

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023**

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- p. 33 5. Correspondence from the Town of Parry Sound dated November 7, 2023, re: Resolution No. 2023-166 - Request for Amendment to *Legislation Act, 2006* to Permit Online Publications as an Acceptable Means of Complying with Public Notice Requirements.
- p. 34 6. Correspondence from the Municipality of Tweed dated November 14, 2023, re: Request for Increased Funding Opportunities to Ontario Municipalities.
- p. 35 7. Email dated November 14, 2023 from Essa Resident (Jessica Owen), re: Request for Council Consideration of Communications Staff in Essa Budget.
- p. 37 8. Correspondence from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio dated November 21, 2023, re: Support for School Resource Officers.
- p. 41 9. Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter – November 23, 2023.
- p. 50 10. Statement from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated November 27, 2023, re: Minister Calandra Details Next Steps to Reach Ontario’s Housing Target.

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.



Museum on the Boyne

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Important Dates

Nomination Deadline:
December 31

Museum Committee Review:
January

Council Review:
Late Winter

Successful Nominee Notified:
Early Spring

Wall of Honour Ceremony:
First Saturday in May

Museum on the Boyne Wall of Honour

This award was created in 2003 to recognize the contributions, support and promotion of heritage by individuals and organizations in South Simcoe County.



Who Should I Nominate?

- Individuals, organizations or businesses who have made significant contributions or donations to the preservation of history in South Simcoe County
- Those who have contributed significant volunteerism over a period of time in South Simcoe
- Those who display, sustain and exercise leadership in heritage preservation.
- Those who demonstrate vision, innovation or creativity while learning from artifacts
- Those who enrich and improve the quality of life in South Simcoe through the sharing of historical knowledge.
- Those who promote and support the expansion of heritage opportunities in our community.
- Those who have been nominated in the past but have not yet received a Wall of Honour award.

Nomination Form:

Nominee Name:

Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Phone:

Email:



Nominator Name:

Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Phone:

Email:



Nomination Requirements:

- 1) A completed nomination form
- 2) A statement of nomination (max. 2 pages) Please list relevant background, education, training, volunteerism, activity, organizational achievements and contributions to our heritage community.
- 3) Letters of support are encouraged

OCTOBER 2023

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“ I'm so excited. I usually shop online or go to Indigo. It's been so long since I've been in a library, you forget how important they are to the community. But now I'm here and I'm seeing all these things and I'm like yes, this is vital.”

- Patron comment



AZ DISCOVER

CIRCULATION DATA

119
NEW MEMBERS
1,076 YTD

“ You have an amazing selection here, by the way. There's more cookbooks here than they have at Chapters!

INTERLIBRARY LOANS

73	13
Items borrowed from other libraries	Items sent to other libraries



Meet Essa's Simcoe Reads champion: Q&A with Amy Kiezebrink

October 3, 2023

Angus resident Amy Kiezebrink is many things: a wife, mother of three young boys, graphic designer, writer, reader – with a “to be read”...

Media outreach resulted in 9 articles highlighting Simcoe Reads before and after the live debate, as well as the Back to the Future Day event created in partnership with Essa Township.

Outlets included BarrieToday.com, Simcoe.com, OrilliaMatters.com, and BordenCitizen.com

ANGUS
5,059

58,256 YTD

IN-HOUSE USE

541

2,523 YTD

THORNTON
952

10,951 YTD

IN-HOUSE USE

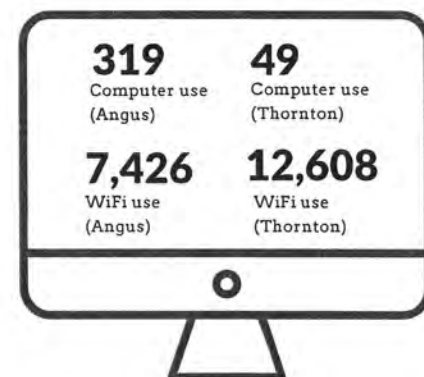
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623 YTD

DIGITAL RESOURCES

973
Digital Library visits
6,079 YTD

488
Simcoe County Libraries
App uses
2,242 YTD



“ The library is my happy place.



News More Obituaries Shop Flyers Classifieds Jobs Connect Events

HOME LOCAL NEWS

Simcoe Reads turns the page on another successful competition

Seven champions, representing libraries from across the county, came together Thursday night for fourth annual competition



Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Oct 20, 2022 7:00 PM



PROGRAMS

706 kids participated in 46 programs

Top **3** kids programs:

- Teeny Halloweeny - 130
- Storytime in Angus & Thornton - 141
- Toddler Time - 78



20 teens attended
4 Teen Social events

“ My 11-year-old son was offered opportunities for sports, nature activities, and other clubs, but Tinker Tuesdays is the only event he has ever asked to return to. It offers the right amount of variety, stimulation, and independence to make him want to return.”

10 teens participated in the Pumpkin Painting Contest event, organized with the support of the Teen Social after school group.



202 Adults and seniors participated in
19 programs

Top **3** adult & senior programs:

- Simcoe Reads final debate - 80
- Senior Social - 35
- French conversation circle - 21

f 1704 followers
(22 new since last month)

ig 756 followers
(23 new since last month)

x 1029 followers
(-2 from last month)

yt 640 subscribers
(38 new since last month)
9,394 views
(3,957 new since last month)

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2023 Simcoe Reads Champions did a fabulous job representing their book choices and libraries at the live debate in Angus on October 19th.

David Walsh
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Our library (Essa library, located beside Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School Angus) has Kitchen appliances to lend. You can get an ice cream maker, or a sous vide machine. And did you know they have live music? There is an acoustic song circle on the second Wednesday of each month. This month it's Wednesday October 11th. 6-8pm. Bring your guitar, flute, mandolin, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, zither, accordion, pan flute, etc...



First place winners of the Teen Social Pumpkin Painting Contest.



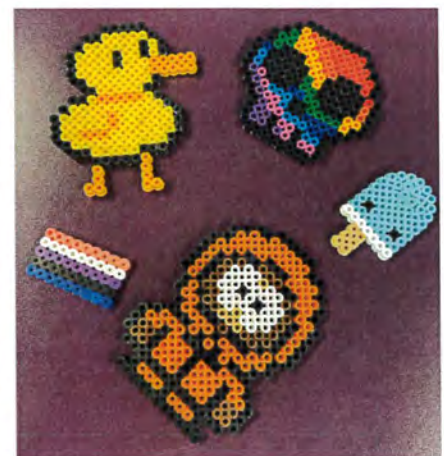
Senior Social scarecrow craft.



David, Moira, and Alexis Rose made a special appearance on Halloween.



Teeny Halloween



Teen Social creations

Sarah Corbett

Subject:

FW: County Council Highlights - Meeting Held November 14, 2023



Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. The information contained within the Highlights is based on approved material from within the associated agenda packages, linked at the bottom. These reports were part of the agendas from the **Council Meeting on November 14, 2023** and the **Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 24, 2023**. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate report, which can be accessed by clicking on the title. Images are also linked to relevant resources.

A recording of these sessions is also available for public viewing on the [County's YouTube channel](#).

- Service Simcoe

Paramedic Services 2024 Response Time
Performance Targets

The Ontario Ambulance Act mandates that all Paramedic Services report on their response times (by specific category) each year and set new response time targets for the following year.

In review of Paramedic calls in 2022, staff observed challenges in meeting anticipated response times related to a significant increase in the overall number of emergency calls, more complex patient conditions, higher overall activity levels, and an extensive increase in hospital offload delay. However, more current response times reported in the first half of 2023 have shown significant improvement and are now trending towards established goals.

As a result, staff recommend continuing to work towards the existing goals again for 2024. On November 14, 2023, Council approved 2024 Response Time Performance Targets as recommended by staff.



County of Simcoe

Corporate Climate Action Plan

Sustainable Services and Assets
for a Net-Zero Future

Click the image above to read the County's new Corporate Climate Action Plan.

Sustainable Operations Climate Action Planning Update

In 2018, Council adopted the recommendation for the County of Simcoe to join the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program which consists of a five-step milestone framework. In Fall 2022, Sustainability Solutions Group (SSG) was engaged to assist with Milestone 2 Setting of an Emissions Reduction Target and Milestone 3 the Creation of the Corporate Climate Action Plan.

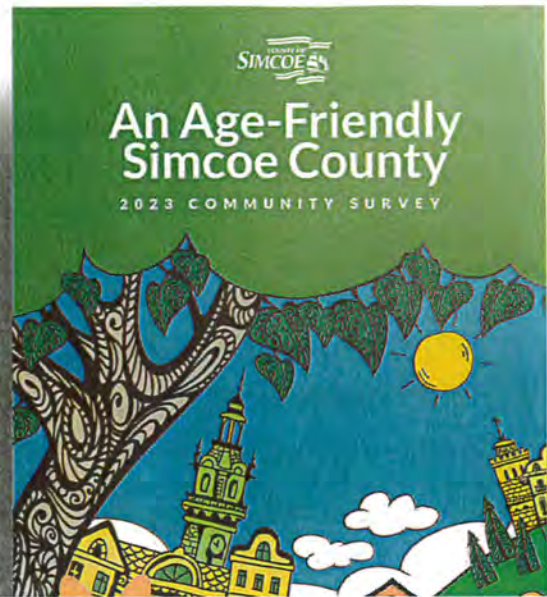
To meet the targets that SSG has created a Corporate Climate Action Plan was created around a Reduce-Improve-Switch-Generate framework. Key actions contained in the Plan include:

- Undertaking retrofits to reduce energy demand in existing buildings and improve energy efficiency;
- Ensuring new buildings achieve high levels of energy performance and do not rely on fossil fuels for energy;
- Promoting sustainable transportation for employee commuting;
- Greening the corporate fleet; and
- Generating renewable and low carbon energy, e.g. solar and geothermal.

On November 14, 2023, Council approved the Corporate Climate Action Plan and the Emission Reduction Targets to be integrated into the County of Simcoe's Strategic Plan within Strategic Direction, the County of Simcoe's Long Term Financial Plan, and Operational Workplans.

Fill out the Age-Friendly Community Survey

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Click on the image above to take the Age-Friendly Community Survey.

Simcoe County Positive Aging Strategy – Community Survey

In 2015, the County of Simcoe received \$50,000 in funding from the Government of Ontario as part of its Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant Program. This funding was provided to support a comprehensive community needs assessment and a report to outline key areas of focus for future planning needs.

The resulting report took into consideration all information gathered through more than 3,000 age-friendly survey responses, 12 key informant interviews, 15 focus groups, and four public consultations. With this information, staff developed a regional seniors' strategy and planning framework entitled, "County of Simcoe Positive Aging Strategy". This strategy included a framework from 2018-2023 to guide planning for the creation of age-friendly infrastructure programs, services and policies as well as developed tools for municipalities at both the regional and local levels across the County of Simcoe.

On October 28, 2023, Council received a report on the implementation of a new survey to identify the most pressing age-friendly priorities in our communities and evaluate the initiatives completed within the existing planning framework. This process will enable a refresh of the current strategy and set an updated planning framework for the next 5 years beginning in 2024. The survey is available online and at more than 100 locations throughout the County. Community consultations, focus groups and interviews will take place in early 2024. More information is available at simcoe.ca/age-friendly.

Multi-Residential Organics Pilot Program

In 2018, the Government of Ontario released the Food and Organic Waste Policy statement, which includes targets for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) and multi-residential properties within the County. Multi-residential properties (6 or more units per property and condominium properties) are identified as having to achieve 50% reduction and recovery of food and organic waste by 2025. While the County of Simcoe is not mandated to provide waste collection services to these properties, without assistance from the County, it may be challenging for multi-residential locations to achieve the organics diversion targets outlined in the policy. Presently, private organics collection options are limited and costly when compared to private garbage servicing.

On November 14, 2023, Council approved the implementation of a 18-month multi-residential organics pilot program commencing spring of 2024 to assist multi-residential properties in achieving these targets, and to promote increased organics diversion within the County. Staff are expecting a total of 8-12 buildings to be selected to participate, for an approximate total of 600 multi-residential units.



WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR PARTS OF THE COUNTY

The County of Simcoe is adjusting its curbside waste collection zones to accommodate the Province's shift to a new Producer Responsibility recycling model.

Households in Zone 2 will skip a garbage week (December 4-7) and have two consecutive recycling collection weeks (November 27-30 and December 4-7). Notifications have been sent to households in Zone 2 throughout October and November and reminders are scheduled on the Simcoe County Collects App, among other communications. Collection days of the week do NOT change!

Click the image above to learn more, including how to determine your new zone.

Special Budget Meeting - Committee of the Whole - Report - November 2, 2023

A special budget meeting was held on November 2 to present the full 2024 County budget. Councillors further reviewed the budget at Committee of the Whole on November 14 and recommended an investment in our residents and programs with a proposed 3.7% tax levy for 2024 (2% towards capital improvements and 1.7% towards operational enhancements). For households, this results in a \$10.69 annual impact per

\$100,000 of home assessment (\$42.76 impact annually per average home in Simcoe County). Councillors will consider, and potentially ratify, the 2024 budget recommendation at our next meeting on November 28, 2023.

Council Meeting Agenda - November 14, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda - October 24, 2023

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Warden Statement regarding Provincial Child Care Workforce Strategy

Midhurst/November 20, 2023 – Our Child Care sector is extremely important to our families, our economy and the health, wellbeing, and development of our youth. Last week, we were informed about the Ontario Government’s comprehensive Child Care Workforce Strategy and its investment in Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs) across Ontario and here in Simcoe County. We were pleased to see that this strategy is comprehensive and is well-funded to provide increased wages and additional support for the recruitment of high quality, qualified Early Childhood Educators across the province.

We thank the Province for increasing the starting wage of over 650 RECEs in Simcoe County, employed by Child Care operators enrolled in the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system, to \$23.86/hour in 2024 from the planned \$20 per hour. This wage enhancement builds on actions taken by the province through the introduction in 2022 of a new wage floor for RECEs working in settings participating in the CWELCC system, which includes annual \$1 per hour wage increases beginning in 2023.

The increased salaries will help recruit new RECEs and support staff retention. As labour shortages have been a challenge in this important sector, this increased funding will ensure wages more closely align with industry standards and hopefully support recruitment efforts. The hiring of more RECEs will also support the County’s goals as we continue building up licenced child care in our region by creating over 3,000 new child care spaces.

Earlier this fall, County of Simcoe Council took significant action to building up futures through the approval of the region's new Early Learning and Child Care Directed Growth Strategy, a five-point plan that creates spaces, increases affordability, and builds knowledge of the positive impacts that a strengthened early learning and Child Care system will have in our communities.

I’m pleased that both the County and the Province continue to invest in new strategies and supports for this important sector to assist workers, families and our economy.

[Click here](#) to review the full announcement from the Provincial Government.

~ *Warden Basil Clarke*



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County raises awareness on National Housing Day

Midhurst/November 22, 2023 – Earlier today, Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke was joined by community partners to raise awareness about National Housing Day at the County's soon-to-open affordable housing and community services campus in Orillia, currently in its last phase of construction.

"National Housing Day is an important awareness initiative and I can't think of a better place to engage our communities than our affordable housing build in Orillia," said Warden Basil Clarke. "It will soon welcome its first 130 families, seniors, and individuals, as well as community service providers, and will continue to serve thousands more in the years to come. As the regional system manager for social services and affordable housing, we know that the needs in our region are growing. We've made huge strides forward in building up more affordable homes for individuals, families, and seniors in need than ever before in Simcoe County. We are committed to investing even more in the coming years, but we can't do it alone. This National Housing Day, we are calling on partners from all sectors to help us in building more affordable homes in Simcoe County, faster."

As part of the County of Simcoe's *10-year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy*, which began in 2014, the region has committed to investing over \$300 million in affordable housing, including many larger affordable rental builds:

- **Collingwood:** Opened in 2019, these [two unique mixed-use buildings](#) have 147 total affordable housing units. On-site services include an EarlyON Child and Family Centre, Ontario Works, Children's Services, the Simcoe County District School Board (adult learning programs), Empower Simcoe, and drop-in/satellite office space for various community agencies and partners including Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Disability Support Program and various health services.
- **Wasaga Beach:** Opened in spring 2020, [this site](#) offers 99 units of affordable housing for singles, families, and seniors. It is located in the beautiful town of Wasaga Beach, within walking distance of public parks, public beachfront, transit, schools, shopping and amenities.
- **Tay (Victoria Harbour):** Opened in fall 2020, [this 41-unit building](#) features accessible trails and is located near public parks, shopping and amenities. The site offers affordable rental housing to seniors and persons with disabilities.
- **Orillia:** Expected to welcome its first tenants in spring 2024, this [multi-use development](#) includes 130 mixed affordable residential units designed for seniors, families, and individuals. The development also includes a number of community services, primarily on the ground level. Ground floor resources and supports through County of Simcoe services include Ontario Works, Children and Community Services, and Social Housing offices, as well as Corporate County services.
- **Bradford West Gwillimbury:** The [new 50-unit affordable housing](#) building in Bradford West Gwillimbury is expected to welcome its first residents in late 2024. Built on land generously donated for this purpose by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, when complete, it will create an attractive streetscape with good connectivity to transit and adjacent walking trails. The building will be within walking distance of the Town's future civic plaza, downtown commercial amenities, elementary schools, ample green space parks, and the nearby GO Station.

- **Barrie:** The [Rose Street project](#) is expected to be completed in 2026/27 with 215 affordable rentals, and a large commercial and community services space in the City of Barrie. Accessible to transit, shopping, and employment, once built, this development will be the largest County build to date.

About Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy

Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy is building up our communities by setting real targets and goals to create more affordable housing within communities across Simcoe County. The County's strategy continues to build up support for residents by maximizing funding, achieving targets, and working with area partners to create affordable housing units for residents across the County. The County was proud to announce that they exceeded the Strategy's initial target by December 31, 2022, one year ahead of schedule. As of September 30, 2023, the County of Simcoe has created over 3,134 new affordable homes for people and families across the region. More information can be found at simcoe.ca/ourahhps.

The County is currently working to build a newly updated, strong, and resilient strategy for 2024-2034 that takes into account the needs of today and provides flexibility for the years to come. This strategy will be brought to County Council for review in early 2024.

About the County of Simcoe

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County and Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle partner to provide support services for Indigenous individuals

Midhurst/November 23, 2023 – The County of Simcoe and the Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle (BANAC) are partnering to provide Indigenous services and supports across the region to foster stronger relationships and to enhance access to culturally appropriate supports for our Indigenous residents.

In its commitment to enhance supports for individuals with high-needs who are living unhoused in communities throughout Simcoe County, the County is dedicating 5% of provincial Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) funding, totalling \$440,082.00, and 8% of federal Reaching Home (RH) funding, totalling \$210,554.28, to Indigenous service providers.

In 2024, the County's Social and Community Services Division will develop a formal framework, focusing on collaborative work with our Indigenous partners, built upon the commitments of Truth and Reconciliation.

About the Naadamaadiwag-Helping Each Other Program

BANAC's Naadamaadiwag-Helping Each Other Program, which began on September 1st offers culturally-appropriate support for Indigenous individuals who find themselves unhoused. The project will assist Indigenous people at risk of, or experiencing homelessness in Simcoe County by providing housing and support services that reduce and prevent chronic homeless. The project is a multi-partner collaboration among three Indigenous agencies: Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle (BANAC), Georgian Bay Native Women's Association (GBNWA), and Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women's Circle (BRAWC).

Naadamaadiwag-Helping Each Other, is the first point of contact for Indigenous people experiencing homelessness, and provides direct supports including referrals to services, community outreach and food security programs, basic needs, wellness checks, pre-discharge planning from provincial institutions, and coordination of case management and referrals for people on the Coordinated Access By-Name list. Naadamaadiwag-Helping Each Other, provides Indigenous people with direct cultural connections, increased sense of belonging in the community, and supports to access traditional or culturally sensitive healing services.

Naadamaadiwag-Helping Each Other, will also develop and implement an Indigenous Housing Coalition which will adopt a proactive approach to homelessness for Indigenous people. The coalition will review best practices, education, awareness, advocacy and collection of data.

About the County's 10-point homelessness prevention strategy

The plan provides a strong, data-driven strategy to help vulnerable residents and our communities. It includes considerable added investment, enhancements, and support for the unhoused population in our communities.

The plan takes a collaborative approach to building up communities, service providers, the business community, and residents. Through this strategy, the County continues to work collaboratively with partners and municipalities to continue to prevent and end chronic homelessness. For further details and ongoing updates to the homelessness prevention plan, visit simcoe.ca/HomelessnessSystem.

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Quotes

"It is crucial to County Council that we continue to support our friends and partners in Indigenous communities throughout the region. This funding to assist BANAC's Naadamaadiwag-Helping Each Other Program is truly important for not only the individuals that are being served today, but for all of those in the future who may find themselves unhoused. This collaboration between BANAC and the County solidifies a people first approach and ensures that no one is left out in the cold this winter."

~ *Warden Basil Clarke, County of Simcoe*

"On behalf of the Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women's Circle (BRAWC) and the Georgian Bay Native Women's Association, the Barrie Area Native Advisory is pleased to announce our multi collaboration that will assist Indigenous people experiencing homelessness and deliver direct community outreach and support services. This collaboration will allow greater opportunity through establishing an Indigenous access point and providing culturally appropriate supports across Simcoe County.

We are thrilled about this project. Being able to expand our services through this investment will address and provide real time help to Indigenous homeless people, which is very much needed."

~ *Amanda Maynard, Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle*

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County and area partners to provide Cultures of Belonging in the Workplace training

Midhurst/November 23, 2023 – The County of Simcoe and its partners, Georgian College, member municipalities, the cities of Barrie and Orillia, and the Government of Ontario, are working together to deliver a free, one-day training opportunity that provides practical strategies for creating workplaces that embrace and uplift diverse experiences.

Delivered by Georgian College, **Cultures of Belonging in the Workplace** will teach business leaders, supervisors, team leads, and human resources professionals across sectors how to engage all employees to contribute their best and work across diverse identities to create positive change in their organization.

In this training opportunity, leaders will learn how to foster workplaces that embrace and uplift diverse lived experiences, where all people feel they belong; create lasting, transformative and impactful change; and cultivate inclusive thinking and behavior.

EVENT: Training Opportunity: Cultures of Belonging in the Workplace

Where: Snow Valley Ski Resort
2632 Vespra Valley Road
Springwater, ON L0L 1Y3

When: Friday, December 8, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Register: This is a FREE event, but space is limited and registration is required. To register, visit [Cultures of Belonging in the Workplace Tickets](#)

Companies who complete the one-day training session for the Cultures of Belonging course will earn a digital badge that they can promote on their LinkedIn and/or website(s). This course is the first of three modules in the Georgian College [Diversity, Equity and Belonging in the Workplace Micro-credential](#). Participants may wish to pursue the remaining two courses in the micro-certificate following this course.

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County of Simcoe launches new Corporate Climate Action Plan

Midhurst/November 27, 2023 – On November 14, 2023, County Council passed the Corporate Climate Action Plan, which commits to reduce corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 44% below 2021 levels by 2030, and Net Zero corporate greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

“The County is committed to working together to build inclusive, vibrant, healthy and sustainable communities,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “Our new Corporate Climate Action Plan takes innovative steps forward to ensure that the County continues to lead in providing a regional approach to environment stewardship.”

In 2018, Council adopted the recommendation for the County of Simcoe to join the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Partners for Climate Protection Program which consists of a five-step milestone framework. Sustainability Solutions Group was engaged to assist with Milestone 2 Setting of an Emissions Reduction Target and Milestone 3 the Creation of the Corporate Climate Action Plan.

To meet Federal GHG reduction targets, a Corporate Climate Action Plan was created around the Reduce-Improve-Switch-Generate framework. Key actions contained in the Plan include:

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On November 14, Council approved both the Corporate Climate Action Plan and the Emission Reduction Targets, which will be integrated into the County of Simcoe’s Strategic Plan, the County of Simcoe’s Long Term Financial Plan, and Operational Workplans as the County works towards a greener future.

More information on the County’s Sustainable Operations can be found on the County’s website, simcoe.ca/sustainable-operations.

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Council approves 2024 County of Simcoe Budget

Midhurst/November 28, 2023 – On November 28, 2023, County of Simcoe Council approved a \$774 million budget, which focuses on the resources necessary to maintain existing services and address significant growth in our communities. The 2024 budget also includes strategic allocations that enable the County to continue to invest in services and assets such as infrastructure, long-term care, paramedic services, affordable housing, the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport, waste collections, transit, economic development, tourism, and enhancements to our road network.

At the direction and approval of County Council, residents will see a 1.7 per cent increase for operating and a 2 per cent increase for infrastructure and asset management on the County portion of their municipal property taxes in 2024. This represents an impact of approximately \$10.69 per \$100,000 property assessment across the region. \$212 million of the County's budget comes from Simcoe County residential property taxes and the remaining amount from other funding streams.

Similar to all organizations and individual residents of Simcoe County, the County continues to be impacted by inflation, rising costs of construction, CPI, supplies, insurance and other commodities. Because we knew the pressures families were facing during lockdowns and throughout COVID, the County had previously held a modest tax increase over that time to ensure that we were helping our residents as much as we were able to during the height of the pandemic, even holding at 0 per cent in 2021, which has reduced some of our financial flexibility today. The financial impact of the provincial blue box program and Bill 23 - Building More Homes Faster Act are not fully known at this time and will have larger impacts on future budgets.

"With inflation and cost of living increasing, County Council and staff worked hard to limit the impact of this budget on our residents, while ensuring we have the ability to continue to address the challenges in our communities and also to meet the needs of growing regional service demands," said Warden Basil Clarke. "Council has approved a responsible budget that maintains funding for affordable housing buildings, provides opportunities to grow transit, enhances our road network, invests in long-term care and paramedicine and enables strategies that further support our economy and businesses. Every tax dollar counts and allows us to continue building up Simcoe County."

The County maintains a strong financial position having received an AA+ long-term issuer credit rating from S&P Global Ratings, a provider of high-quality market intelligence in the form of credit ratings and research. While pressures continue, the 2024 budget ensures the County continues to address areas of growth, as well as initiatives directed by Council to enhance and maintain service levels for the region, support infrastructure, increase efficiencies, and prepare for the future of our region.

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2024 Budget Highlights include:

Total County operating and capital expenditures for 2024 is **\$774 million** (*\$614 million operating and \$160 million capital*) which includes expenditures for the following departments:

- LTC - Homes and Seniors Services **\$124 million**
- Paramedic Services **\$72 million**
- Children Services **\$109 million**
- Community Services **\$29 million**
- Social Housing **\$101 million**
- Ontario Works **\$71 million**
- Transportation and Engineering **\$80 million**
- Solid Waste Management **\$81 million**

Attached to this news release is the 2024 County of Simcoe Budget Overview.

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

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2024 COUNTY BUDGET OVERVIEW



Responsibly Managing Your Services

The 2024 County of Simcoe budget includes a total of \$774M in operating and capital expenditures. The total revenue is \$725M with a taxation levy amount of \$212M.

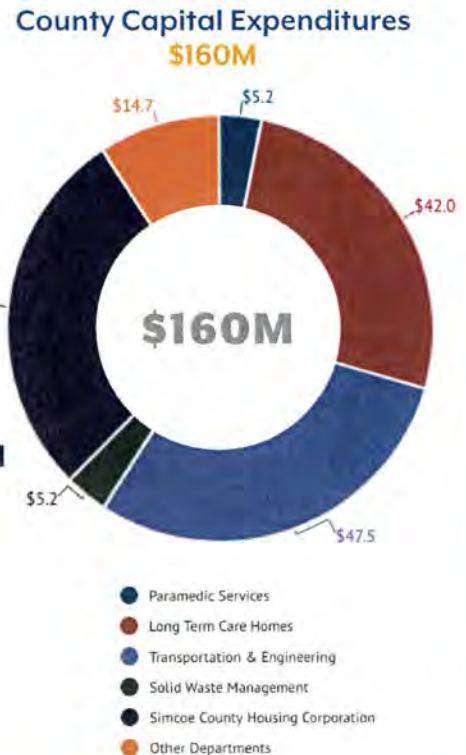
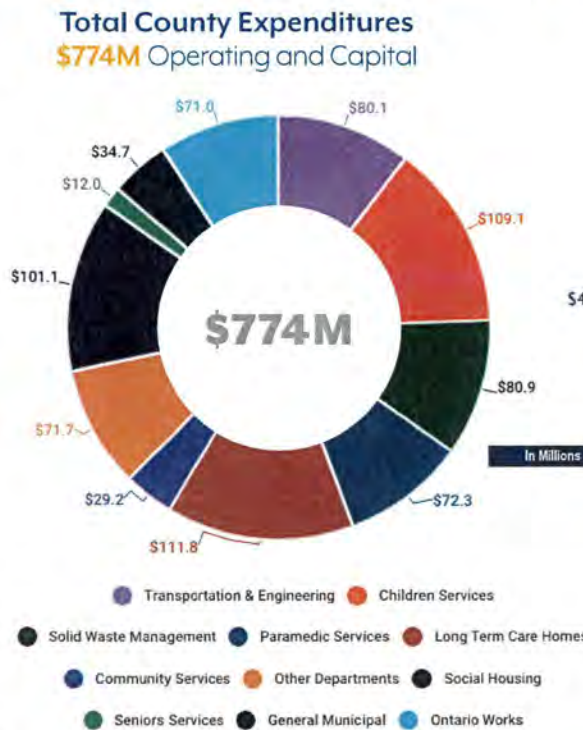
Impacted by prior years restraint and continued inflation pressure, the budget has been prepared to address key ongoing needs and strategic initiatives. It includes a 1.7% tax increase to maintain operating service levels and keep pace with cost increases that can't be covered by growth. Also included is a 2.0% capital infrastructure increase.

The budget focus is on the resources necessary to maintain or improve the existing crucial County services during this economic/inflationary challenge.

The County continues to invest in housing in 2024, building upon the 3,134 new affordable housing units created since January 1, 2014 through new rental development, secondary suites, affordable homeownership, and rent supplements/housing allowances. With builds scheduled to open in both Orillia and Bradford West Gwillimbury in 2024 and work to begin on a large project in Barrie, the County will continue to invest significantly in building up affordable homes across Simcoe County.

Because significant growth in the region impacts demand for all County services, we continue to work closely with our community and municipal partners to ensure residents receive the best value for their regional tax dollars.

In 2022, under an agreement with the Federal government, Ontario announced the implementation of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, an initiative to be rolled out over five years, intended to provide parents



The County has invested more than \$300 million towards the creation of affordable housing since 2014, including the soon-to-open Orillia hub development project (rendering above).

with improved access to quality, inclusive, and affordable child care.

The budget directs additional spending in Health and Emergency Services, including resources for Paramedic Services to address demand, including the completion of a new station in Bradford to optimize response

time performance. Funds directed in Long-Term Care and Seniors Services to continue the planning and design phase for redevelopment of the Simcoe Village Campus.

Major road projects for 2024 include County Road 4 and County Road 21 with related road, bridge

and intersection components.

County Council will also continue its major community financial investments and commitments to local hospitals, hospice, and post-secondary education institutions.

Because significant growth in the region impacts demands for many municipal and community needs and services, County Council continues to make strategic non-mandated investments in our communities, while continuing to keep a strong long-term financial outlook.

The County's strong financial position is confirmed by maintaining an AA+ long-term issuer credit rating from S&P Global Ratings, a provider of high-quality independent market intelligence in the form of credit ratings and research.

Health and Emergency Services

LONG-TERM CARE AND SENIORS SERVICES

2024 Expenditures: \$124M

The County of Simcoe provides a broad range of long-term care and seniors services to residents living throughout the region, supporting more than 1,200 seniors. They include four long-term care homes, supportive housing, retirement living, assisted living, affordable housing, life lease suites and garden homes, adult day programming, and an entire suite of home support

services. This vast diversity of programs and services addresses a wide spectrum of needs that support residents to age in place and assist in a seamless transition for individuals as they move across the continuum of care from the community to long-term care. Capital projects include the full redevelopment of the Simcoe Village Campus and a 16-bed expansion at Georgian Manor.

PARAMEDIC SERVICES

2024 Expenditures: \$72M

Paramedic Services provide land ambulance services at a Primary and Advanced Care Paramedic level of service, training programs, public education, Public Access Defibrillator program, and Community Paramedicine programs.

The 2024 budget includes costs associated with staffing, equipment replacements and upgrades related to emergency medical response to the region, including the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Annual call volume/responses are anticipated to be more than 87,000. Capital projects include facility development and vehicle and equipment replacements.

Social and Community Services

CHILDREN SERVICES

2024 Expenditures: \$109M

As the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager, the County of Simcoe is responsible for local system management, leadership, and related funding administration which supports more than 203 licensed child care programs, 37 EarlyON Child and Family Centre locations, and three Special Needs Resourcing Programs.

Examples of system funding administered by the County include the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care program, operating grants, wage enhancements, and program/equipment supports. The Licensed Child Care Fee Subsidy is directly administered by the County, to support eligible parents who are in the workforce, attending school, or requiring

developmental programming for a child with special needs.

In 2024 the County will continue building up futures through the region's new Early Learning and Child Care Directed Growth Strategy, a five-point plan that creates spaces, increases affordability, and builds knowledge of the positive impacts that a strengthened early learning and child care system will have in our communities.



SOCIAL HOUSING

2024 Expenditures: \$101M

The County is responsible for the administration and funding of numerous mandated social housing programs. In addition, the County participates in a number of initiatives that enhance the range of options/programs available to our residents, including the Simcoe County Housing Corporation and other housing providers.

There are approximately 4,132 community housing units within the County's housing portfolio, of which approximately 2,801 are rent-geared-to-income.

The capital budget includes affordable housing rental development openings in Orillia and Bradford West Gwillimbury, design work on the development in Barrie (with a view to start construction spring 2024), as well as capital repair projects to maintain the existing infrastructure.

ONTARIO WORKS

2024 Expenditures: \$71M

The County of Simcoe is the designated Municipal Service Manager for delivery of the Ontario Works program, with a projected monthly caseload of 5,702. Ontario Works provides life stabilization supports that include both financial and employment assistance to individuals in financial need.

Program outcomes focus on individual goals that lead to financial independence and self-reliance such as:

- Development of a client-centered action plan to address individual goals through targeted referrals for employment and educational programs
- Enhanced life stabilization supports for clients with multiple barriers

expenditure **breakdown**

Social and Community Services

COMMUNITY SERVICES

2024 Expenditures: \$29M

Homelessness Prevention

As the Municipal Service Manager, the County provides leadership and administers municipal, provincial and federal funding to the system of homelessness prevention services and supports. Identifying and realizing opportunities for new homelessness prevention supports and services in 2024, including increasing supportive housing programs in alignment with the 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Strategy is a key objective. To achieve improved system outcomes toward the goal of ending homelessness following significant increased funding investments to the system in 2023, system improvements will be informed by recommendations from a comprehensive

system review and reliable data, better-quality contract management, defined performance measurement and continuous improvement related to outcomes.

Poverty Reduction Initiatives

The County of Simcoe invests \$1.2M annually in the Social and Community Investment Fund (SCIF) to help local organizations develop community-based initiatives to address poverty. SCIF supports external program development for services to address the needs of low-income families.

Local Immigration Partnership

The Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) provides leadership to community based collaborative planning intended to support

improved social and economic outcomes for immigrants and newcomers. Community planning is undertaken with leaders from sectors such as education, health, employment, human services, settlement services, government, and policing. Work of the LIP is guided by federal policy/guidelines, in conjunction with the County approved Community Settlement Strategy.

Business Intelligence & System Planning

Initiated in 2023, this area will focus on analyzing and publishing data to improve delivery and policy for County Community Services. It will provide a data-informed policy background to enhance community partnerships and to develop a delivery framework for Social and Community Services.

Engineering, Planning and Environment

The Engineering, Planning and Environment division consists of Transportation and Engineering, Solid Waste Management, Planning, Forestry, and Transit.

TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING

2024 Expenditures: \$80M

The 2024 capital budget includes construction and road maintenance projects totaling \$47M. Capital project expenditures include the continued construction of County Road 21 (Innisfil Beach Road), County Road 4, construction of the Matheson Creek bridge as well as a number of other road and bridge rehabilitation and construction projects.



County Capital projects expenditures include a number of road and bridge rehabilitation and construction projects.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

2024 Expenditures: \$81M

The Solid Waste Management department manages the waste disposal facilities and critical collection of curbside waste and diversion programs.

Capital project requirements are for normal replacement of existing equipment that have reached the end of their reasonable service lives.

Additionally, there are projects for site remediation and development/redevelopment of existing sites to improve customer service and storage and processing capacity.

Working together for the greater good

The County of Simcoe understands that strong community partnerships play a vital role in providing high-quality services to residents. In order to maintain and foster these established partnerships, the County provides strategic funding to other community impact services. Some strategic investments the County is proud to support in 2024 include:

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

\$5.8 million

Simcoe County Hospital Alliance

\$3.0 million

Post-secondary capital support

\$1.5 million

Age Friendly grant

\$0.6 million

Hospice capital funding

\$0.5 million

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How your tax dollars work

While the County's expenses are \$774M, they are offset by County revenues and funding from both provincial and federal levels of government. Residents will see a 3.7% increase on the County portion of their municipal property taxes in 2024. Overall, due to revenues and provincial funding, the County's actual tax requirement of \$212M is broken down as follows:

LEVY SUPPORT AREA	%*	(\$000s)*	PER \$100,000 RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT VALUE*
Paramedic Services	12.5	26,404	37.35
LTC - Homes/Seniors Services	5.7	11,980	16.95
Ontario Works	2.7	5,668	8.02
Children Services	1.5	3,164	4.47
Community Services	1.4	2,948	4.17
Social Housing	10.5	22,308	31.55
Transportation & Engineering	11.2	23,731	33.57
Solid Waste Management	27.3	57,733	81.66
Planning	1.7	3,699	5.23
Economic Development	1.2	2,568	3.63
Transit	2.3	4,854	6.87
Administrative & Statutory Support **	6.3	13,270	18.77
General Municipal Services ***	11.9	25,196	35.64
Allocation of Operating to Capital****	3.9	8,207	11.61
Total Taxes based on Services	100.0%	211,732	\$299.49

* All numbers are rounded

** CAO, Clerks, Service Simcoe, Corporate Performance

*** SMDHU, MPAC, LSRA, Age-Friendly Grant, Hospital, Educational Support, Strategic land purchase

**** The operating balance is used to partially fund asset management and capital projects

APPROXIMATE TAX INCREASE PER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT		
County Tax Rate Increase		
% Increase	\$ Increase	per \$100,000 assessment
3.7%	\$7.4M	\$10.69

NOTE: Actual Taxation impacts do not parallel assessment change because of Ontario's variable tax rate system. Tax rates vary by property class and assessment based on tax ratios, as well as local municipal and education taxes, which affect the distribution of the tax levy across classes. The numbers noted reflect the County's 2024 Budget Plan for illustration of the County's services and expenditure financing.

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POLICY UPDATE

November 17, 2023

Policy Update – Planning Statute Law Amendments and Ontario Child Care Workforce Strategy

Planning Statute Law Amendment Act

On November 16, the province introduced legislation to reverse its official plan amendments made in Barrie, Belleville, Hamilton, Ottawa, the City of Peterborough; the Regional Municipalities of Halton, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York; and Wellington County. Certain elements of the provincial changes will be maintained in instances where they are intended to protect the Greenbelt, strengthen Indigenous relations, and protect drinking water. It will also maintain changes made on land being considered for Highway 413. The legislation also introduces immunity provisions to mitigate legal risk for municipalities resulting from this legislation.

AMO President Colin Best [sent a letter to Minister Calandra](#) with advice to support legislation drafting. While AMO is pleased to see that recommended indemnity provisions are included in the proposed legislation, we continue to urge the province to include transitional provisions to ensure that these changes do not result in municipalities losing out on development charge revenue.

AMO welcomes the decision to reverse these ministry-issued decisions on official plans and is pleased that the province continues to consult with the municipalities on the most effective way to implement these changes. AMO will continue to review the proposed legislation and submit formal comments on the legislation to [the Environmental Registry](#).

Ontario Child Care Workforce Strategy and Protection of Children

Yesterday, the government announced new measures for safer child care and a workforce strategy to aid with the attraction and retention of child care staff to help address labour shortages in the sector.

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The new action taken is intended to further protect the safety of children by requiring all licensed child care operators to implement a Safe Arrival and Dismissal Policy by January 1, 2024. This will ensure that when a child does not arrive at the licensed child care program or is not picked up as expected, parents will be informed in line with existing protocols within Ontario's publicly funded schools.

The Workforce Strategy, made possible with funding through the Canada-Ontario Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, includes wage enhancements and other ways to address issues facing the sector. The strategy will support workforce development starting in 2024 by:

- Increasing the starting wage for RECEs employed by child care operators enrolled in the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system to \$23.86/hour in 2024 from the planned \$20/hour
- Extending the eligibility ceiling for a \$1/hour increase so more RECEs can benefit
- Supporting entry into the profession and career development
- Cutting red tape for employers and providing more flexibility in staffing their programs
- Launching a promotional campaign to bolster awareness and value of the child care profession

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POLICY UPDATE

November 28, 2023

Community Housing, Housing Forum, Ontario – Toronto New Deal, Locate Fees, On-Site and Excess Soil

New Study Shows Economic Benefits of Community Housing

AMO, the Canadian Housing Renewal Association, and other partners released a [new study](#) by Deloitte demonstrating the strong return on investment of community housing.

More investment in community is needed to boost supply and kickstart productivity in the province. This is supported by the study's findings about Ontario including:

- An additional 143,225 units of deeply affordable community housing is required by 2030 to meet the OECD average.
- Investments would result in a projected 5.8% to 9.5% increase in productivity.
- This would also result in a 23.3 to \$50.3 billion increase in GDP.

Investing in community housing is just that, an investment that pays returns in the form of economic productivity. When more people live in housing they can afford, they have more money to spend on goods and services, boosting businesses and our economy. AMO continues to call upon the provincial and federal governments to increase investments with

long-term, stable, and predictable funding to create more deeply affordable community housing.

Housing Forum

On November 27, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing hosted cross-sector Housing Forum to provide the government with advice on what's needed to build more homes faster. The province remains focused on achieving the goal of building 1.5 million new homes by 2031.

Municipal political leaders and officials from upper and lower municipal governments participated alongside non-profit organizations and building sector representatives. Municipal associations were also in attendance, including AMO.

The Minister shared his focus for the next Housing Supply Action Plan, including:

- A new 'use it or lose it' approach to hold developers accountable for getting shovels in ground for approved housing development permits;
- An intent to release the finalized Provincial Policy Statement soon; and,
- A strategy to leverage modular housing to create more housing supply quickly.

The Minister also highlighted the need for ongoing provincial-federal advocacy to secure more funding for housing-enabling infrastructure.

The day was structured around roundtable discussions across four themes:

1. Housing-enabling infrastructure
2. Activating the 'missing middle'
3. Inclusive housing
4. Modular housing.

Sectors advised the government on finance, governance, barriers, and solutions. AMO and its members were strong on the critical need for provincial and federal funding to build housing-enabling infrastructure and non-market housing.

Ontario and Toronto Reach a New Deal

Yesterday, the province announced that it had struck a new agreement with Toronto to help achieve long-term financial stability and sustainability

for the city. Ontario has agreed to provide the city with up to \$1.2 billion in provincial operating supports over three years and significant capital relief.

The Toronto agreement is an important milestone for all municipalities as it recognizes that the current provincial-municipal fiscal framework is failing our communities. That is why AMO has been calling on the province for a [social and economic prosperity review](#) that can keep municipal finances on a sustainable path that supports social and economic growth.

While the announcement targets financial challenges that are most acute in Toronto, other municipalities face similar concerns, including transit, homelessness, and support for asylum seekers. Municipalities with similar challenges are expecting assistance in these important areas as well. Yesterday's new deal commitments are a promising step toward provincial readiness to rebalance the scales with municipalities.

Locate Fee Changes Proposed in New Legislation

On November 22, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery introduced the *Building Infrastructure Safely Act, 2023* which, if passed, will change the way underground infrastructure locates are delivered in Ontario.

The Act will amend the Ontario *Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act*, and notably:

- Prohibit infrastructure owners and operators from charging for locate provision, and
- Streamline the penalty process, by removing the ability for excavators to recoup costs through the Ontario Land Tribunal. Instead, Ontario One Call can levy administrative monetary penalties for late locates.

These changes respond to AMO recommendations against fees for locates in the context of significant municipal fiscal pressures. The locate system in Ontario is important to ensure safety of excavators and protection of underground infrastructure.

On-Site and Excess Soil Management Regulation Proposals

The province is [proposing to amend](#) the O.Reg 406/19 under the *Environmental Protection Act* and the Rules for Soil Management and Excess Soil Quality Standards to create opportunities to redirect more usable excess soil from landfills.

The amendments would replace the need to obtain an environmental compliance assessment for low-risk soil management operations with regulations to ensure the safe storage and reuse of these materials. Regulations would include requiring proactive disclosure regarding the quality and source of soil, and registration of any soil being stored on the Excess Soil Registry. Salt-impacted soil would only be permitted where it would not impact drinking or surface water.

AMO has submitted [comments](#) to the Environmental Registry with advice to support drafting the amended regulations. While AMO is supportive of increased management and opportunities for reuse of low-risk excess soils, it is vital to ensure that the proposed changes do not have unintended consequences for municipalities or the environment. Soil reuse must be done with care and be balanced with adequate oversight and enforcement, particularly in relation to large volumes of excess soil, the expanded use of salt-impacted soil, and storage of soil adjacent to water bodies.

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NO. 2023 - 166

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DATE: November 7, 2023

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WHEREAS Section 87 of the Legislation Act, 2006 defines "newspaper", in Acts and regulations requiring publication, as a document that,

- a) is printed in sheet form, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and
- b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; ("journal"); and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required to follow prescribed publication and notice requirements of Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

WHEREAS the Town of Parry Sound and many other municipalities in Ontario cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations since effective September 15, 2023, Metroland Media Group ceased the print publication of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario, moving to an online-only model, and there are no other local news publications in Parry Sound fitting the definition of "newspaper" per the Legislation Act,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound does hereby request the Provincial government to make an amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 to include on-line publications as an acceptable means of complying with public notice requirements that refer to newspaper publication in Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

[Signature]
33 Mayor Jamie McGarvey

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Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 665
Title: Councillor J. Flieler
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Moved by J. Flieler
Seconded by P. Valiquette

WHEREAS Municipalities are facing ever increasing demands for services along with demands for repairs, maintenance, and replacement of existing infrastructure to the detriment of the tax paying public they serve as the cost of living continues to rise throughout the country;
AND WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial governments in the past contributed through partnerships to fund projects that have been out of the financial reach of small municipalities;
AND WHEREAS these 1/3 funding agreements have been instrumental in allowing municipalities to adequately plan and execute projects to protect the aging infrastructure already in place;
AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed has successfully completed more than 19 capital projects using these funding scenarios over the years;
AND WHEREAS it is incumbent upon our Federal and Provincial governments to assist municipalities with limited access to funding except through municipal taxes to re-establish this very important funding stream;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council lobby the relevant Federal and Provincial representatives to bring these concerns to the forefront;
AND FURTHER, that Council consider making a Delegation at the 2024 ROMA Conference;
AND FURTHER, that copies be sent to MP Kramp-Neuman, MPP Bresee, the Hastings County Warden, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

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Subject: Budget ahead of Nov. 15 meeting

To Mayor MacDonald, Deputy Mayor Smith and Essa council,

I am sending you this email as I am not able to attend tomorrow's budget meeting, and was hoping you could take my comments into consideration.

My name is Jessica Owen, and my husband and I have lived at 175 Greenwood Drive in Angus for seven years. One of the reasons my husband and I chose Angus as the place to buy our first home was the low tax rate when compared to other municipalities in Simcoe County.

We have watched annual budget discussions since moving here, happy that the tax rate has remained the lowest in Simcoe County despite annual expected increases.

To start, I am happy with the 10.25% increase proposed so far. Between inflation, the rising cost of building and the growth of the community, this is a reasonable increase, in my opinion.

I am writing because I want to suggest that the town should be spending more to prepare for the changes expected to come.

Specifically, I would like to see consideration, either in this budget or a future budget, to add a communications staffer to the town staff complement.

For reference, in my 9-5 job, I work as a journalist for CollingwoodToday. In my career, I have spent years covering municipal budgets in multiple municipalities in Simcoe County, including the County of Simcoe budget.

Essa is an outlier in many aspects compared to other municipalities, from my perspective.

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Clearview Township, Innisfil, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Collingwood and Wasaga Beach all have at least one communications staff, with some boasting more than that.

The impact of Essa Township not having designated communication staff has had clear ramifications I have seen first-hand in our community. Misinformation runs rampant in community social media groups, which is unfortunately many residents' main method of getting information about town goings-on. Many of our neighbours don't know what's going on most of the time, and have difficulty finding information.

My husband and I have, in the past, found information ourselves or contacted township staff, and have relayed information to neighbours. However, we are both trained journalists, and even we sometimes have trouble finding information.

Township information should be easily accessible and understandable to the average resident.

This is not meant to be a criticism of the work town staff does to fill this gap. I have had many helpful and friendly interactions with CAO Colleen Healey-Dowdall, as well as town planners and engineers when I have contacted them with questions about developments and projects.

However, with the area exploding with growth and potential water servicing issues on the horizon, I would prefer if planners and the CAO could focus their time on planning matters and the communication be left to a communications expert.

I would be happy to pay more taxes to see this happen here.

I worry that not having a staffer for this, while all our neighbouring municipalities see the value that staffer could provide, will leave Essa behind in the long run.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration, and feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Jessica Owen

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November 21, 2023

Sent Via Email

Jonathan Magill, County Clerk
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Dear Mr. Magill,

RE: Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council Support for School Resource Officers

I am writing to advise that at the Regular Council Meeting held on November 8, 2023, the Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio adopted a resolution in response to the letter received from the Simcoe County District School Board, dated November 2, 2023.

The resolution reads as follows:

THAT the correspondence received from the Simcoe County District School board dated November 2, 2023 regarding Police Partnerships be received; and

THAT Staff be directed to forward a copy of the letter dated September 18, 2023 RE: Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council Support for the Nottawasaga Police Services Board regarding School Resources Officers to the County of Simcoe, Town of New Tecumseth, and Township of Essa; and

THAT the Mayor be authorized to correspond further with the Simcoe County District School Board.

Enclosed for your reference is a copy of the correspondence received from the Simcoe County District School Board, dated November 2, 2023, and a copy of the correspondence sent from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, dated September 18, 2023.

Sincerely,

Robin Reid
 Clerk

Cc. Pamela Fettes – Clerk, Town of New Tecumseth
 Lisa Lehr – Clerk, Township of Essa



November 2, 2023

Via Email

Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
7855 30th Sideroad
Alliston, ON L9R 1V1

Attention: Robin Reid, Clerk

Re: Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council Support for the Nottawasaga Police Services Board regarding School Resource Officers

During the 2021-22 school year, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) undertook a review, which included police programs and Police/School Board Protocol. It focused on identifying duplication with programming provided by the SCDSB's student achievement and mental health and well-being staff. Through the review process, the SCDSB identified police-led programs such as DARE and OPP Kids, and other programming related to cyberbullying, tobacco, alcohol and vaping, peer pressure, and stress, that are covered in curriculum and resources delivered by SCDSB staff.

The SCDSB continues to contact police to respond to situations in SCDSB schools, and as needed, for consultation purposes related to criminal activity. Police also attend SCDSB schools to meet with administrators to address matters in the community that may involve or impact students. Although some school sites utilize the services of a resource officer, the SCDSB has never implemented a formal school resource officer program board wide.

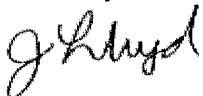
The SCDSB welcomes and encourages our police partners to reach out to our school administration to provide support to our schools related to:

- lockdown practices;
- safety patrol training;
- bike and traffic safety;
- digital safety presentations;
- presentations to secondary school law classes;
- participation in charity and career-focused events; and,
- prom night/event night security assistance.

In addition, the SCDSB welcomes and provides permits to our police partners to use our schools after hours for various presentations and programming to parents and community members, on topics such as human trafficking and cyberbullying/cyber awareness.

We value and respect our long-standing positive relationships with the police services in our county and look forward to our continued partnerships.

Sincerely,



Jodi Lloyd
Chairperson
Simcoe County District School Board

c: Board of Trustees, SCDSB
John Dance, Director of Education, SCDSB
Aaron Arnett, Sergeant, Nottawasaga Police Services Board



September 18, 2023

Sent Via Email

Simcoe County District School Board Trustees and Director John Dance
 1170 Highway 26
 Midhurst, ON
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Donna Armstrong – Innisfil
 Sarah Beitz – New Tecumseth
 Debbie Connors – Bradford West Gwillimbury
 Mike Foley – Collingwood Wasaga Beach
 Liz Grummet – Oro-Medonte/Springwater
 Anne Harrigan – First Nations Communities
 Jodi Lloyd (C) – Orillia/Ramara/Severn
 Dana Powell – Barrie Wards 4, 5, & 6
 Brandy Rafeek (VC) – Adjala-Tosorontio/ Clearview/ CFB Borden/Essa
 Lynn Strachan – Barrie Wards 1, 2, & 3
 Robin Talbot – Midland/Penetanguishene/Tay/Tiny
 Lisa Marie Wilson – Barrie Wards 7, 8, 9, & 10
 John Dance, Director

Dear Chair Lloyd and Simcoe County School Board Trustees,

RE: Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council Support for the Nottawasaga Police Services Board regarding School Resource Officers

I am writing to advise that at the Regular Council Meeting held on September 13, 2023, the Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio adopted a resolution supporting the Nottawasaga Police Services Board in their request to return Student Resource Officers to schools in Simcoe County.

The resolution reads as follows:

THAT the letter from the Nottawasaga Police Services Board dated August 22, 2023 regarding School Resources Officers be received; and

THAT as a member of the tri-party Police Services Board, the Township encourages this valuable service to continue within the school community; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the School Board Trustees.



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Council identifies the presence of Student Resource Officers as a valuable service within the school community and encourages stakeholders to come together for open discussions regarding this critical issue.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself by email at rreid@adjtos.ca or phone at 705-434-5055 ext. 263.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Reid".

Robin Reid, Clerk
rreid@adjtos.ca

Cc. Nottawasaga Police Services Board
John Dance, Director of Education SCDSB



Lisa Lehr

From: Robin Brown <robin@nottawasaga.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2023 9:32 AM
To: Lisa Lehr
Subject: Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter



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Monday, December 4, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Innisfil IdeaLab and Library

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LAUNCH EVENT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

3PM - 5PM

Georgian College - ABSC Event Space
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Barrie, Ontario, L4M 3X9

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The Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership is pleased to share the 2023 Community Settlement Strategy, a new publication with

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You are invited to join in the launch event at Georgian College's ABSC Event Space on Monday, December 4th from 3-5pm. The event will feature publication details, multicultural performances, and a keynote presentation on the importance of immigration.

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Have you ever considered how the thriving film and television industry could bolster your business? It's time to unlock that potential!

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Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024

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Time: Networking 9:30 a.m. | Workshop 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Venue: The Circle Theatre, Alliston

Register Now: <https://filmfriendlyalliston.eventbrite.ca>

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STATEMENT

Minister Calandra Details Next Steps to Reach Ontario's Housing Targets

November 27, 2023

[Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

TORONTO — Today, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, released the following statement:

“When it comes to building at least 1.5 million new homes by 2031, we need all hands on deck.

To do so, today we convened more than 75 organizations, including municipal partners, as part of Ontario's first annual housing forum. Together, we're discussing how we can continue to get more shovels in the ground sooner and build more homes faster, especially as we navigate difficult headwinds like high interest rates, labour force gaps and inflationary pressures on the cost of building materials.

The insights gathered at the forum will help inform our next housing supply action plan. This year's forum focused on four main themes: building housing-enabling infrastructure, identifying barriers to missing middle housing, ensuring housing meets the needs of all Ontarians, and leveraging innovations like modular housing.

We continue to work closely with our municipal partners to implement in full or in principle the remaining recommendations from the Housing Affordability Task Force. We have already heard from mayors who agree that we need to be more ambitious in our shared commitment to build the homes the people of our province need, which includes prioritizing density near transit. The forum will build on our partnership, providing a platform for all partners to be a part of the solution.

Additionally, our government is developing a modular housing framework to help meet Ontario's housing demands and also position the province's construction industry to be a leader in innovative housing construction, including modular home manufacturing. We intend to use a ready-to-go Request for Qualification process which is a transparent approach to identify and pre-qualify companies interested in modular housing



construction. Doing this will make choosing qualified builders easier and faster. I encourage interested companies who are able to help meet our rapid construction objectives to consider pre-qualifying.

Our government will continue to take action and work closely with our partners at all levels of government to implement our ambitious plan to build more homes people can afford.”

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