Watershed-based Resource Management Plan.
- Development of the Conservation Areas Strategy and Conservation Lands Inventory.

2025 Focus

- Increase focus on external fundraising through public engagement opportunities.
- Project planning for external funding opportunities.
- Improvements to infrastructure at multiple conservation areas including bridges and boardwalks at Tiffin, extension of the canoe coral boardwalk and trail enhancements at Utopia and Petun Conservation Areas.
- Complete second and final stage of Fort Willow interactive, self-guided tour.
- Continue to maintain a positive experience for members of the public visiting our conservation areas.

Service Pressures

- Balance infrastructure development in NVCA's properties with conservation values.
- Proximity to large urban centers increases guest expectations on facilities in conservation areas. Combined with increased population density within the watershed, NVCA faces increasing land management challenges and higher maintenance needs.
- Inflationary costs on all expenditures including materials, supplies, fleet maintenance and purchases.
- Changing climate resulting in noticeable impacts on infrastructure and recreational opportunities.
- Balance land management needs with interdepartmental support.
- Aging infrastructure and additional new infrastructure creating increased maintenance needs.

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RESTORATION SERVICES

Category 1: \$97.4K / 0.58 FTEs

Category 2: & 3 \$1.07M / 4.62 FTEs

The goal of NVCA's Restoration Services Programs is to manage natural heritage systems in the watershed by identifying and implementing restoration programs.

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Forestry Services

Category 1 \$0 / 0 FTEs

Category 2 & 3 \$389K / 1.23 FTEs

The Forestry Services Program contributes to watershed and community health by implementing best forest management practices, including managing forested land and expanding forest cover. Well managed forests protect, enhance and restore land by helping to achieve water quality targets mitigate floods and build resilience to climate change. NVCA is now the only agency providing this service to watershed residents.

2024 Achievements

- Planted 74,800 trees on 24 properties across the watershed, creating 38 hectares of new forest including 1 km of windbreaks, and protected 3 km of streams with permanent tree cover.
- Received financial contributions (outside of levy) from Federal, Provincial and municipal governments, Simcoe County, Forests Ontario, corporations and private landowners totaling \$266,562.18.
- Managed over 578 hectares of forest.
- Worked with 36 landowners to develop their Managed Forest Plans.

2025 Focus

- Plant approximately 70,000 trees on properties throughout the watershed.
- Create more than 45 hectares of new forest including 1 km of windbreaks, and protect 1 km of streams with permanent tree cover.
- Assist landowners in managing over 300 hectares of forest to maintain forest health.
- Hold the 34th Annual Arbor Day Tree Sale, helping landowners to create their own forests.
- Begin securing agreements for the 2026 tree planting. Continue to diversify possible sources of funding.

Service Pressures

- Rapid urbanization and competing land use interests impact available land for tree planting.
- Accelerating ash tree mortality due to the expansion of the Emerald Ash Borer will greatly impact both rural and urban forest cover throughout the watershed.
- Arrival and spread of new invasive species such as Oak Wilt, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, and 1000 Cankers disease will further reduce forest cover and forest diversity.
- Accelerating costs for tree planting are not being met by equal financial resources (grants) which create barriers for landowner participation and reduce numbers of trees planted.

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Watershed Stewardship and Restoration

Category 1: \$97.4K / 0.58 FTEs

Category 2 & 3: \$680K / 3.40 FTEs

The Watershed Stewardship and Restoration Program aims to restore river and wetland habitats and support agricultural and urban water quality improvement projects. This enhances the ecological health of the watershed and provides enhanced economic and recreational opportunities.

2024 Achievements

- Coordinated volunteer tree planting of approximately 8,000 seedlings and seeded native grasslands in the Nottawasaga Watershed.
- Implemented a wide range of water quality and habitat improvement projects by working with external partners, private landowners and volunteers.
- Controlled and harvested Phragmites along the Georgian Bay Shoreline in the Town of Collingwood and the Town of Wasaga Beach.
- Completed a larval sturgeon assessment project in the Township of Essa with Saugeen Ojibway Nation and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
- Worked with the South Simcoe Streams Network to complete 300 m of stream bank stabilization and aquatic habitat restoration on Sheldon Creek in the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio.
- Completed a river bank stabilization and habitat improvement project on the Mad River at Carruthers Park, working with the Friends of the Mad River and Township of Clearview.
- Worked with the Midhurst Landowners group and Napoleon to complete a bank stabilization project on Willow Creek in the Township of Oro-Medonte.

2025 Focus

- Continue to implement a wide range of volunteer tree planting, water quality enhancement and habitat improvement projects throughout the watershed by engaging external partners, private landowners and volunteers.
- Expand river restoration programs in the watershed using the momentum generated through implementing of 2024 projects and emerging indigenous partnerships.
- Expand habitat restoration work on the Mad River
- Develop plans and implement wetland habitat compensation projects.
- Collaborate with municipalities and community groups in the Town of Collingwood and Town of Wasaga Beach to remove Phragmites.
- Continue to partner with the Midhurst Landowners Group to implement phosphorus offsetting work in the Willow Creek sub-watershed.

Service Pressures

- Accessing funding for project costs, permanent staff and contract staff. This program generates approximately 85% of its budget through external revenue sources. Levy support is key to leveraging these external funds, including supporting billable staff hours that provide matching funds to support grant applications.
- Balancing the needs of field work, developing and submitting funding applications, reporting to funders and expanding partnerships. The deadline for several grant applications is now in September when stewardship staff are still working in the field wrapping up large-scale river restoration projects.

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CORPORATE SERVICES

Category 1: \$1.56M / 12.55 FTEs

Category 2 & 3: \$0

Corporate Services plays a critical supportive role to the Board of Directors and across the organization, providing finance, human resources, communications and administrative leadership. This department is an enabling service, supporting the other six service areas in the organization.

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Corporate Communications

Category 1: \$181K / 2 FTEs

Category 2 & 3: \$0

Corporate Communications provides strategic advice and communications services to other NVCA department, as well as inspire, influence and motivate municipal, provincial, federal partners and watershed residents communities to support the work of NVCA.

2024 Achievements

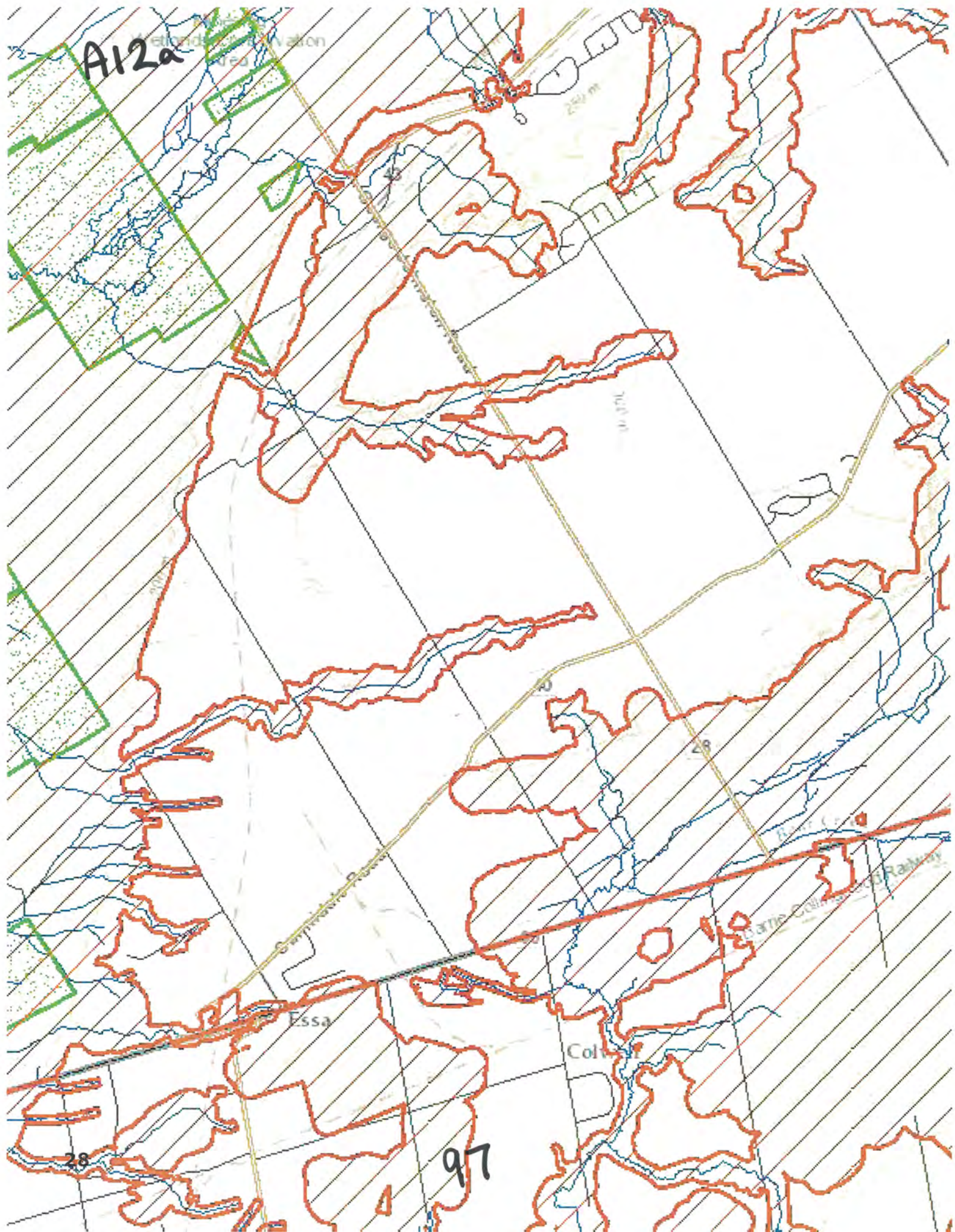
- Continued to create a corporate communications and engagement plan to increase visibility and understanding of NVCA throughout the Nottawasaga Watershed.
- Support the creation of the Resource Based Watershed Management Strategy.
- Coordinated public consultations for the Resource Based Watershed Management Strategy, Conservation Areas Strategy and other program areas as necessary.
- Coordinated a wetland grant announcement with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.
- Updated NVCA's website design and content, including creating online registration forms.
- Setup vendor booths in seven community events in the Nottawasaga Watershed
- Improved social media presence through increased online engagement.
- Increased newsletter subscription numbers.
- Expanded video and photo library, designed graphics, brochures, reports and other materials to help promote programs.

2025 Focus

- Complete corporate communications and engagement plan to increase visibility and understanding of NVCA throughout the watershed.
- Continue to vendor booths in communities in the Nottawasaga Watershed
- Continue to grow social media engagement and outreach.
- Continue to ensure AODA compliance with provincial standards.
- Improve NVCA's visibility throughout the watershed.

Service Pressures

- Effectively reaching audiences in a watershed with changing population while keeping in mind the geographic, demographic and socio-economic span and diversity of the watershed.
- Rapid changes to how watershed residents consume information.
- Resources to be more visible in the watershed.



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Information Services & Technology

Category 1: \$426K / 3.75 FTEs

Category 2 & 3: \$0

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Information Management is responsible for providing data integrity while managing a secure, reliable, and integrated information technology environment that aligns our business and strategic goals.

2024 Achievements

- Continued to develop a Watershed Science data management platform that provides viewing, uploading and querying capabilities linked to the GIS system.
- Maintained and updated core datasets.
- Developed software allowing workflow efficiencies for the planning application process.
- Continued to carry out IT Infrastructure replacement strategy including new servers and back-up hardware.
- Updated and implement data for Regulation mapping and planning department
- Introduced new GIS platform.

2025 Focus

- Digital data migration to new server and file structure.
- Core data management and GIS modelling support.
- Continued development of applications supporting NVCA operations.
- Replace IT infrastructure as per the Asset Management Strategy.
- Network security and WiFi infrastructure.
- GIS Tools and online applications development.

Service Pressures

- Systems security is a constant threat that must be balanced with the costs to keep the network running smoothly and safely.
- Maintaining larger and more complex data holdings as the need for program support and analysis continues to increase. There has been a significant increase in provincial, municipal, and public expectations for information, data analysis tools and predictive modeling.
- As technology advances so does the need to bring the organization forward with innovative solutions.

Financial Management

Category 1: \$394K / 4.28 FTEs

Category 2 & 3: \$0

Financial Management is responsible for all of our day-to-day financial operations, such as payroll and accounts payable/receivable. Other areas include budgeting, procurement, risk management, legal, quarterly and annual financial reporting, records management, reception, and freedom of information requests/reporting.

2024 Achievements

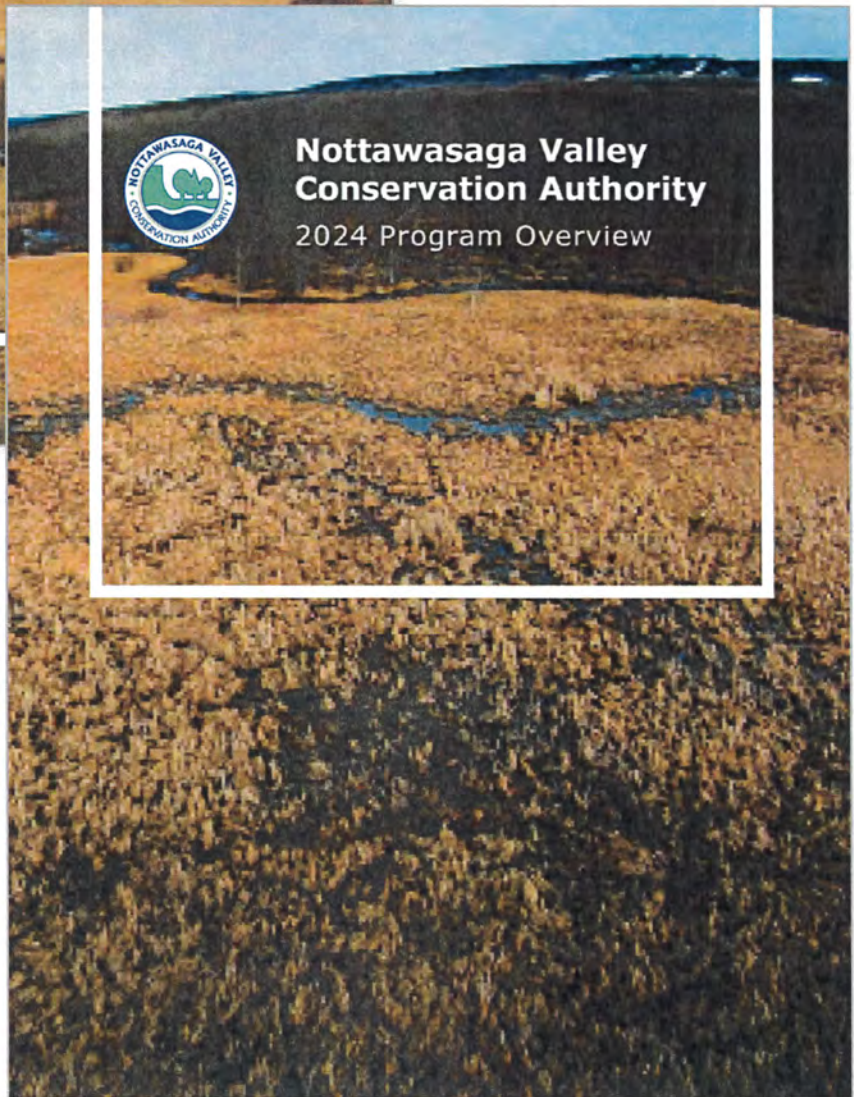
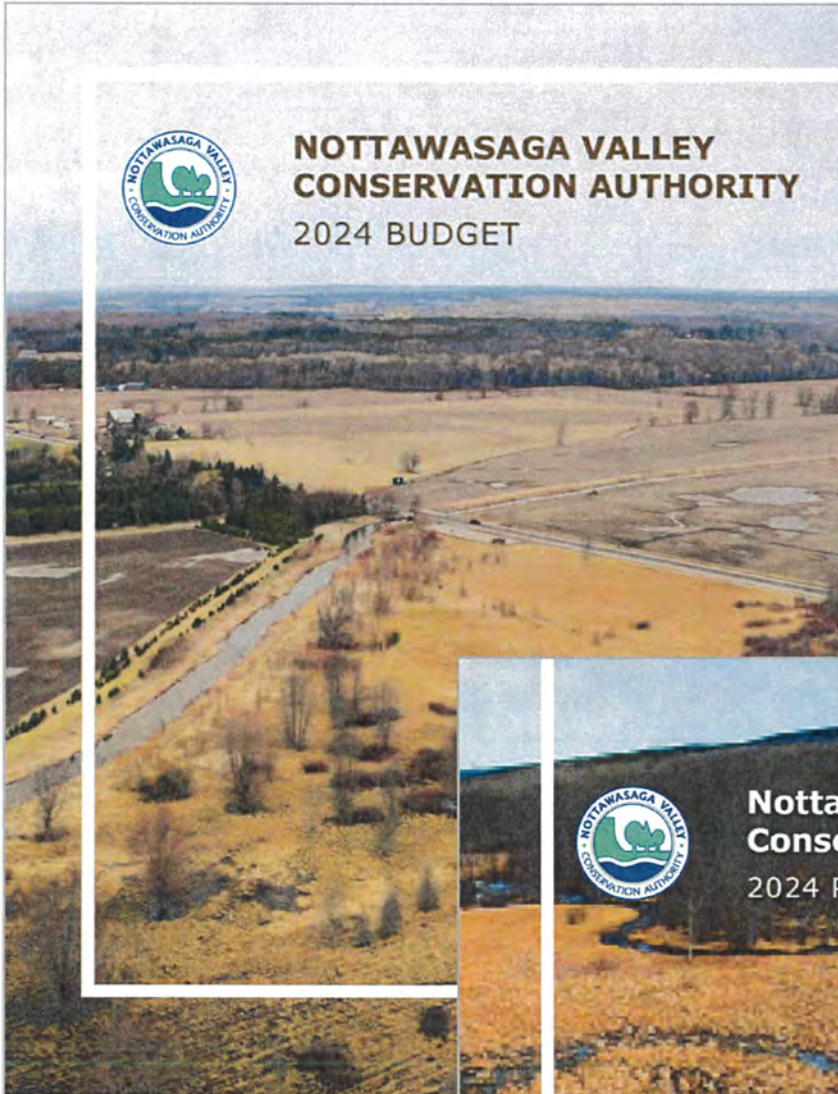
- Processed Freedom of Information requests.
- Continued the paperless initiative to reduce our environmental impact.
- Produced clean 2023 Audit.
- Monitored the effectiveness of new budget template to ensure accurate amendments were made for the 2025 draft budget.

2025 Focus

- Monitor for any potential changes to PSAB accounting rules and address accordingly.
- Ensure clean 2024 audit.

Service Pressures

- Budget pressures to minimize levy requirements from member municipalities while still achieving integrated watershed management plan activities.
- Financial management requires continued compliance with changing external legislation for reporting, payroll and tax.



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Human Resources

Category 1: \$68K / 0.43 FTEs

Category 2 & 3: \$0

Responsible for the effective management of people in the organization through the provision of services such as staff recruitment, health and safety, diversity, inclusion and accessibility, employee learning and development, benefit and insurance administration and performance management.

2024 Achievements

- Followed human resources management best practices through connections with other conservation authorities and municipalities.
- Updated or created employment policies as required.
- Completed recruitment as required.

2025 Focus

- Respond to unknown and emerging recruitment needs and challenges.
- Review and update employment policies.

Service Pressures

- Finding talent to replace positions in current labour market.
- Continuing to respond to matters resulting from the Provincial government's amendments to Conservation Authorities Act and subsequent regulations.

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Governance

Category 1: \$356K / 2.1 FTEs

Category 2 & 3: \$0

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) provides expert knowledge, strategic advice and recommendations to the Board of Directors with regard to policy, program and budget decisions. The CAO also provides operational leadership to staff, guiding and influencing processes, decisions and implementation, with the goal of advancing NVCA's mission.

The Governance Team supports Board Member decision making and leadership by promoting and facilitating the participation of municipal members on the Board of Directors. NVCA staff provide timely professional support, information and recommendations, through meetings with members of the Board, who guide NVCA into the future.

2024 Achievements

- Efficiently and effectively managed water resources in the Nottawasaga Watershed for current and future generations through essential and integrated programs.
- Ensured the NVCA Board of Directors acts in the long-term best interests of NVCA by providing an overarching perspective in managing strategic, structural, cultural, economic and technological changes while ensuring that new initiatives are well aligned with NVCA's portfolio and abilities.
- Built new partnerships and new business models while continuing to develop relationships with existing partners such as businesses, watershed stakeholders.
- Reviewed necessary Memorandums of Understanding with member municipalities related to Provincial legislation.

2025 Focus

- Continue to cultivate partnerships with the private sector, watershed municipalities, ENGOs and provincial and federal governments to ensure NVCA continues to implement programs and services.
- Continue to lead and advocate for innovative approaches and projects to support the Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

Service Pressures

- Regulatory and mandated changes to conservation authority programs and services.



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Sarah Corbett

Subject: FW: Public Consultation for NVCA's Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy

Dear Municipal Partners,

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is developing a Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy.

As part of the process, we are conducting public consultation to seek feedback on the risks, issues and challenges the Nottawasaga Watershed faces, as well as the strategies to mitigate them.

These risks include:

- Development Pressure and Urban Growth
- Climate Change
- Biodiversity and Habitat Loss
- Agricultural Lands
- Aging Infrastructure
- Water Resources
- Flood and Erosion

For more details and information on the public consultation process, please visit <https://www.nvca.on.ca/public-consultation-watershed-strategy/>.

Best regards,

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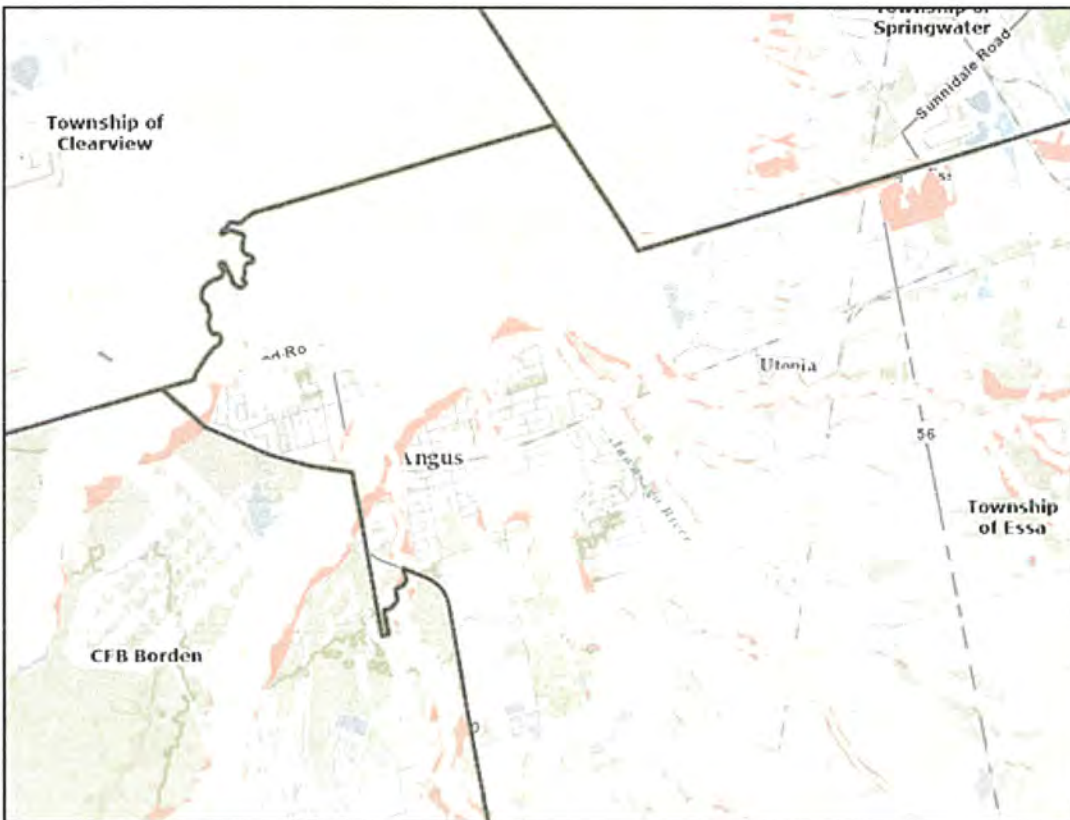
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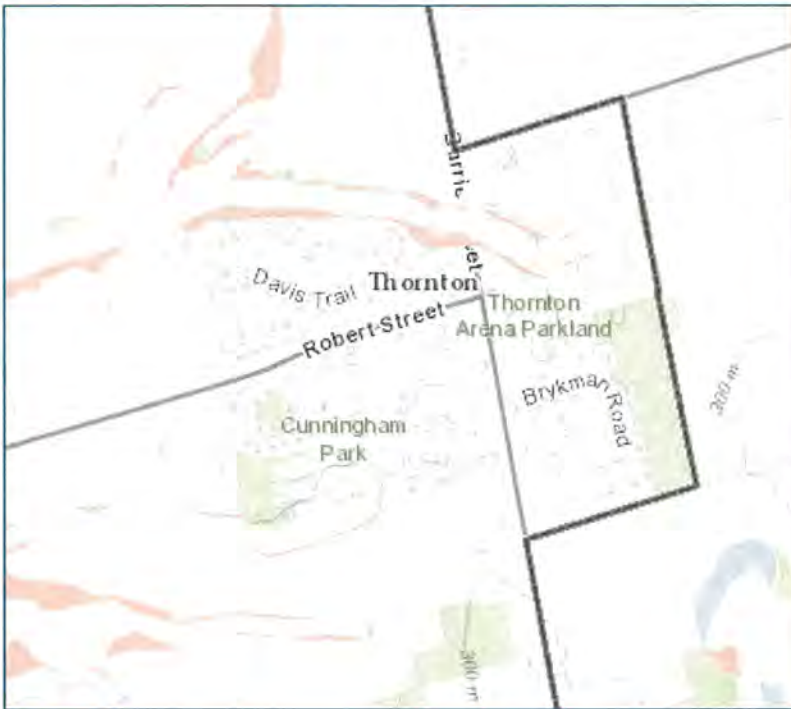
Michael,

The mapping is included in the link in the NVCA email below.

I've included some snapshots for Angus and Thornton showing the 'no change' areas (yellow), 'reduction' areas (red), and 'addition' areas (blue) of NVCA regulated areas.



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The differences seem minimal enough for the Township, but for individual properties, they could be significant.

Sam

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I'll monitor and keep you posted.

Sam

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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NVCA seeks feedback on resource management strategy

UTOPIA, Ontario (October 9, 2024) – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is developing a Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy to identify the risks, issues, and challenges the Nottawasaga Watershed faces. The plan also identifies actions to address these concerns. NVCA is conducting public consultation to seek feedback on these risks and mitigation strategies.

The identified risks include development pressure and urban growth, climate change, biodiversity and habitat loss, pressures from agriculture, aging infrastructure, water resources and flooding and erosion.

“The Nottawasaga Watershed contains a mosaic of woodlands, wetlands, valleys and river systems situated amongst agricultural, rural and urban land uses,” said Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services. “Since 1960, NVCA has worked with many funders, partners, volunteers, landowners and residents to sustainably manage the Nottawasaga Watershed. We do this by balancing social, economic, and environmental interests while carrying out our legislative responsibilities.”

Natural resources such as wetlands, rivers, streams, forests and groundwater are critical to our society, economy and environment. Not only do these natural resources sustain human lives and benefit our health and wellbeing, they help to remove air pollution, control flooding, protect us from summer heat, improve our mental and physical health and much more. A healthy watershed is also resilient to climate change and urban growth.

To participate in the public consultation, visit [NVCA's website and submit feedback](#) before November 4, 2024.

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About NVCA: The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT Community Services and the South Georgian Bay Community Health Clinic team up to operate and manage Supportive Rapid Rehousing Program in the Town of Collingwood

Midhurst/September 26, 2024 – The County of Simcoe has partnered with CONTACT Community Services, with support from the South Georgian Bay Community Health Clinic, to operate and manage programs at the County's Supportive Rapid Re-Housing Program (SRRP) temporary facility in Collingwood. Earlier this summer, the County of Simcoe worked closely with The Common Roof and the Town of Collingwood to bring this new program to the town to help address system-wide housing needs.

The County has secured a contract with CONTACT Community Services, with support from the South Georgian Bay Community Health Clinic, to provide comprehensive, 24/7 on-site services, staffed with trained professionals. This SRRP will begin welcoming its first residents this fall. Full operating details will be posted to simcoe.ca/SRRP.

Quotes

"We want to thank all our partners who have joined together to build up housing options in the Collingwood area for seniors who find themselves living unhoused. With support from CONTACT Community Services and the South Georgian Bay Community Health Clinic, we know that many seniors in our community will have a fresh start on life. A start that gives people the specific support they need to thrive within their community."

~*Warden Basil Clarke, County of Simcoe*

"We are so pleased that the County of Simcoe has moved forward and selected CONTACT Community Services to operate the SRRP facility in Collingwood. This facility will support seniors (55+) experiencing situational homelessness and assist them in securing long-term housing. Thank you to the County of Simcoe, The Common Roof, and CONTACT Community Services for working together to bring this much-needed initiative to our community."

~*Mayor Yvonne Hamlin, Town of Collingwood*

"CONTACT Community Services is thrilled to be able to deliver this much-needed service to seniors in need. Collingwood is an incredible community, and we are keen to build out the collaborative foundation with the Town and South Georgian Bay Community Health Clinic to ensure the program is successful."

~*Jennifer Lloyd, Board Chair, CONTACT Community Services*

"Being a part of this program proposal was one of the most memorable experiences. Over the last decade, we have witnessed a significant rise in seniors experiencing homelessness. Knowing that this supportive housing model will be available is an integral part of the overall regional effort to address homelessness in our communities and CONTACT is poised to continue our person-centered and community-driven model to help address this need."

~*Emily McIntosh, former Executive Director, CONTACT Community Services*

"CONTACT Community Services is known in South Simcoe for quality seniors programming. Offering this supportive housing service in Collingwood is a natural extension of what the organization does so well. Seniors are the heart and history of our communities. Working with partners such as Community

Connection, the SGBCHC, and other service delivery providers such as Elizabeth Fry, is an incredible example of what is accomplished when community comes together. We are excited to launch the program and to work with residents to ensure its tenants are appropriately supported.”

~ *Brenda Pufek, Acting Executive Director, CONTACT Community Services*

“We are excited to welcome CONTACT to our Collingwood Common Roof and Rotary Hub location as the service provider for the SRRP. One of the goals of The Common Roof, and our shared service approach, is innovation through collaboration, which is being demonstrated through this partnership to support a community need.”

~ *James Thomson, President and CEO, The Common Roof*

About the Supportive Rapid Re-Housing Program (SRRP) in Collingwood

The Supportive Rapid Rehousing Program (SRRP) aims to provide services, housing and support to individuals who have fallen on difficult times and helps to place them into permanent housing quickly. These individuals are seniors (55+) who have been identified as situationally homeless. This SRRP gives wrap around, in-house support to find and integrate individuals into permanent housing. This is NOT a shelter, it's a temporary home for individuals as they prepare for independent living situations.

A modular, pre-built housing structure was placed on The Common Roof property located at 199/197 Campbell Street, Collingwood (home to 6 community-based non-profit organizations and groups), to serve as housing for the SRRP program. This is a temporary modular building, which can house between 10-15 people at a time (excluding staff/support teams).

Supporting vulnerable individuals in our community

The County of Simcoe and the Town of Collingwood are committed to expanding support for and availability of supportive housing in the area. Through the County, this expanded system provides capacity to better transition individuals who have been identified as situationally homeless into permanent housing while alleviating pressures on regional shelter systems. This strategy is one of the pillars within the County's [10-Point Homelessness Prevention Strategy](#).

Affordable Housing has been a key priority for Collingwood Council and staff for many years. The Town recently completed an Affordable Housing Master Plan (AHMP) in November 2023, which provided the Town a set of 26 recommendations for tackling the housing issue. The Town is committed to collaborating with other levels of government to facilitate affordable housing initiatives that bring much-needed housing to our community.

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About The Town of Collingwood

The Town of Collingwood is a progressive community located in the heart of a four-season recreation area on the southern shore of Georgian Bay. The area is well known for its many natural amenities and its rich heritage. Collingwood is a destination for tourism and many business, sporting, and cultural events. Collingwood acts as a gateway to the South Georgian Bay region, with stunning landscapes that encourage an active lifestyle, and inspire the local arts and culture community. Downtown Collingwood might just surprise you with 30 plus restaurants, 60 plus boutique shops, spas for relaxing, and live music for grooving... all in the only downtown core recognized by Canada's Registrar of Historic Places! More recently, the harbourfront area is emerging as an extension of the downtown district. Plans for expanding the amenities and events in the harbourfront area promise to make this a much more prominent tourism destination.

About CONTACT Community Services

For more than 40 years, CONTACT Community Services has proudly served the communities of South Simcoe. CONTACT Community Services is a proactive leader in South Simcoe providing responsive services in housing, employment, and community support. CONTACT remains an active, innovative,

and responsive community leader. Today, they have a community office in Alliston, an employment office (with housing support) in Bradford, and community thrift stores in two locations.

About The Common Roof

The Common Roof seeks to lead in the development and empowerment of strong, compassionate social communities through innovative shared services. We are a community-based social enterprise providing sustainable and professional workspace for human-service not-for-profit agencies. At its core, The Common Roof seeks to inspire and empower change in the following areas:

- Encourage organizations to operate efficiently and effectively.
- Mobilize community support to meet local community identified needs.
- Develop and manage philanthropic investment.

The Common Roof is a registered charitable organization based in Simcoe County.

Together, we are building inclusive, healthy communities for children, youth, and their families. To learn more about The Common Roof, to donate, or get involved please visit www.thecommonroof.ca, follow us on social media [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) or sign up for [The Common Roof Newsletter](#).

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Simcoe County to participate in the fourth nationally coordinated Point-in-Time Homeless Count

Midhurst/September 30, 2024 – In October 2024, Simcoe County will once again be participating in a nationally-coordinated Point-in-Time (PiT) Homeless Count. This fourth annual count is required by Reaching Home, Housing, Infrastructure, and Communities Canada and is supported by community partners across the country.

The County has participated in PiT counts in previous years as part of this important project. The data from previous years can be found on this [page](#).

Over the count period, trained surveyors will count and survey individuals who are staying in shelters, short-term emergency housing, and sleeping rough (without shelter). Our PiT Count will provide a “snapshot” of homelessness in Simcoe County. It will indicate the minimum number of people experiencing homelessness in our community. Other forms of homelessness, such as people staying temporarily with friends or family, are not typically included in a PiT Count.

This PiT Count will improve the region's understanding of the needs and circumstances of the people who are affected by homelessness in our community. The survey will provide the County with key data on gender, age, ethnicity, veteran status, length of time experiencing homelessness, and more.

Results from the PiT Count will be made publicly available and will be used, in combination with the regional Coordinated Access system's By-Name Data, to improve the County's response to homelessness. In the future, successive counts will allow the County to measure progress towards its ultimate goal of ending homelessness in Simcoe County.

The Simcoe County PiT Count has received support from Reaching Home, Government of Canada's Homelessness Strategy (Housing, Infrastructure, and Communities Canada). In October & November 2024, individuals experiencing homelessness will be counted in 60+ communities across the country. The coordinated effort will help us to create a picture of homelessness in communities across Canada.

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Fall bi-weekly leaf and yard waste collection returns October 7

Midhurst/September 30, 2024 – The County of Simcoe’s bi-weekly curbside Leaf and Yard Waste Collection program returns Monday, October 7 starting in Zone One and will run until December, with each zone receiving five bi-weekly collections during this time period.

To determine your collection zone, please refer to the 2024 Waste Management Calendar, simcoe.ca/waste, or the Simcoe County Collects mobile app, which is free to download from Apple’s App Store or Google Play.

The Leaf and Yard Waste Collection program includes collection of leaves, grass, branches (sized and bundled appropriately), and garden waste. Residents are reminded to use kraft paper yard waste bags, cardboard boxes, or open-ended rigid containers to place out for collection.

Bi-weekly leaf and yard waste collection will coincide with garbage collection weeks in each zone. Materials for collection should be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday of the collection week for each zone, regardless of what day garbage is collected. Collection will occur during the week, but not necessarily on residents’ regular collection day.

Fall 2024 leaf and yard waste will be collected throughout the week in each zone as follows:

Zone 1	Zone 2
October 7	October 14
October 21	October 28
November 4	November 11
November 18	November 25
December 2	December 9

**This schedule and program does not apply to the cities of Barrie and Orillia*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County launches Age-Friendly Wellness Program to enhance community support for seniors

Midhurst/October 1, 2024 – The County of Simcoe has taken a step forward in building up an age-friendly community with the creation of the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Wellness Program.

This program, which is now underway, is focused on providing opportunities for older adults to stay active and connected in their communities. This includes delivering a mind, spirit, and body wellness support to help older adults stay active and healthy, helping to reduce social isolation and improve the mental health and overall wellbeing for those living across the region.

Recognizing the importance of this work across the community, the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Wellness Program was the grateful recipient of more than \$14,500 in funding through the 2024-25 Seniors Community Grant Program, paid for by the government of Ontario.

“With a growing and aging population, it is imperative that we continue to support our older adults, celebrating their diversity, reducing inequalities, and providing opportunities for them to continue to thrive in the communities that they have helped to create”, said Warden Basil Clarke. “This investment from the province does just that, investing in health and wellness programs that incorporate a variety of activities including live music, entertainment, and workshops on exercises, healthy eating, fall prevention, ageism, and anti-fraud to name a few.”

Upcoming events can be found on the [County's website](#).

About the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Community Program

The Age-Friendly Community Program was established in 2016 to increase awareness of the County's aging population and help businesses and organizations evaluate their environment and service delivery. The County continues to provide resources and assessment tools to help organizations implement age-friendly goals and strategies and adapt to our aging population. For more information on our Age-Friendly Community program, visit the [website](#), email agefriendly@simcoe.ca or call 705-726-9300 ext. 3127.

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County of Simcoe celebrates millionth rider on LINX Transit service

Midhurst/October 4 – The County of Simcoe’s LINX Transit service is celebrating the incredible achievement of carrying its 1,000,000th rider since the inception of its service in August, 2018.

“LINX Transit is an incredibly important part of our region, and witnessing its growth since it launched in 2018 has been great to see,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “LINX Transit helps connect our communities, offering our residents affordable, reliable and environmentally friendly transportation options that connect them to some of the major hubs of our region.”

This achievement showcases the immense growth that LINX Transit has undergone recently, as the service celebrated its 500,000th rider just under two years ago in November 2022.

“This achievement highlights our success and promises even better things to come for transit users,” said Dennis Childs, Transit Manager at County of Simcoe. “It indicates that we’re on the right path toward further growth and improvement in the County of Simcoe. We’re continuing to explore and research new routes and expansions that can be added to make LINX Transit even more accessible across our region.”

LINX Transit began its operations in 2018, linking residents to major urban hubs throughout the County of Simcoe. Six routes currently run across the county, including Route 1 from Penetanguishene/Midland to Barrie, Route 2 from Wasaga Beach to Barrie, Route 3 from Orillia to Barrie, Route 4 from Collingwood to Wasaga Beach, Route 5 from New Tecumseth to Bradford West Gwillimbury, and Route 6 from Midland to Orillia.

For more information on LINX Transit, please visit linx.simcoe.ca.

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County Gift-A-Lift Fundraising Campaign Surpasses Goal

Midhurst/October 8, 2024 – Earlier today, the County of Simcoe celebrated a major milestone, surpassing its goal of raising more than \$600,000 towards the purchase of four new accessible buses for its long-term care and seniors services homes.

The Give-A-Lift Fundraising Campaign launched in early 2019 to support each of the County’s four long-term care homes – Georgian Manor and Village in Penetanguishene, Simcoe Manor and Village in Beeton, Sunset Manor and Village in Collingwood and Trillium Manor in Orillia – in purchasing new accessible buses. These buses connect residents and clients to their communities, support programming and enable residents, including those with mobility issues, to participate in events, activities and outings.

Throughout the Give-A-Lift Campaign, the County held a number of fundraising events and activities, including the Warden’s Ski Day, Warden’s Golf Tournaments, as well as smaller plant and cookbook sales, classic car shows, cookoffs, and holiday markets.

Quotes

“We are truly grateful to the many individuals, businesses and organizations who have stepped forward to help the County achieve this goal. We are so thankful to have these buses now in service, providing our residents with a way to once again safely explore their communities.” - County of Simcoe Warden Basil Clarke

“These buses aren’t just a means of transportation, we build them into our programming as they support the health, well-being and quality of life of our residents, many of whom have complex mobility issues. I echo the Warden in thanking our tremendous community for helping us raise these much-needed funds. And I want to send a huge thank you to our amazing staff in each home and corporately who went above and beyond to support and *drive* this fundraising campaign.” - Jane Sinclair, General Manager, Health and Emergency Services

About County of Simcoe LTC and Seniors Services

The County of Simcoe provides a broad range of LTC and seniors services to residents living throughout the region, supporting more than 1,300 seniors. These include four long-term care homes, retirement living, assisted living, adult-day programming, and an entire suite of home support services. LTC and Seniors Services supports a wide spectrum of needs, helps residents to age in place, and assists in a seamless transition as individuals move across the continuum of care.

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