

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024**

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None

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None.



May 2024 Report

Prepared by: Emily Nakeff

“ I've been to a lot of libraries over my life and this one is the best.”

- Patron comment

Membership

Angus (New)	85
Thornton (New)	5
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<i>Apr 2023 comparison:</i>	45
Year-to-date total	464
Total Active Cards	3,324

MATERIALS CIRCULATED

ANGUS	THORNTON
8,653	1,247
46,734 TOTAL IN 2024	

MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE

ANGUS	THORNTON
492	85
2,900 TOTAL IN 2024	

INTERLIBRARY LOANS

61	Items borrowed from other libraries
42	Items sent to other libraries



Families enjoyed an outdoor Smile Cookie themed storytime event in Thornton.

Digital library uses: 2,755
Public computer sessions: 328
WiFi sessions: 9,228

A PLACE TO IMAGINE, DISCOVER AND CONNECT

Essa Public Library hosted a total of 69 programs in May for children, teens, adults, and seniors.

KIDS	
Wiggles & Giggles - AN	100
Parachute Play	97
Songs and Stories - AN	62
Smile Cookie Storytime - TH	27
Wild Robot Escape Room - AN	8
Growing Together - AN	17
Outdoor Storytime - TH	35
Park Storytime - AN	73
Search & Find: Birds and Blooms -AN	21
Search & Find: Let's Find Leafy - AN	24
Family Movie - AN	14
Family Play Zone - AN	22

TEENS	
Teen Social - AN	14
Garden Helpers - AN	9

ADULTS	
Cercle de Conversation	21
Book Club - AN	8
Book Club - TH	7
Writers Group - AN	2
Hobby Circle - AN	13
Movie Night for Adults - AN	5
Running Clinic - AN	36

SENIORS	
Seniors Social - AN	30
Seniors Social - TH	32
cloudLibrary Workshop - AN	7

MEDIA

HOME - LOCAL NEWS

Innisfil, Essa libraries split \$15K in Smile Cookie proceeds

Essa Public Library CEO 'absolutely thrilled' with donation

BarrieToday Staff
May 24, 2024 12:00 PM



1 / 2 Tim Hortons store manager Darren Boyle, Essa Public Library CEO Laura Wark and Holly Elliott, co-ordinator of family engagement, are shown. Photo supplied by the Innisfil IdealAB & Library

YouTube - Total Subscribers	821
YouTube - Views	7,326
Library Zest - Site Traffic	81
Facebook - Total Followers	1,770
Instagram - Total Followers	835

'Bit of everything': Interest in seed libraries still growing

This month, Essa Public Library received media attention for a **\$7,804.46** donation to the Thornton Branch from the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign and the popular Seed Library, available free to patrons.

September 6, 2024

To: Renee Ainsworth, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

RE: Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee Resolution

At its Regular meeting on September 4, 2024, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C439-2024

Moved by: Moore

Seconded by: Fisher

That Council hereby supports the resolution of the Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee regarding provincial and federal notification of municipally significant processes by the provincial and federal governments; and,

That the letter be circulated to all Ontario municipalities and AMO.

Carried.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Sarah Elliott, Committee Coordinator/Administrative Assistant

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Honourable MP Doug Shipley
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Sent via electronic mail

Honourable MPP Doug Downey
Doug.Downey@pc.ola.org

September 5, 2024

Dear Honourable MP Doug Shipley and Honourable MPP Doug Downey

At its Regular meeting on September 4, 2024, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C439-2024 endorsing the Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee's (GEVC) resolution below:

Resolution

Moved by: Coughlin

Seconded by: Alexander

That the Committee recommend to Council that a letter be drafted requesting that local Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament, be requested to provide regular communications to their represented municipalities specifically relating to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding the Study on Regional Governance, as well as other provincial and federal processes, consultations, etc., that may affect their municipality.

Carried

The GEVC's resolution followed a discussion noting concerns that the Township was not notified of the public hearings held by the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding the Study on Regional Governance. The County of Simcoe is included in the governance review, and these public hearings would have provided an opportunity for the Township to express its opinion on a matter that significantly impacts Springwater.

Please have your offices confirm a commitment to regular communications, including advance notifications of public hearings, meetings, and processes involving Springwater and, more broadly, Simcoe County.

I can be reached via email at jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca or by phone at 705-728-4784.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Coughlin'.

Jennifer Coughlin
Mayor, Township of Springwater

cc. All Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Sarah Corbett

Subject:

FW: NVCA Media Release - Help Shape NVCA's Conservation Areas Strategy

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Help Shape NVCA's Conservation Areas Strategy

UTOPIA, Ontario (September 19, 2024) – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is looking for input on a new Conservation Areas Strategy. Those interested in the future of NVCA conservation lands can have their voices heard by completing an online survey.

NVCA manages 5,240 hectares of mostly environmentally sensitive areas within the watershed. On those lands, NVCA operates 11 active conservation areas that provide recreational opportunities, and environmental education programming while also balancing protection of environmentally significant features.

NVCA's conservation lands portfolio also includes properties that are undeveloped natural areas and properties that are managed for flood control. NVCA works with community partners, volunteers, municipalities and public agencies to maintain these conservation lands.

The Conservation Areas Strategy will outline current uses on NVCA conservation lands and develop a framework for long-term decision-making process to support the management of NVCA's conservation areas.

Have your say! Visit nvca.on.ca/public-consultations to review the draft objectives and complete the survey. Feedback must be submitted by **Tuesday, October 8, 2024**.

The *Conservation Authorities Act* and Ontario Regulation 686/21 requires all conservation authorities to complete a Conservation Areas Strategy by December 31, 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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[EXTERNAL]

Lisa Lehr

From: Nickason, Melissa <Melissa.Nickason@smdhu.org>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 12:02 PM
Subject: SMDHU 2023 Annual Report and Strategic Plan 2024-2025

Some people who received this message don't often get email from melissa.nickason@smdhu.org. [Learn why this is important](#)
Please share with others in your organization including Mayor, Council and CAO:

Sending on behalf of Ann-Marie Kungl, Board Chair for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Hello,

On behalf of the Board of Health of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), I am pleased to provide you with links to two important agency documents, one that looks back at our work in 2023 and the other that looks forward to our strategic work in 2024 and beyond.

SMDHU's *2023 Annual Report* highlights the health unit's work and accomplishments in 2023. This report illustrates the continued focus of agency resources on our COVID-19 response while also turning our attention to our Recovery Framework and the planning and resumption of regular public health programs and services.

In 2023, we saw COVID-19 levels decline to the extent that we could safely welcome staff back to our offices and repatriate staff who had been redeployed during the pandemic to their core programs allowing health unit services such as Dental, Immunization and Sexual Health clinics to return to pre-pandemic service levels. In-person programs such as our prenatal classes, breastfeeding workshops, and in-school dental hygienist visits and immunization clinics also returned to local communities.

At its June meeting, the Board of Health approved the *SMDHU Strategic Plan 2024-2025*, an extension of the 2023-2024 plan. This plan continues the agency's vision, mission and values and focuses on four priority areas, each with specific goals and objectives over the next two years. The priority areas are Programs and Services; People; Partnerships; and Future.

Please feel free to share our 2023 Annual Report and our Strategic Plan 2024-2025 with others inside and outside of your organization. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about public health issues or topics in your community, please contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520, or 1-877-721-7520, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, or through the [online contact form](#) on our website.

Sincerely,

Ann-Marie Kungl,
Chair, Board of Health, SMDHU
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, 15 Sperling Dr, Barrie, ON L4M 6K9



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ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is a champion of health for all. We work with individuals and families, agencies and communities in Simcoe Muskoka to promote and protect health, and to prevent disease and injury of the people we serve. We do this by providing a variety of public health programs and services, as well as working in collaboration with community partners on policies and initiatives that protect and promote health and well-being for all.

The health unit is governed by the Board of Health and is funded municipally and provincially. We are guided by the Ontario Public Health Standards and our own core values to work toward achieving our mission and vision. This Annual Report highlights the health unit's work and achievements in 2023.

Our Mission

With our communities, we prevent disease and injury, and promote and protect health for all in Simcoe Muskoka.

Our Vision

Healthy People. Healthy Places.

Our Values

RESPECT

We believe that respect for all people is embedded within our relationships with each other, and is reflected in our work.

COLLABORATION

We believe that by working with others we can achieve the best health outcomes for all.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We believe in being transparent and responsible to the public and our stakeholders by using ethical and sustainable organizational practices.

EQUITY

We believe that all people are entitled to achieve their full health potential.

EXCELLENCE

We believe in providing the highest quality programs and services to achieve our vision.

POSITIVE WORKPLACE

We believe in a work environment where our employees are valued, communicate openly, and have work-life balance.

Message from Board of Health Chair



Ann-Marie Kungl, Board of Health Chair

In 2023, the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit's (SMDHU) recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic was underway and the resumption of programs and services that support the health and well-being of residents and visitors to our communities was ongoing. Public health remains a cornerstone of the health system that provides cost-effective services, such as food safety and water quality inspections to prevent illness. Additionally, it provides support for parents and families to promote healthy growth and development, tobacco control to prevent lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, healthy nutrition education to prevent diabetes and cardiovascular disease, mental health promotion for school-aged children, immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases, and preparations for future public health emergencies.

Being prepared for the future continues to be a priority and the Board of Health approved the [2023-2024 Strategic Plan](#), which is being extended for the next two years. The plan prioritizes leveraging the lessons learned from our pandemic experiences while remaining flexible to changes in our local, regional, and provincial contexts. As a Board that represents the interests of our residents and communities, we continue to advocate for sufficient, predictable and timely resources to ensure the health unit can continue to provide residents and visitors of Simcoe Muskoka with a full range of essential public health programs and services that both help prevent illness and support health.

On behalf of the Board of Health, it is a privilege to acknowledge the dedication and commitment that SMDHU's staff demonstrated throughout the pandemic to our communities. In responding to a global health emergency, health unit staff rose to the challenge, and it is important that their work and the lessons learned from their experiences be recognized and reflected upon. In 2023, the Board of Health and senior management wished to recognize staff for their tireless dedication throughout the three years of the COVID-19 response and held an in-person event to bring everyone together with a focus on gratitude and recognition of the tremendous work staff accomplished across all departments throughout the pandemic.

We have a strong and dedicated Board of Directors, and the SMDHU has been fortunate to have benefitted from a long history of devoted public health champions that have served our communities well leading into and out of the pandemic. We are ever grateful for those past and present, who advocate on the important role of public health in our local and provincial health system.

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On behalf of the Board of Health, I extend sincere appreciation to Dr. Gardner and the SMDHU senior management team and staff for their unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of our friends, families and neighbours across Simcoe Muskoka. We value the contributions of the collective team in their work to provide critical public health programs and outreach to some of our most vulnerable. Thank you for choosing this calling and for your service to others.

Message from the Medical Officer of Health



Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health

For the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), 2023 was a year to reflect, recover and resume programs that had been put on hold during the pandemic. As core programs were brought back online, the health unit developed the 2023-2024 Strategic Plan that reflected the progress made on the goals and objectives of the *Recovery Framework* and acknowledged resumption of our programs and services, including four key priority areas: **Programs, People, Partnerships, and Future**. Over the course of the year, we saw COVID-19 levels decline to the extent that we could safely welcome staff back to our offices and adopted a hybrid workplace to encourage greater work-life balance for staff. Staff who were redeployed to COVID-19 response assignments were repatriated to core programs allowing health unit operated Dental, Immunization and Sexual Health clinics to return to pre-pandemic service levels. In-person programs such as our prenatal classes, breastfeeding workshops, and in-school dental hygienist visits and immunization clinics also returned to local communities. Last year, a key focus was ensuring that children and youth who had missed receiving their publicly funded immunizations required Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act due to pandemic-related disruptions were caught up on these important vaccines. The health unit also launched a campaign to help ensure that adults aged 65 years and older also got caught up on the vaccines they had missed, such as shingles, tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

Throughout the pandemic many staff members were redeployed and also worked, intense and long hours as they responded to the evolving demands created by COVID-19. As SMDHU began to focus on recovery, senior management and Board of Health recognized that health unit staff and management had demonstrated tireless dedication and needed to reflect on their individual and collective experience of working at the forefront of a global pandemic. All SMDHU employees were invited to an in-person professional development day to reflect on the experience and lessons of the pandemic, to allow employees to connect with colleagues from across the region, and to thank them for the sacrifices and contributions they made over three years of pandemic response.

Public health focuses on supporting the health of the people who live and visit our communities and SMDHU's work relies on collaboration. During the pandemic, the health unit built strong relationships with community partners from the Indigenous community, health and emergency services, and education, municipal government and business sectors and we look forward to continuing to foster them. I also acknowledge SMDHU's staff and their unparalleled commitment to ensuring critical public health work continued. I am also grateful for the strong support and leadership provided by the members of the Board of Health throughout 2023.

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SMDHU Programs and Services

In 2023, the health unit focused on rebuilding capacity. At the start of the year, health unit staff continued to be redeployed to support on-going COVID-19 immunization efforts and outbreak response. However, as the year progressed the health unit resumed its mandated public health programs and services that promote and protect the health of all those who live, work and play in Simcoe Muskoka. The following sections provide an overview of the health unit's programs and services delivered in 2023.

Operational highlights



4,831

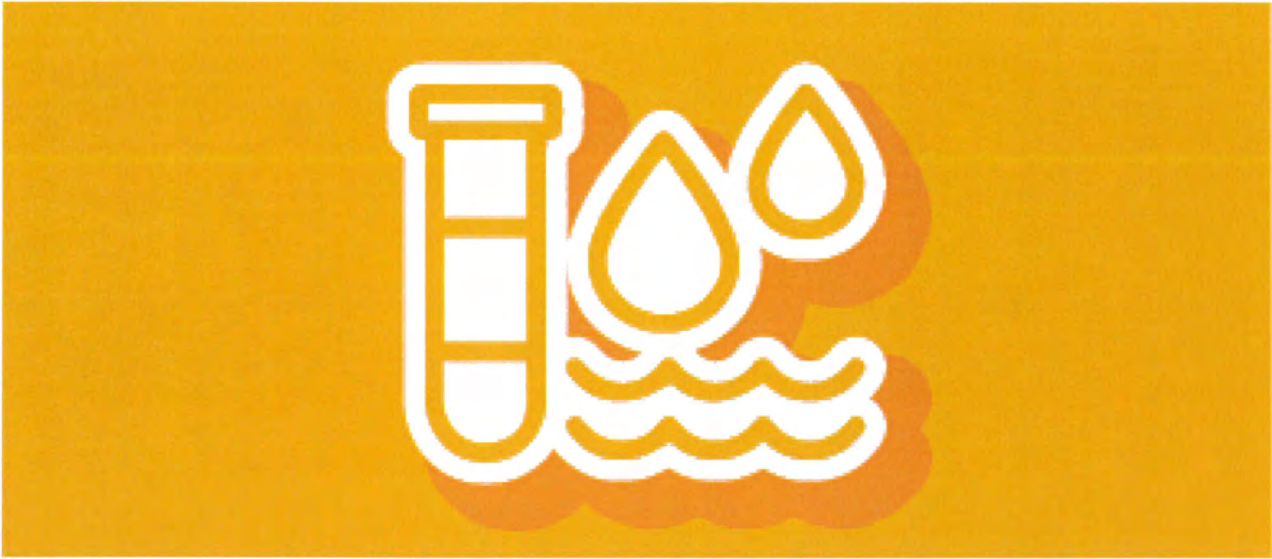
social media posts



4,326,648
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reach/impressions



1,377

safe water inspections



8,215

food premise inspections

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1,551

personal service settings and child care inspections



460

community and institutional outbreak investigations

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19,468

vaccines given during public immunization clinics



36,561

vaccines given at school-based clinics

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2,537

sexual health clinic appointments



1,728

doses of sexually transmitted blood borne infection medications distributed to SMDHU HCPs

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4,038

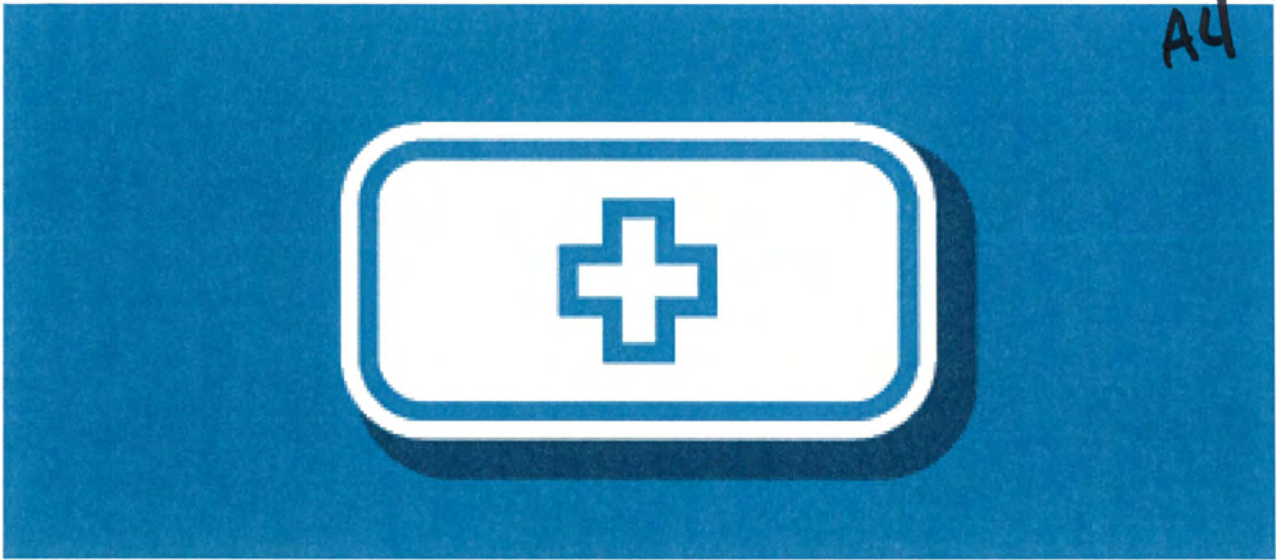
sexual health-related phone calls received from the community



2,396

home visits by public health nurses and/or family home visitors

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4,943

naloxone kits distributed by SMDHU



30,772

students, staff and parent/caregivers reached with vaping

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68,000

engagements on notanexperiment.ca (Youth Vaping Website)

Providing essential clinical health services ^

Infectious Diseases Program

In 2023, the Infectious Diseases Program focused on preventing community transmission of critical public health threats, including tuberculosis, MPOX, invasive Group A Streptococcal infection and hepatitis A. Staff managed outbreaks of RSV, COVID-19, and salmonellosis. Public health inspectors conducted inspections of food safety and infection prevention at personal service and child care settings, ensuring compliance with public health standards. The program also maintained an infectious diseases phone line and provided 24/7 on-call response for emergencies.

Sexual Health Program

Sexual health clinical services resumed in health unit offices and at local high schools in January 2023. 2,537 clinic appointments were offered, with 78% involving testing for sexually transmitted and blood borne infections (STBBIs). Sexual health nurses offered confidential education, counseling, and services, including birth control, pregnancy testing, and STBBI testing, with anonymous HIV testing available. They responded to 4,038 calls from community partners, clients, and health care providers via the sexual health phone line. Free STI medications were provided to 116 local healthcare providers, walk-in clinics, hospitals, and clients using the health unit's clinics. Public health nurses also supported emergency response personnel, healthcare professionals, and corrections staff with follow-ups under the Mandatory Blood Testing Act (MBTA).

Oral Health Program

The Oral Health Program expanded services after completing infrastructure improvements funded by a one-time Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program grant. Renovations at SMDHU's dental clinics in Gravenhurst and Barrie doubled their capacity. These clinics continued to provide services through publicly funded dental programs, including Ontario Works, Healthy Smiles Ontario, the Ontario Disability Support Program, and the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program. The program worked with community partners to resume dental screenings in schools and community-based settings for children and youth up to 17 years old, providing oral health education to increase awareness and enrollment in publicly funded dental programs.

Immunization Program

The Immunization Program continued its School Immunization Program in 2023, reviewing student immunization records and notifying families of overdue vaccinations as required by the Immunization of School Pupils Act. Over 30,000 families were contacted, leading to school suspensions for approximately 1,000 high school students. The health unit supported over 400

healthcare providers, pharmacies, hospitals, and long-term care facilities, distributing publicly funded vaccines and offering support through the Health Care Provider Immunization phone line. Immunization nurses also conducted inspections, followed up on cold chain failures, and monitored adverse events following immunization.

Maintaining safe and healthy environments

Indigenous partnerships and tick-borne diseases

Staff members of the Vector-Borne Disease Program collaborated with Indigenous organizations and community partners to understand their experiences with ticks and Lyme disease. This initiative aimed to enhance awareness and preventative measures against tick-borne illnesses, strengthen community relationships and inform activities to control for these environmental health risks.

Climate change and health

The Healthy Environments Program and Emergency Management Programs collaborated to create a three-part webinar series on the impacts of extreme heat and health in a changing climate. This series provided valuable information to the public, municipal and education partners, and local conservation authorities. The goal was to educate the community and help them prepare for the health challenges posed by changing climatic conditions.

Air quality and wildfire smoke alerts

The Healthy Environments Program developed and implemented an air quality/wildfire smoke alert procedure to notify local partners and vulnerable sector service providers of poor air quality events, triggering the activation of response plans thus ensuring that those most at risk from poor air quality are protected and informed promptly.

Rabies control

In 2023, the health unit's Rabies Program conducted 1,677 rabies investigations and vaccinated 928 animals at low-cost rabies clinics. These efforts are crucial in preventing the spread of rabies and ensuring public safety.

Smoke-free and vape-free initiatives and enforcement

Recognizing the rise in youth vaping, the Smoke-Free Program implemented the 'Not An Experiment' program in 54 schools, reaching 15,289 students, 14,987 parents/caregivers and 497 education staff. This program aims to reduce harms from youth vaping and seeks to decrease the likelihood of transitioning to smoking cigarettes. An enforcement blitz supported by a media campaign resulted in 137 charges being laid against retailers selling tobacco or vapour products to youth. Additionally, tobacco enforcement officers completed enhanced inspections in all hospitals within health unit's jurisdiction to monitor and support smoke-free and vape-free hospital grounds in partnership with hospital administration.

Food safety and infectious disease

The Environmental Health Department created an online submission portal for special events and developed resources about canning safety and opening new food premises. It also streamlined the communication processes for issuing blue-green algae public advisories to ensure clear and timely information dissemination. A collaboration with Public Health Ontario to develop a three-part webinar series outlining public health investigations of legionellosis was also completed.

Drinking water safety

The Safe Water Program provided public health guidance and support to regulated drinking water systems and private homeowners, ensuring ongoing access to safe drinking water. Work included proactive measures to address potential contaminants and maintain water quality standards.

Emergency preparedness planning and response

The Emergency Management Program updated and tested current emergency response plans, systems, and processes to enhance public health leadership in emergency preparedness and response. These updates align the agency's Emergency Response Plan with key recommendations and findings from evaluations of COVID-19 responses and the Ontario Public Health Standards. The agency engaged in seven internal and regional exercises in collaboration with health system and community partners to evaluate these plans and systems.

Supporting community and family health

School Health Program

Throughout the 2022-2023 school year, public health nurses (PHNs) in the School Health Program served as liaisons between local school boards, community partners, and other SMDHU programs. They supported public health programming and mental health promotion. PHNs conducted school outreach visits, leading initiatives like Healthy Schools Certification. Nutrition staff provided consultation to promote healthy school food policies, environments, and Student Nutrition Programs, while also facilitating training for the You're the Chef program. Collaboration with other SMDHU programs and community partners ensured a comprehensive approach to health and well-being.

Substance Use and Injury Prevention Program

As a core site for the Ontario Harm Reduction Distribution Program, SMDHU and its community partners distributed:

- 959,027 needles/syringes
- 32,984 bowl pipes
- 61,710 stem pipes

Additionally, SMDHU distributed:

- 4,147 biohazard containers and installed eight wall-mounted biohazard units through new disposal contracts
- 4,333 nasal naloxone kits and 610 injectable naloxone kits

SMDHU sent 11 community-based drug alerts to partners working with people who use drugs. The program also leads the community partnership advisory committee of the Simcoe Muskoka Drug Strategy and participates in local drug strategy committees and Community Safety and Wellbeing tables.

Healthy Growth and Development Program

In 2023, the Healthy Growth and Development Program focused on offering in-person and online breastfeeding support groups, along with clinical breastfeeding support in partnership with a local well-baby clinic. Free prenatal classes were provided online, virtually, and in-person. The program offered infant nutrition sessions and capacity-building support to clients and community partners, including CAPC, CPNP, and EarlyON programs. Car seat vouchers were issued in collaboration with Honda Canada and Canadian Tire to families in need, and the program responded to service requests from community partners for local events.

Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) Program

From 2020 to April 2022, staff from the Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) Program were redeployed to the COVID-19 response, leading to a lengthy waitlist and reduced services. In 2022/23, the program prioritized reducing the waitlist, resuming home visits, and recruiting and training new staff. Efforts were made to re-engage key partners, such as local hospitals and midwives, to restore HBHC screening and referral rates to pre-pandemic levels. HBHC continues to support families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chronic Disease Prevention Program

In 2023, the Chronic Disease Prevention (CDP) Program used a comprehensive health promotion approach to reduce the risk of chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular diseases, chronic respiratory diseases, diabetes, and certain cancers. The CDP Program worked with municipalities and community partners to support healthy public policies and programs that reduce poverty and household food insecurity. The program led the Simcoe Muskoka On The Move Steering Committee, addressing barriers and promoting active school travel. CDP also provided feedback on municipal land use plans to enhance healthy community design related to the built environment.

Providing data and communicating information

HealthSTATS Revamp

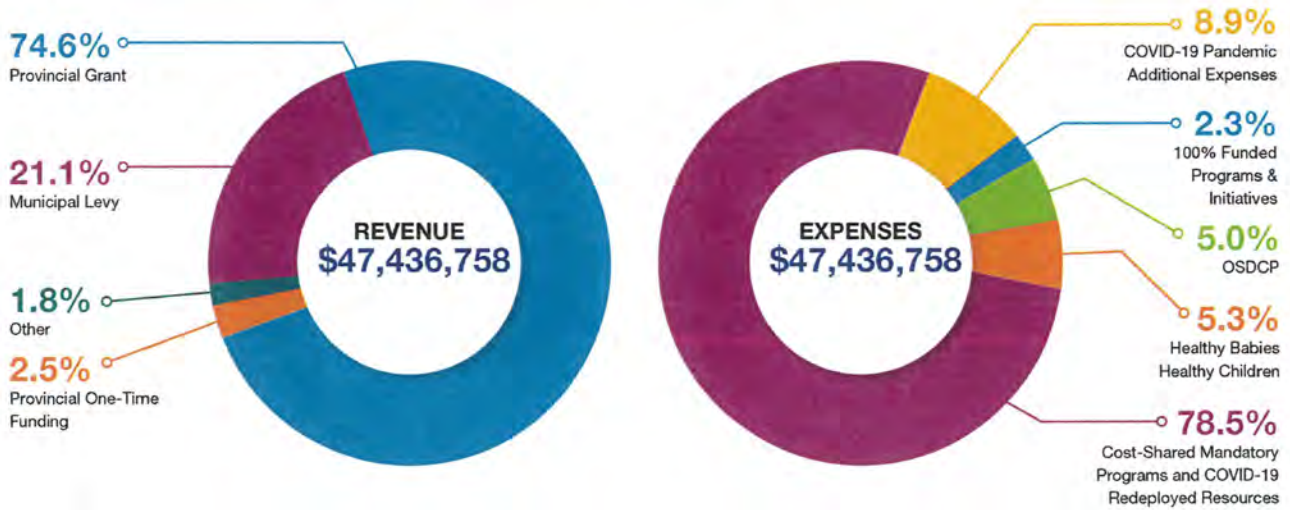
In December 2023, the health unit launched a new and improved HealthSTATS website. It's now easier to use and provides valuable information on health and health behaviours of the Simcoe Muskoka population. The website's data includes details about chronic and infectious diseases, mental health, environmental issues, and much more. The many interactive charts, graphs, and maps show community health trends that can support health projects and give residents the knowledge they need to make informed decision about their health.

Keeping the Public Informed about Diverse Health Issues

In 2023, SMDHU transitioned from COVID-19-focused communications to addressing a broader range of public health topics. Communication activities included creating awareness about online breastfeeding groups, that help new parents access support and information. The issue of food affordability was addressed through the campaign "The Real Cost of Unaffordable Food," highlighting the impact of poverty on health. During National Immunization Awareness Week in April, the importance of

vaccinations for all age groups was emphasized. Additionally, SMDHU worked with local media to advocate for the Barrie Consumption and Treatment Services Site to raise awareness and support for this crucial harm reduction service that saves lives by preventing drug overdoses. These initiatives reflect the health unit's continued commitment to keeping the public informed about diverse health issues and supporting the well-being of the community.

Financial Information



[Click on the image to view PDF](#)

From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 5:41 PM
Subject: AMO Policy Update – AMO Response to BILD Report



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AMO Policy Update – AMO Response to BILD Report

A recent [report](#) released by Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) cited municipal approval timelines and development charges as key issues in explaining declining housing starts.

AMO Executive Director Brian Rosborough responded with the following statement:

- Ontario's housing market is complex and under pressure from unanticipated population growth, interest rates, labour shortages and inflation that has outstripped wages.
- Legislative changes in 2022, introduced at the request of lobbyists for the development industry, reduced development charges which cover costs for infrastructure for new houses, destabilized the system and brought development to a standstill in many communities.
- To its credit, the province recognized the mistake and Minister Calandra has worked with municipalities and the industry to reverse the worst elements of the 2022 legislation and restore stability and predictability to the system.
- The province has made substantial investments in infrastructure to support additional housing starts. AMO and the Ministry have also been working together to help the Government of Canada to avoid similar, disastrous mistakes and to better understand the realities of Ontario's complex housing market.
- The solution to the housing affordability crisis will be found through collaboration between the province, municipalities and the development industry, and through industry innovation.
- Ontario has an extraordinarily capable and prosperous development industry. Pointing fingers at municipalities and lobbying the province for taxpayer subsidies is not the solution to the headwinds it is facing today.

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Joint Statement

County of Simcoe, Office of the Warden and CAO
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Joint Statement by Mayor Nuttall, Mayor Greenlaw, Mayor Coughlin & County Warden Clarke: Update on Discussions Regarding the City of Barrie's Boundary Expansion Request

Midhurst/September 13, 2024 – Today, the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte, the Township of Springwater, and the County of Simcoe released the following statement:

"The City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte, the Township of Springwater, and the County of Simcoe ("the municipalities") continue to be engaged in facilitated discussions, with the intent of developing mutually acceptable approaches to address growth pressures in the broader region. These discussions are being supported by the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator (OPLDF), a provincial agency.

As a next step in the process, the parties have jointly retained Hemson Consulting to complete a Joint Lands Needs Analysis and Study. This study is intended to determine the need for additional employment and/or residential land within and around the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte, and the Township of Springwater.

The study will be completed in a phased manner. The initial phase will include a review of the City of Barrie's existing land supply, coupled with a review of the needs of the participating municipalities arising from growth forecasted to 2051. The information gathered will serve as a foundation for further discussions on options moving forward when this phase of the study is completed, later this fall.

More details regarding the outcomes of the study, and continued discussions, will be shared as they become available. The City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte, the Township of Springwater, and the County of Simcoe remain committed to finding mutually beneficial solutions for managing growth that strengthen our respective communities and provide opportunities for all residents."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Simcoe County Museum hosts groundbreaking event for Phase 1 of expansion, renovations

Midhurst/September 24, 2024 – Simcoe County Councillors and area partners gathered at the Simcoe County Museum on Tuesday, September 24 to celebrate an “old-fashioned” groundbreaking event to mark the beginning of a multi-million-dollar expansion project.

“The Simcoe County Museum is a vital part of our region’s identity,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “It’s important to preserve and showcase Simcoe County’s great history. This expansion and the renovations being made will help build up our heritage and culture, while ensuring that the museum continues to evolve with our region’s growing history.”

Ground was broken with the use of a vintage 1922 Erie B Steam Shovel, showcasing the heritage and culture that the museum curates and embraces. The expansion will total 11,200 square feet including of a new 5,000 square foot Matthews Innovation and Transportation Gallery with a mezzanine. Additional space will be dedicated to curatorial functions and collection storage, among other elements.

The first phase of the project is anticipated to be finished by February 2026 with the entire project slated to be completed by 2030.

The Simcoe County Museum will be closed from November 2024 to March 2025 to facilitate the renovations. The Museum will continue to conduct outreach at local schools, and, weather permitting, plans to operate the Museum Skate Trail throughout the winter months.



Simcoe County Councillors pose with vintage steam-powered shovel used to break ground for the Simcoe County Museum’s multi-million-dollar expansion

About the County of Simcoe

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe to launch new medical dispatch triage system

Midhurst/September 25, 2024 – With the support of the Province of Ontario, the County of Simcoe is improving emergency medical response to communities across the region. This fall, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services will join services throughout the province in implementing the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS).

MPDS is an internationally recognized medical call triage and decision support tool that improves the dispatching of paramedics to patients in life-threatening situations, such as a cardiac arrest, unconsciousness or choking.

When calling 9-1-1 to request emergency medical assistance, callers should expect to be asked more detailed questions than in the past. These questions will help dispatchers gather vital information regarding a patient's condition so that they can assess the situation, determine the nature and urgency of the emergency, and assign the priority level and type of response required.

Patients with non-life-threatening needs may receive a delayed response from paramedics as a result, however dispatchers will remain in contact with callers, ensuring they remain stable and are able to safely wait until paramedics can respond to their needs. A delayed response would only occur if all available paramedics are tasked with more urgent emergencies.

The new system will become active in November 2024. Full details on the MPDS system and what it means for callers of 9-1-1 can be found at simcoe.ca/mpds.

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SMALL BUSINESS WEEK 2024

Building Success Through Time Management & Business Systems

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Thursday Oct 17, 2024
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We are asking for donations to our local Food Bank in lieu of an entry fee.

Entry fee is a donation to our local Food Bank. Bring three items and enter our draw for some great swag! Bring a cash donation of \$10 or more and get two entries.

Networking opportunities throughout the day.

We will have a light snack and coffee in the morning catered by Bake My Day and a lunch catered by The Pink Peony.

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Join us for Small Business Week 2024, a full-day event designed to help entrepreneurs unlock their potential and grow their businesses through effective time management and smart business systems.

This event will feature engaging workshops that focus on crucial areas for small business success, hosted by Paul Oehm, a business consultant specializing in organization, process, and profit.

Featured Workshops:

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- Time Management for Entrepreneurs:
Learn practical strategies to optimize your time, including time auditing, time blocking, and hacks to maximize productivity.
- Business Systems:
Discover the true path to business growth by implementing efficient business systems that streamline operations.

In addition to the workshops, there will be multiple networking opportunities throughout the day, allowing you to connect with fellow business owners and professionals from the local area.

In lieu of a traditional entry fee, we are asking for donations to our local Food Banks. Your contributions will support those in need within our communities.

- Bring three non-perishable items for the Food Bank and enter our draw for a chance to win exciting prizes!
- Donate \$10 or more in cash to receive two entries for the draw.

To register, please email robin@nottawasaga.com

This event is brought to you in partnership with the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, BWG Economic Development, County of Simcoe, Town of Essa, Town of Innisfil, Town of New Tecumseth, Nottawasaga Futures, and BDC.

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Manufacturer's Forum – Save the Date

November 5, 2024

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Nottawasaga Inn!

A great opportunity for local manufacturers to network, learn, and discover how to become a Manufacturing Employer of Choice.

Stay tuned for more details.

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We want to hear your story!

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CRAVE'S DRAG BRUNCH SAVED MY LIFE RESTAURANT CASTING CALL!

Sphere Media is casting restaurants for season 1 of a fun, new show for CRAVE: Drag Brunch Saved My Life featuring internationally renowned superstar and winner of season 1 of Canada's Drag Race, PRIYANKA!

They are casting owners and their restaurants OUTSIDE THE GTA whose business might be in a rut, in need of some rejuvenation, and are looking to add that DRAG MAGIC (and MONEY!) to their establishment.

Their trio of experts (Priyanka, a consulting chef, and an event planner/decorator) will work with and collaborate with your team to create a one-of-a-kind drag brunch experience tailor-made for your restaurant! They will help add some queer magic and pizzazz to your décor, spruce up your brunch menu (or help you create one if you haven't done brunch before!) and create a plan so you can execute flawless DRAG BRUNCHES in the future!

RESTAURANT CASTING BREAKDOWN:

- Outside the GTA
- Seat 50+ patrons (ideally between 50-75)
- ~1500 sq ft or open concept dining room
- Chains not eligible, franchises on a case-by-case basis
- Open to all types of cuisine

- Restaurants that do not regularly host Drag Brunches/Events. If you've tried before and it didn't work out but are looking to try again – reach out!
- Restaurants who want to try something new and have a team willing to be featured on national TV
- Restaurants with a story to tell! Are you trying to add in extra cash-flow? Do you have a queer community connection or want to foster one? Tell us your WHY! Why do you want to add Drag Brunches to your establishment?

FILMING INFO:

- Restaurants receive a stipend of \$2500
- Restaurants keep all profits from the Drag Brunch event
- Restaurants keep any decor, tech, and menu integrations that the show will supply during filming at no cost (approximate value will start at \$5000 depending on the needs of each restaurant)
- This is adding some pizzazz/event makeover NOT a renovation
- Filming to take place before November 2024
- Filming over 4 days with the final day being the drag brunch!
- Willing to close the restaurant for 1.5-2 of those days; the team will work with you to create a schedule that works for everyone!

No previous TV experience required, but big personalities and characters welcome!

DRAG BRUNCH is a great way to breathe new excitement into your establishment, try something new and support your community by showcasing local drag talent as well! A great drag brunch can bring in

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thousands of dollars and new patrons!

Reach out and tell us why you and your restaurant NEED this event /
makeover / experience!

We want to hear and tell your story!

Contact: Liz Truchanowicz, Associate Producer

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Join Us for Exciting Community Events This Fall!

We invite you to be a part of our upcoming environmental initiatives!
Help us make a difference in our local ecosystem by participating in
our in-stream and tree planting events this September and
October. In-stream events are for ages 14 and up.

September In-Stream Events:

Location: Beeton Creek

September 28th – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Join us at Beeton Creek for a hands-on in-stream restoration event.

Let's work together to improve water quality, protect habitats, and enhance biodiversity in our community!

October Tree Planting Events:

Location: Adjala

October 19th – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

October 26th – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Be a part of our fall tree planting initiative in Adjala! Your efforts will contribute to reforestation and create a lasting impact for future generations by promoting clean air, wildlife habitats, and a greener environment.

How to Participate:

All tools and materials will be provided.

Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear.

Suitable for all ages! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors.

For more information or to register, contact us at

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Together, we can make a positive impact on our environment!

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