

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

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- p. 23 5. Correspondence from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit dated January 15, 2025, re: Retirement Announcement.
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None

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

None.



Essa Public Library

December 2024 Report

Prepared by: Emily Nakeff



“ Most wonderful library ever!
The staff are absolutely amazing.

- Patron

On behalf of the entire Essa Public Library staff and Board, thank you for a wonderful 2024.

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ANGUS THORNTON

7,370 **959**

85,848 TOTAL IN 2024

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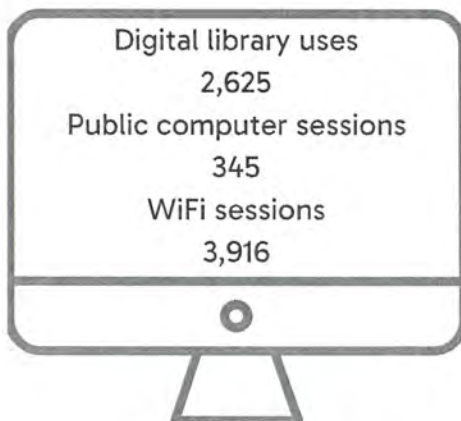
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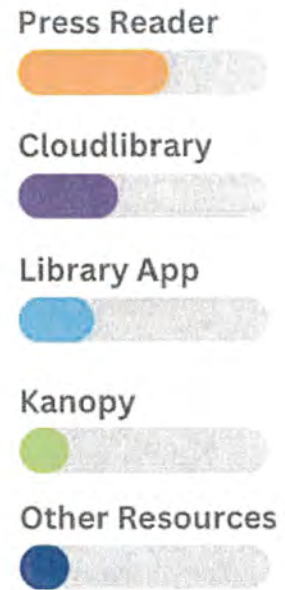
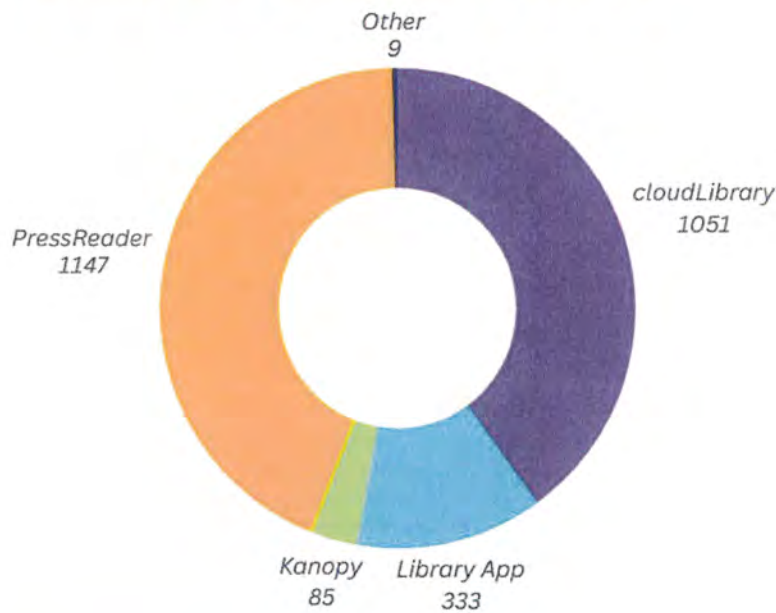


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| Angus | 39 |
| Thornton | 1 |
| Year-to-date total | 1,155 |

(November 2023 57)

DIGITAL LIBRARY USES



| KIDS | |
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| Parachute Play | 11 |
| Tinker Tuesday - AN | 40 |
| Wiggles & Giggles - AN | 76 |
| Imagination Station - TH | 27 |
| Toddler Time - AN | 37 |
| Angus Storytime - AN | 49 |
| Thornton Storytime - TH | 15 |
| Family Play Zone - AN | 46 |
| Pop-up Family Movie & Craft | 7 |
| Children's Author Visit - Victoria Murgante - AN | 23 |
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| Family Movie - AN | 9 |
| Holiday Storytime - AN | 13 |
| Imagination station winter break - TH | 9 |
| Mighty Makers - AN | 22 |
| Winter Search & Find - AN | 90 |
| Winter Search & Find - TH | 6 |

| ADULTS | |
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| Cercle de Conversation | 16 |
| Hobby Circle - AN | 4 |
| Angus Book Clubs - AN | 3 |
| Calligraphy Workshop - AN | 14 |

| SENIORS | |
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| Seniors Social - AN | 18 |
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| TEEN PROGRAMS | |
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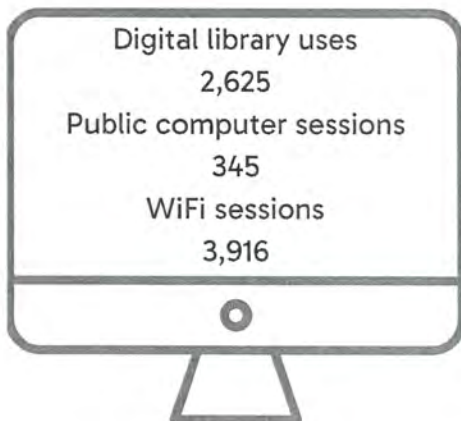
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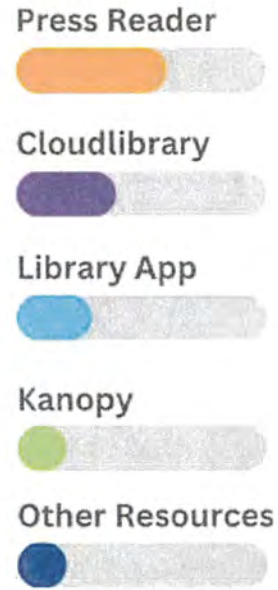
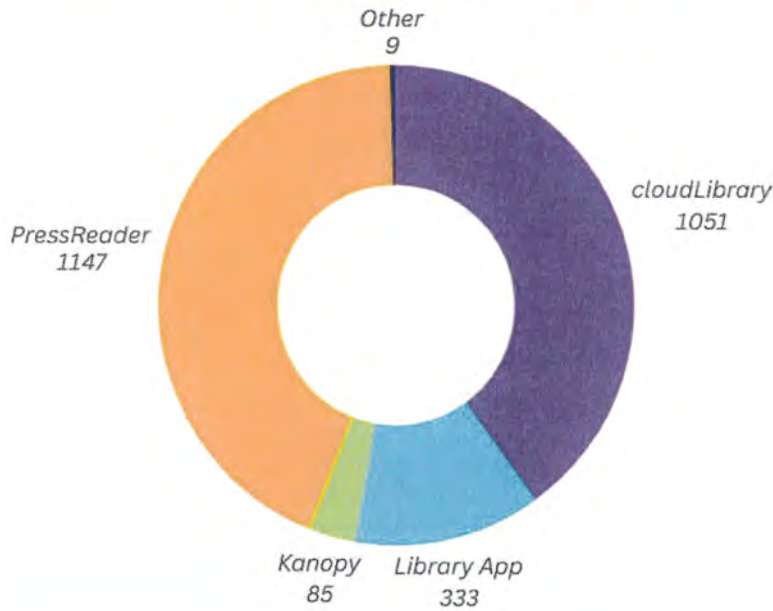


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A place to imagine, discover, and connect.

Sarah Corbett

Subject:

FW: Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter



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Cultivating Growth, Innovation, and Flavour on the Farm

February 28, 2025 • The Gibson Centre, 63 Tupper St W, Alliston

Forum: 8:30 am–12 pm • Vendors Market: 12 pm–2 pm

ABOUT THE EVENT

Grow Within the Agricultural Community

Learn, Grow, Connect & Shop

- **Learn:** Hear directly from local farmers as they share their experiences.
- **Grow:** Learn strategies to boost your farm's profitability.
- **Connect:** Network with the local agricultural community.
- **Shop & Sample:** Explore our Vendors Market (*Open to the public, no registration required*).

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



FEATURED SPEAKERS

Marianne Edward
Sheldon Creek Dairy

Bert Harrington
Harrington's Sauerkraut

Lisa Peterson
Stone Horse Farm

VENDORS MARKET



Market & Tasting

Open to the Public | 12–2pm

Explore a vibrant marketplace featuring local farm products and indulge in the unique flavours of the region.



Join us for this FREE Event! Register Today!

Call: (705) 502-0311 • Email: Robin@nottawasaga.com

Registration is at 8:30 am and a light breakfast will be served. Registration not required for the vendors market portion of the event.

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Cultivating Growth, Innovation, and Flavor on the Farm

The Nottawasaga Futures AgKnowledge Forum is your chance to connect, learn, and grow within the agricultural community! Taking place on February 28, 2025, at the Gibson Centre in Alliston, this inspiring event features local farmers sharing their firsthand experiences and business journeys, offering valuable insights into the power of value-added farming. With a vibrant marketplace, engaging discussions, and a delicious tasting experience, the forum celebrates the innovation and resilience of our farming community. Whether you're a farmer, food enthusiast, or supporter of local agriculture, this event promises meaningful connections and practical ideas to help your farm thrive.

Join Us at the Nottawasaga Futures AgKnowledge Forum!

Date: February 28, 2025

Forum: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Vendor Market 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: Gibson Centre, 63 Tupper St W, Alliston, ON

Discover innovative ways to enhance your farm's success at this year's AgKnowledge Forum!

- **Spotlight on Farm Businesses:** Hear directly from local farmers as they share their experiences, challenges, and successes in creating thriving agricultural enterprises.

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- Value-Added Opportunities: Learn practical strategies to diversify your farm's offerings and boost profitability.
- Farmer Stories: Be inspired by firsthand accounts of innovation and resilience from those shaping our agricultural community.
- Market & Tasting: Explore a vibrant marketplace featuring local farm products and indulge in the unique flavors of the region.

This event is a must-attend for anyone passionate about agriculture and rural innovation.

Reserve your spot now: email robin@nottawasaga.com

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VENDORS WANTED!

ARE YOU A FARMER WHO HAS VENTURED INTO CREATING A PRODUCT FROM THE CROPS YOU GROW?

Would you like to share your story with other farmers and network with local consumers? Come and join our AgKnowledge Vendors Market on February 28th!

**February 28, 2025 • The Gibson Centre, Alliston
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*** Interested? Email: Robin@nottawasaga.com ***

Vendors Wanted!

We are looking for farmers/growers for our vendor's market to be held February 28 from 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

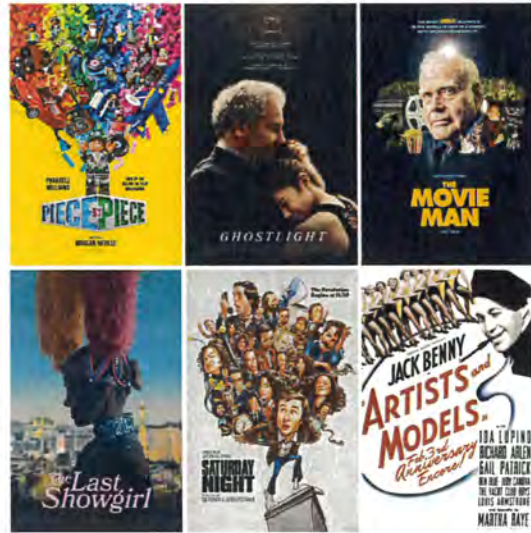
Sample and Sell your products to our AgKnowledge participants and the general public.

Contact robin@nottawasaga.com for details



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PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY OUR LOCAL SPONSORS:



Congratulations to The Circle Theatre celebrating 85 incredible years in business! 🎉💎

We are thrilled to be sponsoring the New Tecumseth Film Festival—a special event honoring the Circle Theatre's extraordinary milestone with a mix of classic and contemporary films. 🎬

To kick off the festival, the Circle is revisiting history with a screening of *Artists and Models* (1938)—the very first film shown at the Circle Theatre! And don't miss *Gone With The Wind* (1939) during Friday's lineup and again on Monday, February 3, as part of our anniversary encore.

For more info and show times circletheatre.ca

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A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S DAY

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The Gibson Centre, Alliston

Breakfast Bar & Cafe

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Readings, Reiki & More!

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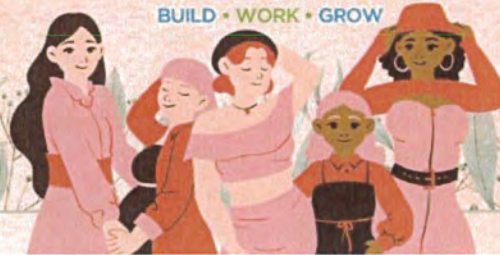
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The
GIBSON

Centre for Community, Arts & Culture



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Fuelled by Females: A Celebration of Women's Day

Bringing women together to showcase, celebrate, and share their gifts, talents, and skills.

Nottawasaga Futures is thrilled to sponsor a dynamic presentation by the team at Addictive Design.

Join us for an exciting, informative, and fun session exploring the latest trends in design, marketing, website development, SEO, PPC, and the integration of AI.

As the marketing world evolves rapidly, this presentation will give you valuable insights into both traditional and digital strategies.

Don't miss out on learning from the experts and discovering how Addictive Design has guided businesses toward success—stay ahead of the curve as 2025 unfolds!

With over 50 entrepreneurs participating in this event; including handcrafted artisan vendors, food vendors, spiritual and healing services, authors, and local charities, there is something for everyone!

The Makers Market will take place in the Honda Performance Hall and Mercer Pub areas of the Gibson Centre and will be open from 10am until 4pm.

Workshops and experiences are timed, ticketed events with ticket

information available soon.

The Breakfast Bar will be open from 10am until 12:30pm and is being supported by Sheldon Creek Dairy, Lisle Livestock, Open Oven, and Bake My Day. The food will shift to a simple lunch menu at 12:30 until the event ends at 4pm.

Follow the event on Instagram [fuelled.by.females](https://www.instagram.com/fuelled.by.females)

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OPPORTUNITY IN ALLISTON?**



VOLUNTEER FAIR

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025
10AM - 3PM**

At The Alliston Memorial Arena on Nelson Street
~ free admission ~

Meet up to 25 charities and
community organizations
all in one place who need
your help!

Rotary
Club of Alliston



Would you like to learn about volunteer opportunities to help make a positive impact in your community?



Drop in to the Rotary Volunteer Fair and visit the **South Simcoe Streams Network** booth to learn more about our organization, volunteer opportunities, or just to say hi.

Alliston Memorial Arena- 49 Nelson Street W

Saturday February 8

10 AM - 3 PM.

Drop in for coffee or tea and learn more about how you can play a vital role in making New Tecumseth a great place to live.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Seizing Opportunities to Grow Ontario's Local Agri-Products Sector

Free Online Workshops

November 2024 - February 2025
Thursdays 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Requesting your support for the protection of our waterways

We are reaching out to you today in request of support for the South Simcoe Streams Network (SSSN) and our ongoing efforts towards the protection and preservation of our **local waterways**.

The SSSN is a not-for-profit volunteer-based program, operated through Nottawasaga Futures, and is actively involved with the local community by providing outdoor opportunities for families, businesses, youth clubs, schools, local groups and individuals to enhance and educate residents about our waterways – the home of many at-risk species. Our motto is 'Investing in Streams Together for Community and Watershed Health'. Our strength is community involvement.

SSSN volunteers are engaged in hands-on activities such as shoreline tree-planting, in-stream restoration, and site monitoring. All SSSN events include a safety orientation, activity demonstrations, mentoring and knowledge sharing. Partnerships are forged with municipalities, conservation authorities, and landowners to secure project sites where community can play a role. Approximately 16 volunteer events are hosted annually and over five kilometers of stream improvements achieved at an average annual cost of \$100,000 – funded through government grants and private donations. These sponsorships are the key to sustaining our programming, with contributions supporting SSSN projects such as: *Trees for Streams* planting events and *Habitat Rehab* in-stream activities. These funds also enable us to obtain future matching grant dollars.

As a sponsor, your contribution will be recognized at local community events, posted on our website and form part of our social media communication plan. Available sponsorship levels – named for endangered or threatened species under Ontario's Species at Risk program – are:

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|  | \$200-\$399.....Snapping Turtle Sponsor |
|  | \$400-\$999.....Piping Plover Sponsor |
|  | \$1,000-\$4,999.....Native Butternut Sponsor |
|  | \$5,000-\$9,999.....Lake Sturgeon Sponsor |
|  | \$10,000 plus.....Redside Dace Sponsor |

We accept cash donations, e-transfer sent to accounting@nottawasaga.com or cheques made payable to Nottawasaga Community Economic Development Corporation (NCEDC) with South Simcoe Streams Network in the subject line. A receipt in the amount of your not-for-profit donation will be emailed to you. We hope you can lend your support.

On behalf of the
South Simcoe Streams Network Committee

Theresa Parent
Theresa Parent
SSSN Environmental Project Coordinator
Nottawasaga Futures

39 Victoria St. E., PO Box 184 Alliston ON L9R 1V5 Tel. 705 502-0311 ced@nottawasaga.com

Financial Support and Resources

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January 19, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Mikael:

It is my pleasure to share our government's new plan to support rural economic development, increase and nurture a rural workforce, and strengthen rural communities.

Enabling Opportunity: Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy is designed to help rural communities leverage new economic opportunities and prepare themselves for growth.

The Strategy focuses on three key pillars:

- **Safe and Strong Rural Communities** – Improving local economic development capacity and championing local leadership, supporting the rehabilitation of municipal and community infrastructure, optimizing rural connectivity, and supporting communities in developing plans for housing and transportation to ensure rural communities are places where people want to live, work and play.
- **Business Development and Attraction**- Supporting rural and Indigenous communities and other economic development partners in strengthening and growing rural business, encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation, attracting investment, revitalizing downtowns and diversifying regional economies.
- **Growing the Rural Workforce** – Helping grow local talent, raising awareness of job opportunities available in rural Ontario, supporting workers in obtaining the skills needed to succeed, and attracting and retaining workers so that rural communities and small towns thrive.

We brought together municipal and Indigenous leaders and rural stakeholders to provide input into the development of the new strategy. We held 13 regional roundtables to hear the thoughts, experiences, ideas, and inspiration of those living and working in rural Ontario and received many online submissions through our website.

By listening to rural residents, we created a Strategy that represents their concerns. My thanks go out to all of those who participated in the consultation process and I look forward to continuing these conversations.

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Our government has a vision for thriving rural communities and believes that a strong and dynamic rural Ontario is essential for the success of the province's economy. As a proud resident of rural Ontario, I am confident in saying the future is bright for rural Ontario, especially when we work together

By working together, we can continue to build strong economies and position rural Ontario as a destination of choice for individuals, families, and businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Rural Affairs



Jerry Acchione
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mayor@cityofwoodstock.ca

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Via email premier@ontario.ca

The Honorable Michael Parsa
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
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Via email MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca

Dear The Honorable Doug Ford and The Honorable Michael Parsa,

I am writing on behalf of Woodstock City Council to express the urgent and pressing need for adequate and sustainable funding for the Children's Aid Society of Oxford County and other child welfare agencies throughout Ontario. These organizations play a vital role in safeguarding and enhancing the health, well-being, and safety of our children, youth, and families and deserves appropriate support and attention from our elected officials.

Our community, like many across the province, relies on the Children's Aid Society and other child welfare agencies to not only protect children and youth from abuse or neglect, but provide critical crisis intervention, early intervention, and preventative services. Their work ensures children receive necessary care at the most crucial times, close to their own homes, allowing families to remain intact and thrive together.

The lack of access to healthcare, mental health supports, poverty reduction initiatives and affordable housing is taking a toll on families and caregivers. These systemic shortfalls propel child welfare agencies into roles they were never intended to assume, filling gaps in services to ensure the well-being of children, youth, and families.

Without sufficient financial backing, these agencies are strained to a breaking point. They operate without the ability to deny families the services they desperately need. They cannot turn clients away, manage waitlists, or declare services unavailable. Yet, even with remarkable community partnerships, these agencies lack the means to expedite or ensure access to necessary treatments for those in their care.

The repercussions of this funding deficit extends well beyond individual families, affecting the community at large. Our local Children's Aid Society is supporting an ever-increasing number of youth exhibiting complex behaviors. These challenges translate into higher intervention costs, increases costs for and pressure on police and emergency service providers.

The lack of access to critical early intervention services is correlating to a distressing rise in youth homelessness. The financial sustainability and stability of the child welfare sector can no longer be deferred

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for debate. It is imperative the funding formula is updated to prioritize trauma-informed, culturally relevant and proactive care.

On behalf of Woodstock City Council, I urge the province to prioritize and support the financial needs of these vital agencies. All levels of government must work together to improve upstream intervention and support to prevent the tragic outcomes we are seeing as a result of inadequate funding.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter that affects our community and its future generations.

Sincerely,



Mayor Jerry Acchione
City of Woodstock

Cc:

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP - ernie.hardemanco@pc.ola.org

Safe and Well Oxford - safewelloxford@gmail.com

Children's Aid Society Oxford County - info@casoxford.on.ca

January 15, 2025

To: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit partners and public health organizations

Re: Retirement Announcement

On behalf of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health, it is with deep respect and gratitude that I announce the upcoming retirement of Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and Chief Executive Officer, effective September 30, 2025. Dr. Gardner has served in this role with unwavering dedication since 2005, following seven years as MOH with the Leeds, Grenville, and Lanark District Health Unit. His distinguished career in public health began after years of general medical practice in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, and Zimbabwe.

Over the course of his tenure, Dr. Gardner has been a steadfast advocate for public health and a leader in fostering healthier communities. He served as President (and then Past Chair) of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) and as Chair for the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH). His commitment to excellence has been recognized through several prestigious awards, including alPHA's Distinguished Service Award in June 2023 and the Faculty Educator Award for the Public Health and Preventive Medicine Residency, University of Toronto, in 2020.

Throughout his career, Dr. Gardner has exemplified professionalism, compassion, and vision, significantly advancing public health in Simcoe Muskoka and across the province. His thoughtful leadership and tireless commitment to improving population health will leave an enduring legacy.

As we look ahead to Dr. Gardner's retirement in September 2025, we take this opportunity to acknowledge the significant impact of his career. While his absence will be felt deeply, we extend our heartfelt thanks for his many years of outstanding service and look forward to celebrating his remarkable contributions as his retirement date approaches.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Ann-Marie Kungl
Chair, Board of Health
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

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Cc: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health

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News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

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Heather Howe (x 7472)
MediaInquiry@smdhu.org

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Announces Retirement of Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

SIMCOE MUSKOKA – The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health has announced that Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and Chief Executive Officer, will be retiring on September 30, 2025, concluding a remarkable career in public health that spans more than two decades. Dr. Gardner has served as MOH for Simcoe Muskoka since 2005, following a seven-year tenure in the same role with the Leeds, Grenville, and Lanark District Health Unit. His career began with general medical practice in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, and Zimbabwe.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Gardner has been a dedicated advocate for public health and has played a pivotal role in numerous provincial and national initiatives. He served as President (and then Past Chair) of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) and as Chair for the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH). Dr. Gardner's commitment to excellence has been recognized with several prestigious honors, including ALPHA's Distinguished Service Award in June 2023 and the Faculty Educator Award for the Public Health and Preventive Medicine Residency, University of Toronto, in 2020.

Among his many achievements, Dr. Gardner's leadership during large-scale health crises has been a defining aspect of his career. From pandemic influenza planning in 2006 to managing the H1N1 outbreak in 2009, and most recently guiding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Gardner has consistently provided calm and strategic leadership. His dedication during these challenging times has been instrumental in protecting the health of our communities.

In reflecting on Dr. Gardner's forthcoming retirement, **Ann-Marie Kungl**, Chair of the Board of Health, shared:

"Dr. Gardner's dedication and leadership have left an indelible mark on public health in Simcoe Muskoka and beyond. His tireless commitment to promoting health and well-being in our communities will be remembered for years to come. While his absence will be felt deeply, we are immensely grateful for his contributions and wish him all the best in this next chapter."

As Dr. Gardner approaches retirement in September 2025, the Board of Health will begin the process of recruiting a successor and planning a celebration of his outstanding contributions to public health.



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January 21, 2025

Peterborough - Kawartha MPP Dave Smith;
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier;
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Subject: Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on January 13, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Whereas:

1. A municipality's parks and open spaces are critical infrastructure that support a strong community, and the public's shared and safe use of the municipality's parks and open spaces is integral to ensuring that support.
2. Ontario's municipalities are struggling to maintain their parks and open spaces for their shared and safe use by the public as a result of the increasing proliferation of encampments and illicit activities related thereto.
3. Municipalities that enforce their standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in their parks and open spaces must have regard to the availability of shelter space for those who need shelter.
4. On January 27, 2023, Justice Valente of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice rendered his judgment in *Waterloo (Regional Municipality) v. Persons Unknown and to be Ascertained* (2023), [2023] O.J. No. 417 (Waterloo Decision) which declared that the municipality's by-law violated section 7 of the *Charter* and was therefore inoperative insofar as it applied to prevent encampment residents from erecting temporary shelters on a site when the number of homeless individuals in the region exceeded the number of accessible shelter beds.
5. The Waterloo Decision's analysis of the adequacy of shelter beds suggests an unworkable and unclear standard that goes beyond the number of shelter

spaces and that includes the requirement to provide shelter spaces that must accommodate illicit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk. The result is that municipalities are impaired in their enforcement of their standards and have lost or are losing control of their parks and open spaces.

6. On December 12, 2024, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, introduced Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024. Among its various initiatives, Bill 242 proposes to amend section 2 of the Trespass to Property Act by adding aggravating factors that must be considered in the court's determination of a penalty under that section. However, the key challenge is that a municipality's exercise of its rights at common law and under section 9 of the Trespass to Property Act to remove encampments from the municipality's parks and open spaces remains potentially subject to the unworkable and unclear standard for the adequacy of shelter space suggested by the Waterloo Decision.
7. In these circumstances, municipalities need provincial legislation that clearly defines a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the provincial government be respectfully requested to amend Bill 242 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
2. That, without limitation, Bill 242 provides that a municipality will have met the standard for shelter space for the purposes of the municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces:
 - a) despite the establishment and enforcement of shelter rules including rules that prohibit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk; and
 - b) if an official designated by the municipality is satisfied that the number of available shelter spaces is at least equal to the aggregate of the number of individuals actually seeking shelter and the number of individuals against whom the municipality is planning to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to:

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- a) Peterborough - Kawartha MPP Dave Smith;
- b) Honourable Doug Ford, Premier;
- c) Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- d) Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;
- e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and to
- f) Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy
City Clerk

cc:
City of Peterborough Council
City of Peterborough Staff

Sarah Corbett

Subject:

AMO Policy Update – AMO 2025 Pre-Budget Submission



AMO Policy Update – AMO 2025 Pre-Budget Submission

AMO has released its 2025 [pre-budget submission](#) highlighting how municipalities are focused on providing the things that matter most to Ontarians, including:

- building more homes to support growth and make housing more affordable;
- dealing with homelessness and the drug crisis to improve quality of life for everyone; and,
- providing important core municipal services like policing and transit while keeping property tax growth to a minimum in the face of ongoing cost of living challenges.

But delivering on these priorities is impossible with the current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements. For over a year, AMO and more than 160 member councils have been calling on the province for [a joint Social and Economic Prosperity Review](#) with no engagement to date. The impact of a broken provincial-municipal fiscal framework is apparent in our communities, with implications for housing affordability, cost of living, and public safety.

Municipalities urgently need the province to reset fiscal fundamentals. To address the growing threats to quality of life across Ontario, AMO urges the provincial government to make concrete commitments in these key areas:

1. Infrastructure funding for housing and the economy
2. Reduced provincial reliance on municipal subsidies
3. Fixing broken provincial systems to address homelessness

AMO will provide a presentation outlining this year's pre-budget submission on the plenary stage at the 2025 ROMA Conference.

AMO Supports Changes to Brownfields Rules to Reduce Barriers to Development

AMO submitted [comments](#) to a recent Environmental Registry posting regarding provincial rules for Brownfields development in support of changes to regulatory requirements for brownfields projects to reduce the need for Records of Site Condition (RSC) in certain cases.

The proposal will eliminate the need for RSCs where there are no legislative requirements and where proposals are low-risk, meaning they would have been filed with a Phase-One Environmental Phase Assessment (EPA). This means that no potentially contaminating activities or areas of potential environmental concern were identified for that property.

AMO supports a risk-based approach to environmental safety requirements. Ontario's ambitious target to build 1.5 million new homes over the next ten years to house a growing population requires close public and private sector cooperation. Brownfields offer valuable properties that can be repurposed in communities for new residential or other uses. Changes to reduce red tape and improve development timelines while ensuring strong environmental protections can help deliver needed development more quickly and affordably.

AMO's Response to the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*

AMO recently sent a [letter](#) to Minister Kusendova-Bashta in response to consultations on the *Support for Seniors and Caregivers Act, 2024*.

The proposed changes included improved access to dementia care, consistent with AMO's longstanding asks to expand emotion-focused care. However, the Bill's enforcement and liability provisions raise potential impacts

of new individual liability provisions on long-term care staff recruitment, on liability for long-term care home Board members, and the removal of the reduction of penalties from municipal and other non-profit homes. AMO members are committed to their roles on the Boards of long-term care homes and to the safety of residents in municipal long-term care homes. We strongly encourage the provincial government to reconsider these changes.

This policy update is also available on [AMO's Website](#).

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AMO Policy Update – New Reports on Ontario’s Homelessness Crisis, Water and Wastewater Utility Feasibility

AMO Launches Groundbreaking Homelessness Study

[News Release](#)

Today the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) released a comprehensive report titled “[Municipalities Under Pressure: The Growing Human and Financial Cost of Ontario’s Homelessness Crisis](#)” that reveals the unprecedented and growing toll of homelessness on individuals, families, communities, and governments. It outlines the risk of inaction and shows there is a reasonable path forward.

The study was conducted by HelpSeeker Technologies, in partnership with AMO, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) and the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA).

The study’s findings indicate that Ontario is at a tipping point in its homelessness crisis. More than 80,000 Ontarians were known to be homeless in 2024, a number that has grown by more than 25 per cent since 2022. Without significant intervention, homelessness in Ontario could double in the next decade, and reach nearly 300,000 people in an economic

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downturn. The crisis stems from decades of underinvestment in deeply affordable housing, income support and mental health and addictions treatment, combined with escalating economic pressures on communities.

The report proposes a fundamentally new approach that focuses on long-term housing solutions over temporary emergency measures and enforcement. AMO urges provincial and federal governments to take significant, long-term action on affordable housing, mental health and addictions services, and income supports to fix homelessness and improve communities' economic foundations and quality of life.

You can find a communications toolkit, including AMO's backgrounder, a customizable news release, and social media cards on the [AMO website](#).

Water and Wastewater Utility Feasibility Study

On January 8, AMO's business services arm (LAS) released a [feasibility study](#) that explores the opportunity and considerations for managing water and wastewater under a municipally-led Municipal Services Corporation. This work was supported by an expert panel and will be featured in the upcoming 2025 ROMA Conference programming in late January.

The study complements the AMO-MFOA water and wastewater [backgrounder](#), which provided a fact-base on the opportunities and challenges of this model. AMO believes that Municipal Service Corporations can be a valuable organizational and governance tool, particularly for small-to-medium-sized municipalities lacking the tax base to support costly infrastructure renewal and expansion. For these communities, Municipal Service Corporations offer a potentially helpful mechanism to increase administrative and technical capacity and financial sustainability for water and wastewater infrastructure. However, it's crucial that these corporations be planned openly, thoughtfully, and carefully under municipalities' leadership.

This policy update is also available on [AMO's Website](#).



OPINION

Conservation authorities are a pillar in our communities

By Jonathan Scott

This month, I had the honour of being elected chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). As I step into this new role, I've been reflecting on why conservation authorities matter so deeply to our communities, our province and our country.

What could be more Canadian than protecting our lakes, rivers, forests and wetlands? Conservation authorities like NVCA are responsible for stewarding these natural resources and preserving them for future generations. But this work isn't just about environmental responsibility—it's also about safeguarding our local economy.

In regions like ours, where agriculture and tourism thrive, conservation is as much about protecting livelihoods as it is about protecting nature. Our farmers depend on healthy ecosystems to sustain some of the best agricultural land in Ontario. Likewise, the beauty of our lakes and forests draws tourists, hunters and anglers from far and wide, fueling local businesses. Without clean water, thriving fish stocks or healthy wetlands, these economic drivers would suffer.

The work of conservation authorities is vital, but it's not always visible. Behind the scenes, our teams are planting trees, restoring creeks and riverbeds, and implementing nature-based solutions to tackle the impacts of climate change. These solutions—such as wetland restoration to reduce flooding or reforestation to capture carbon emissions—are among the most effective tools we have to address the environmental challenges of our time.

I've been passionate about the environment since high school, working on policy at both the provincial and federal levels and supporting environmental NGOs in my professional life. As a Councillor in Bradford West Gwillimbury, I've chaired our award-winning Green Initiatives Advisory Committee, where we've tackled everything from water conservation to energy retrofitting older buildings, expanding recycling programs, and advocating for the right to repair electronics and agricultural equipment. These initiatives are rooted in a simple principle: protecting the environment is both the right thing to do and the smart thing to do.

But conservation authorities aren't just about policy and projects—they're also about people. At NVCA, I've seen the dedication of our staff firsthand. Their work to plant thousands of trees, protect water quality and restore natural habitats is extraordinary. At the same time, we know that serving the public is at the heart of our mission. Residents, farmers and businesses deserve clear, efficient and fair processes when it comes to planning and permitting. Time is money, and we have to strike the balance between thorough reviews and expeditious customer service.

That's why, as chair, I'm committed to fostering a culture of continuous improvement at NVCA. This means responding quickly to enquiries, streamlining development approvals and ensuring consistent application of standards. It also means celebrating and communicating our successes. Conservation authorities do incredible work, and we need to share those stories to build trust and confidence in our role.

Conservation authorities like NVCA represent a uniquely Canadian way of protecting what matters: the natural beauty and resources that define our communities. This work isn't just about today—it's about ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

As I begin this new chapter, I'm optimistic about what lies ahead. With the support of our dedicated staff, board, municipal partners and the wider community, I'm confident we can continue making a difference—protecting our environment, strengthening our economy and serving the people who call this region home.

— Jonathan Scott is Chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and a Councillor in Bradford West Gwillimbury

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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jonathan Scott and Gail Little acclaimed as NVCA Chair and Vice Chair

UTOPIA, Ontario (January 24, 2025) – Today, Jonathan Scott, Councillor for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and Gail Little, Deputy Mayor for the Township of Amaranth, were acclaimed to lead the 2025 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Board of Directors as Chair and Vice Chair.

Deputy Mayor Little and Councillor Scott served as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, over the past two years.

"I want to thank Deputy Mayor Little for leading the organization," said Councillor Scott. "I've learnt a lot from her, and I hope to carry those lessons forward in this new role."

As Chair, Councillor Scott looks forward to leading the organization toward continuous improvement.

"Our job as a conservation authority is to serve the public," he continued. "Over the coming months, I'm eager to support staff efforts to make our processes more efficient and meet the high expectations of residents, businesses and municipal partners alike."

This is Deputy Mayor Little's second time as Vice Chair. Through her years of service, she has led NVCA through the changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, and ensured that the organization worked toward protecting and enhancing the Nottawasaga Watershed, so communities, economies, and wildlife can thrive.

"I'm proud to have served as Chair of NVCA over the last two years," said Deputy Mayor Little. "In this role, I've witnessed the fantastic work that staff has done. I look forward to working with Chair Scott to guide NVCA to serve our communities in even more efficient, more innovative ways."

To learn about NVCA's accomplishments, watch this [Year in Review video](#).

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County Council Highlights - Meeting Held January 14, 2025



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 **Joint Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 14, 2025**. 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](#).

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County Councillors approve next step in process to adjust the size of County Council

County Council revisited a previous decision regarding the size and composition of County Council. A motion was approved to support adjusting the size of County Council from 32 members to 17 (inclusive of a full-time, appointed Warden).

If approved, the elected Mayors of the County's 16 member municipalities will serve as the default County representatives starting the next term of County Council.

To take effect, these decisions must be approved through a triple majority process and would take effect for the 2026-2030 term.

To view our news release, please click [here](#). To view the full report, please click [here](#).



Provincial Application for Encampment Funding

On December 13, 2024, the County of Simcoe was invited by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to submit a business case for the Encampment Response Initiative, part of the Homelessness Prevention Program.

The County submitted its proposal on January 3, 2025, which includes expanding temporary shelter spaces, requesting \$2,433,000 for operational costs, and transitioning individuals from encampments to safer accommodations. The proposal aims to increase shelter capacity, provide alternative accommodations, and restore impacted public spaces, aligning with the County's continued strategies and investments as part of our [10-Point Homelessness Prevention Plan](#).

For more details, please click [here](#).



Renewal of 9-1-1 Primary Public Safety Answering Point Agreement

Since 9-1-1 service began in Simcoe County, most calls have been answered by the Ontario Provincial Police. The previous agreement expired on March 31, 2023, and was temporarily extended.

The OPP has now submitted a new contract for County Council's approval, which includes a rolling term, maintains the current rate, and incorporates Next Generation 9-1-1 services. Council voted in favour of authorizing the renewal as outlined in the report, which can be viewed [here](#).



Health Force Ontario Staffing Initiatives

The County of Simcoe received a new agreement for the 2024-2025 extension of the Community Commitment Program for Nurses (CCPN) on October 8, 2024. This program, part of Health Force Ontario (HFO), aims to recruit and retain new graduate nurses in long-term care homes by offering monetary incentives. The County has participated in the CCPN program since 2021, with seven nurses receiving funding in 2024.

The 2024-2025 CCPN initiative offers \$25,000 to eligible nurses who commit to a 24-month employment term and provides a \$1,500 education grant per nurse for professional development. The County's engagement with HFO has positively impacted staff recruitment and retention in its long-term care homes.

View the full report [here](#).

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County applauds new funding to support homelessness prevention and address encampments

Midhurst/January 8, 2025 – The County of Simcoe applauds the recent [provincial announcement](#) for the Shelter Expansion / Encampment Response Initiative Funding and to top up the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB), increasing the flow of individuals from homelessness into housing. The County believes this funding will help increase efforts to move residents who have been living “rough”, in encampments, or staying in shelters to more stable housing outcomes.

Homelessness remains an ongoing challenge across the region and in communities across Ontario, but it is a challenge that the County of Simcoe is committed to addressing by finding new and innovative solutions and by providing ongoing supports and services. The County's Housing and Homelessness Services team works tirelessly every day to support people experiencing homelessness, who are unsheltered or who are staying in temporary shelters, to move to permanent housing.

Going forward, the County has pledged to continue its commitment to support unsheltered people living in encampments and in shelters to successfully transition to safe and stable housing. Our commitment to continue optimizing use of shelter spaces ensures the effective flow into permanent stable housing and creates additional stability within the community for individuals living unhoused.

Since launching its [10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy](#) in 2023, the County has been making significant investments and enhancements to social services programs and supports in cities of Barrie and Orillia and in our member municipalities across Simcoe County. These significant investments include the purchase of four modular facilities to allow unhoused individuals greater access to [rapid rehousing programming](#) and, in turn, permanently free up much-needed shelter beds for those living outside.

Within this 10-point plan, the pillars created include improving safety and well-being, creating easier ways to access services, enhancing community shelter services and standards, and finding new opportunities. This added funding has the potential to bolster these supports across our communities.

Some of the most recent highlights of the 10-point plan include:

- Two active SRRP programs with two more planned to open in 2025, supporting 55 transitional spaces across the County
 - since November 2024, the County has begun permanently transitioning 47 seniors (55+) out of emergency shelters and into assisted living programs and rapid rehousing programs
- 68 overnight warming spaces and an additional 30 daytime spaces created in 2024/2025 to support unhoused individuals during the coldest months of the year
 - opened a new County-owned warming centre at 445 Blake Street in Barrie

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- Alternative Space Activation, introduced last winter, rapidly creates approximately 110 spaces in our emergency shelter locations when the weather drops below -10 degrees Celsius
- Centralized the Motel Voucher Program through Community Connections' 211 services, allowing spaces to expand dynamically as needed

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About the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit

The Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) increases affordability of rental housing in Ontario by providing portable housing benefits directly to households in need that are on, or eligible to be on, a social housing waiting list and to households in financial need living in Community Housing.

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.

About the County of Simcoe

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If approved, the elected Mayors of the County's 16 member municipalities will serve as the default County representatives starting the next term of County Council. Currently, and historically, local Deputy Mayors also sit on County Council. As proposed previously, the full-time appointed Warden will be chosen by the incoming Council among eligible electors who choose to put their name forward for Warden.

To take effect, these decisions must be approved through a triple majority process (as outlined below). If approved, these decisions would take effect for the 2026-2030 term. The current structure will continue for the remainder of the current term.

"Our long-standing structure, with our Mayors and Deputy Mayors both serving on County Council, has served our communities well," said Warden Basil Clarke. "However, we recognize that our Council is large in size, and that it's prudent to make this change going forward. With advancements in technology, we have more ways to connect as a Council, with staff and residents, making this potential change more possible than it was years ago. If approved, I'm confident that we will continue to see efficient, effective and fair representation and decision making at County Council. I'm also pleased Council maintained our decision to pursue a full-time, appointed Warden starting next term. The position of Warden requires full-time attention to Simcoe County residents and business."

Triple Majority Approval

Approval by County Council to proceed with these changes is the first step in the legislative process. The next step is a requirement to hold a public meeting to consider a draft by-law that would change the composition of County Council. If the by-law is ultimately passed by County Council, it would then be sent to the 16 lower-tier member municipalities where a majority of their Councils must consent to the by-law (the majority of municipalities consenting must also represent a majority of electors in the County).

It is important to note that County Council may address further guidelines for the role of Deputy Warden at future meetings and review more information regarding committee structure and the process for Council alternates. Representatives from the County's two separated cities will continue to sit on the Human Services Business Section of Committee of the Whole.

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County of Simcoe to recognize Age-Friendly Champions

Midhurst/January 23, 2025 – On January 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., the County of Simcoe's is hosting its second annual Age-Friendly Business and Age-Friendly Individual Recognition Awards. This ceremony showcases the many individuals, businesses and organizations that have had a significant impact on continuing to make our communities even more inclusive. Outstanding community champions from the Towns of Midland, Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, and New Tecumseth; Townships of Tay, Springwater and Tiny and cities of Barrie and Orillia will be honoured.

The Age-Friendly Committee held an open call for nominations as part of the County's Age-Friendly Community Program. Launched in 2016, this program boosts awareness of the County's aging population and helps businesses and organizations enhance their environments and services to better suit the needs of older adults across the region.

EVENT: County of Simcoe Age-Friendly Recognition Awards

Where County of Simcoe Administration Centre - Atrium
1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario

When Tuesday, January 28, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

Note: Media are asked to contact the County of Simcoe Communications and Events Team to confirm attendance.

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BUILDING UP

County to open call for applications for Social and Community Investment Fund (SCIF) on January 30, 2025

SCIF provides funding to support initiatives addressing poverty

Midhurst/January 23, 2025 – The County of Simcoe recognizes that strong local programs are important resources to support individuals and families living in poverty in Simcoe County. One important tool for local organizations is the Social and Community Investment Fund (SCIF).

The SCIF invests in eligible organizations working to address poverty in our community. It is intended to bridge funding gaps for these organizations not covered by other funding sources.

Local organizations are invited to apply through a Call for Applications (CFA) process. The CFA will be posted on the County of Simcoe website along with the application form, eligibility requirements, and frequently asked questions. This information and application forms will be posted as of January 30, 2025.

The 2025 Call for Applications will open on January 30, 2025. Community organizations are invited to visit our website after the Call for Applications opens for more information and to submit an application prior to February 6, 2025.

Project submissions will be reviewed, evaluated, and scored in accordance with an established framework. Recommendations for project funding will be presented to County Council for consideration and approval.

Priority areas for 2025 align with the pillars of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy:

- **Dignity:** Lifting Canadians out of poverty by ensuring basic needs are being met. Examples of initiatives under this priority could include but are not limited to: food insecurity, system navigation, or access to basic needs;
- **Opportunity and Inclusion:** Helping Canadians join the middle class by promoting full participation in society and equality of opportunity. Initiatives under this pillar could include, but are not limited to supporting vulnerable populations (Indigenous peoples, seniors, immigrants, racialized populations, 2SLGBTQ+, children, youth, people with disabilities, people experiencing mental health and addictions, and working low-income individuals/families), or essential skills training such as literacy and numeracy skills; and
- **Resilience and Security:** Supporting the middle class by protecting Canadians from falling into poverty and by supporting income security and resilience. Examples of initiatives under this priority could include but are not limited to: employment skills or support training, living wage initiatives, or financial literacy.

SCIF funding is provided in addition to several other poverty-reduction initiatives, including the County's 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy, which has created lifesaving programs and supports for those living unhoused in our community.

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10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy

Since launching its [10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy](#) in 2023, the County has been making significant investments and enhancements to social services programs and supports in cities of Barrie and Orillia and in our member municipalities across Simcoe County. The plan is a strong, data-driven strategy designed to help vulnerable residents 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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Warden proclaims February as Black History Month in County of Simcoe

Simcoe County Museum to host virtual lecture series throughout February

Midhurst/January 24, 2025 – County of Simcoe Warden Basil Clarke has proclaimed February 1 to 28, 2025 as Black History Month across our community and encourages residents to engage in educational activities that honour the significant contributions of Black individuals, both past and present, in shaping Simcoe County and its values.

Black History Month is an annual opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements of numerous leaders and pioneers. The County of Simcoe is proud to support this initiative in various ways:

- The Simcoe County Museum will host a virtual lecture series throughout February, beginning on January 31. This series will feature guest speakers and local historians, each discussing different aspects of the rich history of Black people in Simcoe County and the broader Black Canadian experience.
- Lectures will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. consisting of 30-45 minutes of presentation, followed by a Q&A session. The series is free to join, simply head to museum.simcoe.ca on the day of the speaker series you wish to attend, click the event, and join! More information on the different speakers and events is available at museum.simcoe.ca.
- The Simcoe County Archives, currently closed for renovations, has compiled a collection of resources titled "Guide to Black History Research at the Simcoe County Archives," accessible on their [website](#).
- The County is currently hosting a series of Diversity Ambassador educational sessions designed to equip participants to lead and champion diversity awareness in their workplaces and communities as part of its upcoming #ITSTARTS campaign. The #ITSTARTS social media campaign is a powerful March initiative dedicated to celebrating multiculturalism and combating racism and discrimination. To learn more or to sign up for a Diversity Ambassador educational session, visit simcoe.ca/ITSTARTS.

About the County of Simcoe

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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2025 Simcoe County Age-Friendly Municipal Grant Opportunity

Hello,

In 2018, the County of Simcoe developed a Positive Aging Strategy and Planning Framework based on a comprehensive needs assessment of older adults in this region. This project was initially funded by the Ontario Government and has led to the development of many new partnerships and collaborations and has identified many opportunities to address some of the highest priorities for our seniors. With a significant senior's population of 65+ representing close to 20% of our population, the County's aging demographic is outpacing both the province and the nation (Ontario 16.7%, Canada 19.3%).

Although the population across the County is rapidly aging, some local municipalities do not have the capacity nor resources to implement local aging plans or age-Friendly community initiatives. In 2019, Council approved \$50,000 annually to provide Age-Friendly Municipal Grant funding to member municipalities to help support local age-friendly community planning. The grant is awarded based on eligibility criteria and available funds each year.

As Chair of the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Advisory Committee and General Manager of Health and Emergency Services for the County of Simcoe, I am happy to inform you that County of Simcoe municipalities are, once again, able to apply for age-friendly funding through the **2025 Simcoe County Age-Friendly Municipal Grant Program (attached hereto)**.

This program has been put in place to allow for continued research and planning to the diversity of issues facing older adults in our local communities and to ensure new programs and services are implemented based on individual feedback and recommendations obtained at a local municipal level in all eight Age-Friendly Community Dimensions as defined by the World Health Organization.

We are pleased to partner in this initiative and look forward to working with you as we build age-friendly communities across Simcoe County. If you have any questions about this grant or any other age-Friendly initiative within the County of Simcoe, please contact Tracy Hill at 705-726-9300 ext. 3127.

Sincerely,

Jane Sinclair
General Manager Health and Emergency Services

cc Jackie Dusome, Director of Seniors Services
Tracy Hill, County of Simcoe Age-Friendly Champion
Jonathan Magill, County Clerk, Director of Statutory Services and Archives

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2025 Simcoe County Age-Friendly Municipal Grant Program & Application Guide

1. Introduction

2025 Simcoe County Age-friendly Grant Program

Research and planning is required to identify the diversity of issues facing older adults in our local communities and to ensure new programs and services are implemented based on individual feedback and recommendations obtained at a local municipal level in all eight age-friendly community dimensions as defined by the World Health Organization.

The Simcoe County Age-Friendly Municipal Grant program was developed to assist local municipalities of the County of Simcoe to support aging populations through conducting community needs assessments and undertaking projects that enable seniors to age in place which in turn facilitates the creation of age-friendly communities.

2. Other Programs & Resources

In an age-friendly community, the policies, services and structures related to the physical and social environment are designed to help seniors "age actively." In other words, the community is set up to help older adults live safely, enjoy good health and stay involved.

The creation of age-friendly communities in Simcoe County builds on findings from the [World Health Organization's Age-friendly Cities](#) and the [Simcoe County Positive Aging Strategy: Older Adults Strengthening our Communities](#)

The County of Simcoe, in collaboration with the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee, has advanced the age-friendly agenda since 2015 by creating awareness and preparing its communities for a growing aging population.

3. Guiding Principles

All municipal applications should demonstrate a commitment to the following guiding principles:

- Community Driven - Community solutions are based on local priorities and plans
- Catalyst for Action – Community activities are catalysts that enable local municipalities and community partners to enhance and improve services for older adults
- Focus on Funding Priorities - Activities are focused on funding and support priorities with clear outcomes
- Flexible - Required actions differ in each community
- Coordinated - Activities of local municipalities and community partners are coordinated to avoid duplication among programs and projects
- Sustainable Results – Community activities contribute to improving the lives of older adults over time

4. Grant Program

The County of Simcoe Age-Friendly Municipal Grant program sets out two (2) different categories (streams) for municipalities to apply. Details of each of these grant categories are outlined below.

STREAM 1: Age-friendly Assessments, Action Plans & Planning

The intent of this funding stream is to support municipalities to develop or update community assessments or plans to enable seniors to age in place and to facilitate the creation of age-friendly communities. The maximum grant under Stream 1 is \$10,000. Under Stream 1, eligible activities must be cost-effective and may include:

- Development of a local Age-friendly plan, survey, or assessment process
- Creation of specific plans that address one or more of the eight age-friendly dimensions (see Section 6)
- Engagement of seniors in planning activities
- Adding an age-friendly or older adult lens to existing plans or policies, such as:
 - Official Community Plans, Integrated Community Sustainability Plans, Health and Wellness Plans, or community or neighborhood plans
 - Zoning and other bylaws (subdivision, snow removal, parking, etc.)
 - Development permit requirements
 - Emergency response, evacuation and/or emergency social services plans
 - Design guidelines
 - Active transportation planning
 - Food security and food systems planning
 - Community planning processes related to social determinants of health (e.g. affordable housing, homelessness, etc.)
 - Development of community health plans

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STREAM 2: Age-friendly Projects

The intent of this funding stream is to support local municipalities to undertake local projects that enable seniors to lead active, healthy lifestyles, age in place, and facilitate the creation of age-friendly communities. The maximum grant under Stream 2 is \$10,000.

To be eligible for Stream 2, eligible applicants are required to have completed an Age-Friendly Assessment or Action Plan, or demonstrate that their Official Community Plan, Integrated Sustainability Community Plan, or an equivalent plan, is inclusive of age-friendly planning principles.

Under Stream 2, eligible activities must be cost-effective and may include:

- Support for persons with Dementia
- Increased community accessibility (transportation, housing, services)
- Provision of recreation and healthy living activities and/or referral and support to link seniors with recreation and healthy living services
- Community gardens and healthy eating
- Health literacy and promotion (e.g. COVID, workshops, guides, etc.)
- Chronic disease prevention
- Injury prevention and community safety (including traffic safety)
- Intergenerational projects
- Prevention of elder abuse

The 2024 Simcoe County Age-Friendly Municipal Grant program is not intended to be a capital funding program. However, minor capital expenditures for eligible activities that have a clear and definable benefit to seniors and that are clearly linked to programming for seniors will be considered for funding under Stream 2.

Capital costs cannot exceed 40% of the total requested Stream 2 grant (i.e., an application for a \$10,000 grant cannot include more than \$4,000 in capital costs).

5. Eligible Applicants

All local municipalities of the County of Simcoe are eligible to apply for Stream 1 or Stream 2 funding. Local governments can each submit one application. To be eligible for Stream 2, eligible applicants are required to have completed an age-friendly assessment or action plan.

6. Eligible Projects

Eligible projects are new community planning initiatives (community needs assessment) or implementation of community projects that are undertaken by an eligible applicant and that address the guiding principles and funding priorities of the grant program.

In addition, to qualify for funding, projects must:

- be a new project (retroactive funding is not available);
- be capable of the project started and complete within the 2025 calendar year; and
- focus on one or more of the eight age-friendly community dimensions listed below:

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Outdoor Spaces and Buildings | Social Participation |
| Transportation | Community Support and Health Services |
| Housing | Communication and Information |
| Respect and social inclusion | Civic Participation, Volunteerism and Employment |

7. Eligible & Ineligible Activities & Costs

Eligible costs are direct costs that are approved by the Evaluation Committee, properly and reasonably incurred, and paid by the applicant to carry out eligible activities. Eligible costs can only be incurred from the date that the funding from the application submission is approved until the final report is submitted.

Ineligible Activities & Costs

Any activity that is not outlined above or is not directly connected to activities approved in the application by the Evaluation Committee is not eligible for grant funding. This includes:

- Development of feasibility studies, business cases, architectural, engineering or other design drawings for the construction or renovation of facilities providing services to seniors, including housing and care facilities
- Fundraising
- Sidewalk, path or trail construction or improvements, or other infrastructure projects

8. Grant Maximum

Stream 1 can contribute a maximum of 100% of the cost of eligible activities – to a maximum of \$10,000. Stream 2 can contribute a maximum of 100% of the cost of eligible activities – to a maximum of \$10,000.

To ensure transparency and accountability in the expenditure of public funds, all other grant contributions for eligible portions of the project must be declared and, depending on the total value, may decrease the value of the grant

9. Application Requirements & Process

Application Deadline March 1, 2025. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application within 60 days.

Required Application Contents

- Completed Application Form
- Local government Council approval indicating support for the current proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management

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- Detailed budget that indicates the proposed expenditures and aligns with the proposed activities outlined in the application form. Although additional funding or support is not required, any other grant funding or in-kind contributions should be identified.

Application Submission Process

Email complete applications by the **closing date** to: agefriendly@simcoe.ca

Subject: 2025 Simcoe County Municipal Grant program

Tracy Hill
Age-Friendly Champion
Health and Emergency Department
County of Simcoe
Phone: (705) 726-9300 ext. 3127 or cell (705) 229-7880

Review of Applications

The County of Simcoe will perform a preliminary review of applications to ensure the required application elements (identified above) have been submitted and to ensure that basic eligibility criteria have been met. Only complete application packages will be considered for funding.

Following this, the Evaluation Committee will assess and score all eligible applications based on the funding priorities. Higher application review scores will be given to applications that:

- Demonstrate direct participation of seniors
- Include collaboration with partners (e.g. school districts, First Nations or Aboriginal organizations, seniors, senior-serving organizations, community organizations and other local governments)

Point values and weighting have been established within each of these scoring criteria. Only those applications that meet a minimum threshold point value will be considered for funding.

The Evaluation Committee will also consider the location of each application in order to ensure a balanced representation of projects across Simcoe County.

10. Grant Management & Applicant Responsibilities

Grants are awarded to eligible applicants only and, as such, the applicant is responsible for completion of the project as approved and for meeting reporting requirements.

Applicants are also responsible for proper fiscal management, including maintaining acceptable accounting records for the project. The County of Simcoe reserves the right to audit these records.

Notice of Funding Decision

All applicants will receive written notice of funding decisions, which will include the terms and conditions of any grant that is awarded. Grants are awarded in two payments: 70% at the approval of the project and 30% when the project is complete, and The County has received the required final report and a financial summary.

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Please note that in cases where revisions are required to an application, or an application has been approved in principle only, the applicant has 30 days from the date of the written notice of the status of the application to complete the application requirements. Applications that are not completed within 30 days may be closed.

Changes to Approved Projects

Approved grants are specific to the project as identified in the application, and grant funds are not transferable to other projects. Approval from Evaluation Committee will be required for any significant variation from the approved project.

To propose changes to an approved project, approved applicants are required to submit:

- Revised application package, including updated, signed application form, budget and an updated Council resolution
- Written rationale for proposed changes to activities and/or expenditures

The revised application package will then be reviewed by the Evaluation Committee. Applicants are responsible for any costs above the approved grant.

Extensions to Project End Date

All approved activities to be started within the 2025 calendar year and all extensions beyond this date must be requested in writing and be approved by the Evaluation Committee of the County of Simcoe. Extensions will not exceed six months.

11. Final Report Requirements

Applicants are required to submit an electronic copy of the complete final report, including the following:

- Completed Final Report Form
- Financial summary
- Optional: photos of the project, media clippings, and documents developed or amended with grant funding.

In accepting funding your municipality agrees to acknowledge the County of Simcoe's assistance in general publicity and in specific publicity of the project for which funding is given.

Other Resources and Initiatives

The following are examples that may complement age-friendly community planning and projects:

Age-Friendly and Dementia Friendly Communities - AARP

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/info-2016/dementia-friendly-communities.html>

More **communities** around the world are committing to becoming **age-friendly** and **dementia friendly**. As they do so, there's an increasing interest in how the two types of initiatives work together and complement rather than compete.

Age-Friendly City - barrie.ca

<https://www.barrie.ca/Living/Inclusive-Community/Pages/Age-Friendly-City.aspx>

Seniors Advisory Committee. Committee Vision: that **Barrie** be recognized as a member of the WHO Global Network of **Age-Friendly** Cities. In 2014 the City established a Seniors Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to City Council concerning opportunities to make **Barrie** a more **age-friendly** community, and to enhance and develop programs and services for seniors.

Age Friendly Community Plan - Greater Madawaska

<http://www.greatermadawaska.com/residents/seniors/age-friendly-community-plan>

In June of 2016 Council approved the Greater **Madawaska Age Friendly** Community Plan. The Plan was developed with the help of a Steering Committee comprised of representatives from seniors interest groups and service organizations from throughout the Municipality.

Age-Friendly Communities - Canada.ca

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/aging-seniors/friendly-communities.html>

Canada's senior population is growing. This makes it more important than ever to support the health and well-being of older Canadians. This way, seniors can lead healthy and active lives and stay involved in their **communities**. Making **communities** "age-friendly" is believed to be one of the best ways

Age-Friendly Communities Planning Outreach Initiative

<https://sagelink.ca/age-friendly-community-central-simcoe/>

An **age-friendly** community (AFC) is a community where policies, services and physical spaces are designed to enable people of all ages to live in a secure and accessible physical and social environment. "

<https://sagelink.ca/age-friendly-communities-ontario/age-friendly-communities/>

Fill in the community profile template and email to swebster@seniorshealthknowledgegenetwork.com to share information about your community's **age-friendly** initiative.

<https://sagelink.ca/age-friendly-communities-ontario/>

These networks include **age-friendly** leads from many of **Ontario's 80+ Age-Friendly** Communities. **Network** members meet regularly (by teleconference) to share their local **age-friendly** planning processes, describe innovative programs and services, and discuss emerging trends or gaps.

Building an Age-Friendly Simcoe County - Long Term Care

<https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/lrc/age-friendly>

About An **Age-Friendly** Simcoe County. From the World Health Organization (WHO) to our municipal government, there is a call for an **age-friendly** society.

Creating a More Inclusive Ontario: Age-Friendly Community Planning Guide for Municipalities and Community Organizations

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/creating-more-inclusive-ontario-age-friendly-community-planning-guide-municipalities-and-community><https://files.ontario.ca/msaa-age-friendly-community-planning-guide-municipalities-community-organizations-en-2021-01-01.pdf>

Age Friendly Community - Town of Wasaga Beach

<https://www.wasagabeach.com/en/wasaga-beach/age-friendly-community-for-seniors.aspx>

Wasaga Beach is one of the fastest growing communities in Canada. According to data from the 2016 Census, **Wasaga Beach** now has a population of 20,675.

Age-friendly Peterborough Plan - City of Peterborough

<https://www.peterborough.ca/en/city-hall/age-friendly-peterborough-plan.aspx>

Our communities are aging. In **Peterborough**, individuals over the **age** of 65 account for over 20% of our regional population. The shift towards an older population will have profound implications for individuals, families, and communities.

Muskoka Age-Friendly Communities - District of Muskoka

<https://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/children-and-seniors/seniors-programs-what-we-do.aspx>

Age-Friendly Community Planning **Muskoka** Master Aging Plan. The District is developing a Master Aging Plan with assistance from an **Age-Friendly** Community grant from the Ontario Government.

Resources | Age Friendly Communities | University of Waterloo

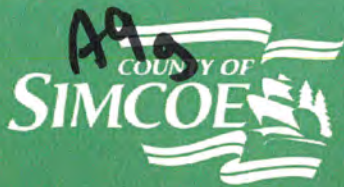
<https://uwaterloo.ca/age-friendly-communities/resources>

Here you will find tools and resources to help guide your community, organization, or business in building an age-friendly community.

Township of Tiny Senior Services - Township of Tiny

<https://www.tiny.ca/recreation-community/senior-services/local-aging-plan>

The Plan outlines **Tiny's** opportunities to enhance senior services and strategies to build an **Age-Friendly** Community. Enjoy lunch, speakers, receive a copy of **Tiny's** Directory of Senior Services, be a part of **Tiny's** Senior of the Year Award Ceremony and learn about local seniors' clubs and senior service providers in North Simcoe.



Simcoe County Age-Friendly Municipal Grant Program

- APPLICATION -



Section 1: Municipal Applicant Information

Date _____ Local Government _____

Completed by _____ Position _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Section 2: Address Information

Number _____ Street _____ Unit/Suite/P.O.Box _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Section 3: Project Information

Select: **Stream 1: AFC Planning/Assessment Process** **Stream 2: Age-friendly project**

Project Title _____

Project Start and end dates: Start _____ End _____

Total Project Costs: _____

Section 4: Focus Area

Please indicate which age-friendly dimensions were the primary focus of the completed project:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Support and Health Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor spaces & buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Participation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication/Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respect & Social Inclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Participation, Volunteerism, employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All dimensions (needs assessment process) | |

Section 5: Project Description

1. Provide a brief description of your project. If your application is successful this wording may be used on the Simcoe.ca/age-friendly website:

2. Describe your project in detail, including your objectives, making sure to address all the specific requirements in the Program & Application Guide:

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3. Who will benefit from your project? (geographic or demographic groups or communities)

4. Describe the engagement of seniors – how are they involved in the project?

5. Project Costs – List Budget details (expenses)

| Budget item | Anticipated Costs (\$) |
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| Total Project Costs | \$ 0.00 |

Budget Explanations (optional)

6. How will you measure performance and track outcome?

7. Describe project partnership/stakeholder information (if applicable)

Section 6: Grant Payment Information

Should your application be successful, this information will be used to make payment through direct deposit.

Organization Name _____

Street Address _____ City/Town _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____

Section 7: Declaration

DECLARATION

The applicant for the Simcoe County Age Friendly Municipal Grant does hereby:

- a. certify that all information contained in this application is true and complete in every respect.
- b. acknowledge that if the applicant knowingly makes a false declaration, the County of Simcoe shall have the right to cancel the approval and recover any paid funds.
- c. acknowledge that if the application is accepted it will not apply to work started or completed prior to final approval.
- d. authorize the County of Simcoe and/or its authorized representatives to contact the individual identified in Section 1, if clarification is necessary.
- e. consent to the collection, use, disclosure, transfer and exchange of information contained in this application for the purposes of verifying the validity and accuracy of the information provided and determining the eligibility of the applicant to receive the Age-Friendly Municipal Grant.

The applicant has read, understood and agrees to the terms and conditions listed above.

Dated this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Insert legal name of applicant

Per: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

I have authority to bind the corporation

Notice of collection, use and disclosure

Personal information is being collected on this form pursuant to Section 107 of the Municipal Act and will be used to determine your eligibility for the Age-Friendly Municipal Grant Program. Questions regarding the collection of this information and how it is used may be directed to the County of Simcoe Age-Friendly Champion, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario L9X 1N6 (705) 726-9300 ext. 3127.