

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

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B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None

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

None.



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Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Corporate Services
Municipal Governance
315 King Street West, P.O. Box 640
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July 5, 2023

Via Email: Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD)

Honourable Rasheed:

**Re: Time for Change
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on June 26, 2023 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

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AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

Canada



August 28, 2023

Colleen Healey-Dowdall
CAO
Township of Essa
chealey@essatownship.on.ca

Dear Mrs. Healey-Dowdall:

We are pleased to announce that the governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1.5 million over two years to help improve the removal, handling, and disposal of deadstock across the province. The Increasing Deadstock Capacity Initiative application intake will be open from September 21, 2023, to February 1, 2024. All approved projects must be completed by February 1, 2025. You can find additional information, including how to apply, on the Agricultural Adaptation Council Website at info@adaptcouncil.org.

This program is being offered through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP). The cost-share funding initiative will help address some of the gaps identified in a Livestock Research Innovation Corporation (LRIC) report released this year and will provide opportunities for the deadstock industry to streamline operations and improve accessibility by increasing capacities and establishing new service standards.

Please note that expenses, where applicable, must meet regulatory requirements, including [Ontario Regulation 105/09](#) under the Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001 (FSQA), and [Ontario Regulation 106/09](#) under the Nutrient Management Act, 2002 (NMA), (or any applicable requirements under the Safe Food for Canadians Act for federally registered plants), and be suitable for use. The undertaking of these activities for cost-share funding may still be subject to regulatory approvals.

Our governments are committed to supporting the agri-food sector and rural communities in Ontario.

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We encourage you to take advantage of this funding opportunity and submit an application. Together, we can ensure that Ontario's agricultural communities can continue to operate sustainably and without interruption.

Sincerely,



Lawrence MacAulay
Minister of Agriculture
and Agri-Food



Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Agriculture, Food
and Rural Affairs

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**Nottawasaga Futures is a community
economic development agency serving the
South Simcoe Area.**



Steering Progress Through Challenges: NCFDC's Economic Contributions to South Simcoe in 2022-2023

During the fiscal year April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023, Nottawasaga Community Futures Community Development Corporation (NCFDC) showed remarkable resilience and adaptability in its commitment to driving community economic development in South Simcoe.

In partnership with municipal, provincial and federal governments and community organizations, NCFDC established strategic projects to provide economic opportunities for residents and businesses. The organization implemented 20 highly successful initiatives, creating and maintaining over 170 jobs, providing over 500 in-depth consulting sessions to over 260 businesses, and offering \$790,628 in loans from our Community Investment Fund to 18 local businesses.

To continue reading please click [here](#)

Becoming a Film-Friendly Vendor in Simcoe County



14 Sept 2023

Simcoe Street Theatre, Collingwood

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Unlock the potential of the film industry
to *grow your business.***

This workshop will empower entrepreneurs and businesses to become film-friendly vendors in Simcoe County.

Learn the knowledge and skills required to engage effectively with film and television productions from industry experts.

Free event!

Register:

filmfriendly.eventbrite.ca



South Georgian Bay Media Association & Nottawasaga Futures Present: "Becoming a Film-Friendly Vendor in Simcoe County" Workshop

On Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 10:00 AM, the Simcoe Street Theatre in Collingwood will be a hub for local businesses as film producer Tom Strnad sheds light on the film production ecosystem for businesses.

The primary focus? Providing local businesses with actionable

A3**Highlights of the Workshop:**

- Comprehensive insights into Ontario's film industry and its local impact.
- Decoding the demand matrix of products and services in the film and television world.
- Strategies and potential pitfalls of integrating as a film industry vendor.
- Delve deep into the film production process.
- Identifying collaborative strategies and potential synergies among local stakeholders.
- A dynamic Q&A session to foster learning and networking.

Who is this for?

From tourism, hospitality and dining establishments to freelancers, property owners, and even local government entities - anyone looking to engage and prosper as a vendor in the film industry should mark their calendars.

EVENT:	Becoming a Film-Friendly Vendor in Simcoe County
Where:	Simcoe Street Theatre 65 Simcoe St Studio 7, Collingwood, ON L9Y 1H7
When:	Thurs, September 14, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Register:	https://filmfriendly.eventbrite.ca

This event is funded through the County of Simcoe's Entrepreneurial Innovation Fund and presented in partnership with Nottawasaga Futures, Town of New Tecumseth, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Town of Innisfil, Small Business Centre of Barrie, Simcoe County and Orillia, Orillia Community Futures South Georgian Bay, South Georgian Bay Media Association and S.N.A.P. Films.

Visit filmfriendly.eventbrite.ca or contact for more information and registration.



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Are you ready to take your marketing and branding to the next level?

This free in-person workshop is designed to provide participants with practical insights, innovative strategies and actionable techniques to enhance your marketing and branding efforts.

Speaker Candice Thomas, the founder of Evergreen Massage Therapy + Wellness Studio will be sharing her marketing and branding knowledge and skills in a fun and interactive workshop.

Learn how to develop and apply your marketing and networking skills to sell yourself and your business! We will explore strategies and tools on personal branding, and networking skills that can help you boost and grow your business presence with a meaningful intention. There will also be a scavenger hunt, and the opportunity to go home with cool prizes!

Get ready to learn, connect and grow!
[Register](#)

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95% of all cyberattacks are directed at **small businesses**

95% of cyberattacks occurring at businesses are due to **human error**

60% of small businesses that experience a data breach **close within 6 months**

Join us for this complimentary lunch event with local cybersecurity firm White Tuque.

Learn how to protect your business and take advantage of government grants for SMBs to be more secure starting today!

LEADERS OF SMALL & MEDIUM BUSINESSES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
12:30PM-1:30PM

IS ANTI-VIRUS ENOUGH? CYBER SECURITY FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Presented by



in partnership with



Nottawasaga Futures

BWG LEISURE CENTRE
UPSTAIRS BOARDROOM (WEST)
471 WEST PARK AVE, BRADFORD

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<https://whitetuque.com/bwg-smb/>

BWG Cyber Security for Business Event

Join us for an interactive presentation on cybersecurity for your business – with lunch included! We’ll also share information about government grants and funding that can offset the costs of your security program and provide employment opportunities for young people.

September 7, 2023 | 12:30pm – 1:30pm
BWG Leisure Centre, Upstairs Boardroom (West) | 471 West Park Ave, Bradford

Presented in partnership with White Tuque, BWG Economic



Sunshine at the Sheldon Creek work party day.

Twenty-five volunteers helped install the remaining recycled cut trees along eroding banks getting hands-on experience of the technique used in bank stabilization.

With plenty of willing hands, all was accomplished by 11:00 leaving time to spare for networking and a mini tour of restoration work accomplished at this NVCA project site to date.

Thank you to our community volunteers who came out in support including Nottawasaga Steelheaders and South Simcoe Streams Committee leads.

Financial Support and Resources

- [Nottawasaga Futures Community Investment Fund](#)
- [#Stand with Owners Contest - Application period closes September 6, 2023](#)
- [Simcoe County CDAP Top Up Grant](#)

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- [Ontario Business Registry](#)
- [Business Benefits Finder](#)
- [Canada Business App](#)
- [Delia: Funding for Women-owned Enterprises](#)
- [Ontario Automotive Modernization Program](#)
- [Southwestern Ontario Development Fund](#)
- [Business advisory services for small & medium-sized businesses](#)
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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

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300, rue Water
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September 1, 2023

Subject: Proposed *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* regulation changes for special projects and well security

Hello,

We are writing today to share information about regulation changes being proposed under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* that would:

- Establish the processes and requirements that would enable projects to test or demonstrate new or innovative activities in Ontario to pursue authorization under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*, including measures to support the protection of people and the environment and provide for local and Indigenous community engagement and consultation, where appropriate, on applications for licences and permits.
- Remove well security exemptions and caps, going forward, for all wells under this Act, when
 - wells are newly drilled, deepened or converted to another use, or
 - a well licence is transferred.
- Increase security caps when companies amalgamate (i.e., no longer allow for security to be refunded to operators on the basis of a security cap when companies amalgamate).

If approved, the proposed changes would come into effect on January 1, 2024.

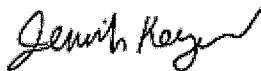
If approved, the proposed changes to well security exemptions and caps would also apply to operators who make requests for transfers, new well licences, conversions, deepening, or consents to adjust security due to amalgamations, that are received by the ministry after the date these proposed changes were posted to the environmental and regulatory registries.

More details on the proposed changes can be viewed in the proposal notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-7507>. Feedback on the proposed changes can be provided directly to the ministry or through the environmental registry.

The decision notice for changes to the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* to support the regulation of special projects and to enhance measures to safeguard people and the environment that were proposed last spring through *Bill 91, Less Red Tape, Stronger Economy Act, 2023* (<https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-43/session-1/bill-91>) has now been posted and can be viewed here: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6752>.

If you would like more information or have any questions about the proposed changes, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: Resources.Development@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Keyes
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch

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Municipal Affairs
and Housing**

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234-2023-4434

September 6, 2023

Dear Clerks, CAOs, and Conservation Authority Administrators:

Re: Proposal to return lands in Ajax to the Greenbelt

In December 2022, to accommodate Ontario's unprecedented growth by supporting the building of more homes, our government removed or redesignated 15 areas of land totaling approximately 7,400 acres from the edge of the Greenbelt Area. At the same time, a portion of the Paris Galt Moraine was added to the Greenbelt, along with 13 Urban River Valleys, totalling 9,400 acres, for an overall expansion of approximately 2000 acres.

The government was clear that owners of the lands removed from the Greenbelt would be expected to develop detailed plans to build housing with landowners also being responsible for paying for the full cost of housing-enabling and community-building infrastructure. It is the government's expectation that significant progress on approvals and implementation be achieved by the end of 2023.

It has come to the government's attention that the discussions surrounding the development of the lands removed from the Greenbelt located at 765 and 775 Kingston Road East in the Town of Ajax were at an early stage, and that a 104-acre parcel within the lands was recently listed for sale. These actions run counter to the government's objective of building homes quickly. The government is now seeking feedback on a proposal to return these lands, amounting to approximately 133 acres, to the Greenbelt Area through an amendment to the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation ([O. Reg. 59/05](#)) and an amendment to the Greenbelt Plan.

Further information on the proposal to amend the Greenbelt Plan and Greenbelt Area boundary regulation, can be found at:

- [ERO #019-7561 – Proposal to return lands to the Greenbelt \(Amendment to the Greenbelt Plan\)](#)
- [ERO #019-7562 – Proposal to return lands to the Greenbelt \(Amendment to Greenbelt Boundary Regulation O. Reg. 59/05\)](#)

Information and mapping on the 2022 decision to amend the Greenbelt Plan can be found here:

- [ERO #019-6216 - Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan](#)
- [Greenbelt Maps](#)

The comment period on the Environmental Registry of Ontario is open for 45 days and will close on October 20, 2023. I look forward to receiving your input on this proposal.

In the meantime, my ministry is working to prepare a review of the Greenbelt to ensure that it is appropriately accommodating Ontario's significant growth, as is mandated in provincial legislation. This review will be informed by the recommendations of the Auditor General's report

and will include an evaluation of the remaining properties that were removed from the Greenbelt late last year.

As ministry officials design and launch this review, the non-partisan Provincial Land and Development Facilitator will continue to work with proponents of the remaining sites to ensure that progress on these lands continues, including the obligation to provide community benefits such as parks, community centres, schools and hospitals. This work will be an important input into the mandated review into the Greenbelt, as will meaningful consultation with municipalities, Indigenous communities and regular people living in these areas who deal with the negative impacts of the housing supply crisis the most. The properties that were removed from the Greenbelt will have to stand on their own merits: If the review finds these properties cannot support the government's objective of building homes quickly, they will be returned to the Greenbelt.

We have been clear that progress on these sites must meet the government's expectations. If planning and approvals have not significantly progressed by the end of this year and if shovels are not in the ground by 2025, the government will return these lands to the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Calandra', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Hon. Paul Calandra

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing,
Planning and Growth Division

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612-10

September 6, 2023

To All OPP-policed Municipalities

Re: Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities

In June 2022, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) centralized the police record check process by transferring the responsibility for the process from detachment staff to an Online Police Record Check Unit (OPRCU). The centralization of the police record check process eliminates the need for detachment staff to perform duties associated with the police record checks, with the exception of fingerprinting. This OPRCU has been staffed by reinvesting numerous administrative detachment positions from across the province. The change in staffing at OPP detachment locations will be captured in the overall municipal policing cost-recovery in accordance with the terms set out in *Police Services Act*, Ontario Regulation 267/14.

Historically, the revenue generated from detachment staff completing record checks for municipal residents has been credited back to the applicable municipalities. With the reassignment of the police record check workload to the OPRCU, there will be a gradual reduction of the revenue provided to municipalities, except for the revenue for fingerprinting. Fingerprinting remains a detachment responsibility and, therefore, the revenue for conducting fingerprint services at the detachments will continue to be allocated to municipalities. The gradual reduction of police record check revenue (not related to fingerprinting) will be accompanied by the introduction of some cost savings for municipalities resulting from the impact of reinvesting some detachment positions into the OPRCU. This will provide municipalities with an extended period of time to make appropriate adjustments to any impacted financial plans.

OPP-policed municipalities will continue to receive police record check revenue in 2023 and 2024. Commencing in 2025, the revenue will be reduced by 25% per year. In 2028, OPP-policed municipalities will cease to receive police record check revenue associated with police record checks processed by the OPRCU. Municipalities will continue to receive revenue for fingerprinting services provided at the detachment.

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The OPP will continue to deliver adequate and effective policing services while focusing on meeting the municipalities' unique policing needs.

Should you have any questions, please email the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau Financial Services Unit at OPP.Financial.Services.Unit@opp.ca.

Respectfully,



Phil Whitton Superintendent
Commander,
Municipal Policing Bureau

cc OPP Deputy Commissioner Chris Harkins
OPP Provincial Commander Mary Silverthorn
A/Inspector Kirsten Buligan, Community Safety Services
OPP Detachment Commanders

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**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
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Email: bdunk@grimsby.ca

September 8, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON, K1A

Attention: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 5, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded by: Councillor Freake

Whereas the Canadian livable wage for Niagara Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 below the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in Grimsby as of August 2023 is now \$2000 a month; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In Niagara west, rent is approximately 272% of Ontario Works, 145% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 75% of minimum wage full-time, and 150% of minimum wage part time; and

Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

Whereas there are no housing units under Niagara Regional Housing for single adults or families with dependents, including 2,3,4 or five bedrooms in our community; and

Whereas the Grimsby Benevolent Fund reported that in 2022:

- 70+ households received monthly rental supplement totaling \$237,744
- \$79,500 was invested into one time emergency housing support as of June 7, 2023
- 78 households are receiving monthly financial benefits to make rental housing more affordable; and

Whereas food inflation was 8.3% and groceries rose by 9.1%; and

Whereas the Grimsby Food Bank numbers from June 2023 reported:

- 19 new households
- 447 served households
- 1055 served individuals
- 7 emergency visits; and

Whereas the Grimsby Economic Strategic Plan identified the general high cost of living and housing affordability as primary obstacles in our workforce attraction.

Therefore be it resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result.

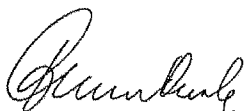
Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby encourage these same municipalities to join us in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.

Be it further resolved the Town of Grimsby Clerks Department circulates this resolution to Niagara West MP Dean Allison and Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff, requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby, through its Finance and Human Resources departments, undertake a comprehensive assessment to explore the feasibility and implementation of a living wage policy for all Town of Grimsby employees, with the aim of ensuring that all municipal workers receive fair compensation that aligns with the principles of a living wage and that staff be directed to explore becoming a living wage employer.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West

Aug-23

Current

Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	18	194	\$1,202,500.00	\$30,648,329.00	\$22,952.00	\$397,202.44
Commercial	2	10	\$31,500.00	\$14,366,600.00	\$1,200.00	\$31,719.92
Industrial	1	5	\$2,000,000.00	\$4,730,000.00	\$22,150.00	\$57,875.63
Institutional	1	17	\$10,000.00	\$348,000.00	\$150.00	\$6,951.78
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural		6		\$2,575,000.00		\$39,160.21
TOTAL	22	232	\$3,244,000.00	\$ 52,667,929.00	\$46,452.00	\$ 532,909.98

Y.O.Y.	27	170	\$1,930,101.00	\$ 55,175,271.00	\$31,423.79	\$ 151,997.15	250.61%
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

Dwelling Units Created

Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	0	56		\$17,176,600.00
Mult Res Bldgs	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg	0	0	\$ -	\$90,577.00
TOTAL	0	56	\$0.00	\$17,267,177.00

Reviewed by CBO Pedro Granes

Y.O.Y.	5	25	\$ 1,415,000.00	\$ 12,247,174.00
	-100.00%	124.00%	-100.00%	40.99%

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Advisory

County of Simcoe, Office of the Warden and CAO
1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario L9X 1N6
simcoe.ca

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Enjoy a guided tour and discover the Simcoe County Forest

Midhurst/September 11, 2023 – In recognition of both National Forest Week (September 17 to 23) and Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) Forest Week (September 24 to 30), the County of Simcoe is offering free guided hikes in several Simcoe County Forest locations throughout the region. Each hike will be approximately 1.5 km in length and on a beginner level trail, taking no more than 90 minutes to complete.

These guided hikes will be led by a knowledgeable and experienced County forestry staff member who will provide details on the rich history and current management practises of the Simcoe County Forest. *Participants are reminded to dress according to weather conditions as tours will commence rain or shine, and bring water bottles or additional items in a backpack.*

A complete listing of tours can be found at www.simcoe.ca/forestryguidedtours and include:

Date	Time	Forest Tract	Address
Sunday, September 17	10 a.m.	Sutherland	2573 5 th Line, Oro-Medonte
Sunday, September 17	1 p.m.	Baxter	6596 6 th Line, Essa
Tuesday, September 19	5 p.m.	Slessor	3721 Burnside Line, Severn
Wednesday, September 20	5 p.m.	Martin's Valley/Charlebois	390 Wilson Road, Tiny
Thursday, September 21	5 p.m.	Packard	9398 9 th Line, Essa
Thursday, September 21	5 p.m.	Sutherland	2573 5 th Line, Oro-Medonte
Saturday, September 23	10 a.m.	Packard	9398 9 th Line, Essa
Sunday, September 24	10 a.m.	Hendrie	1350 Nursery Road, Springwater
Tuesday, September 26	5 p.m.	Hendrie	1350 Nursery Road, Springwater
Wednesday, September 28	5 p.m.	Martin's Valley/Charlebois	390 Wilson Road, Tiny
Thursday, September 28	5 p.m.	Baxter	6596 6 th Line, Essa

#NationalForestWeek is led by the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF), celebrating the heritage, value and importance of forest networks to our economy and environment. The CIF named Simcoe County the Forest Capital of Canada for 2022. The County was the first ever two-time winner of this prestigious national award (2022 and 1982), which acknowledges leadership in forestry and environmental stewardship. Learn more about the CIF and their #NationalForestWeek program at www.cif-ifc.org/what-we-do/national-forest-week/.

The Forest Stewardship Council® is an international non-profit organization that promotes the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC Forest Week is an annual campaign designed to raise consumer awareness of FSC and responsible forest management. The County of Simcoe is proud to have maintained FSC certification since 2010 (FSC® C013174).

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Reminder Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Nominations for County of Simcoe Age-Friendly Business Recognition Awards and the Individual Recognition and Achievement Awards nominations accepted until September 30

Midhurst/September 12, 2023 – The County of Simcoe is accepting Age-Friendly Business Recognition Awards applications and the Age-Friendly Individual Recognition and Achievement Award nominations until September 30, 2023. These awards recognize organizations that have taken action to become more accessible to seniors and individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to creating age-friendly communities.

This year, the County will host a ceremony in late fall to recognize all award recipients.

Age-friendly Business Recognition Awards

All businesses, from banks to pharmacies, are encouraged to participate in the Age-Friendly Business Recognition program. Organizations can assess their age-friendliness using our Self-Assessment Checklist within the [business/organization guide](#). Those looking to improve their rating can take advantage of in-person and online [County services and resources](#).

The Age-Friendly Business Recognition Awards reflect the importance of adapting to the increase in seniors within Simcoe County and the County's commitment to recognizing businesses that take action. Businesses that have made progress to improve services for seniors within Simcoe County (including the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia) are invited to submit an [Age-friendly Business Recognition Application Form](#), to be reviewed by a sub-committee.

The Age-Friendly Business Recognition Award winners will be recognized through a County press release, social media and on the County website. They will also receive a certificate, decal for their door and prizes for their staff, including a \$50 Tim Horton's Gift Card.

Age-Friendly Individual Recognition and Achievement Awards

The Age-Friendly Individual Recognition and Achievement Awards recognize an Age-Friendly Champion and an older adult who demonstrate outstanding commitment to creating Age-Friendly communities and enriching the lives of seniors in their community(s). Individuals are invited to submit a nomination form that will be reviewed by a sub-committee. Visit the [Awards page](#) for more details.

The Age-Friendly Individual Recognition and Achievement Award winners will receive recognition through a County press release, social media and on the County website. They will also receive a framed award certificate.

Quotes

"The County is grateful to the thousands of businesses and individuals that continue to support seniors in our communities. The County's Age-friendly Program is one way that we can recognize those people

and companies that go out of their way to make life easier for our senior residents.” – *County of Simcoe Warden Basil Clarke*

“Seniors make up a growing percentage of our population in Simcoe County. Through our Age-friendly Business and Age-friendly Individual Recognition programs, we are assisting businesses with helpful information and resources on how they can better serve people as they age, as well as recognizing the efforts of companies and individuals that have already taken action to support our older adults.” – *Jane Sinclair, General Manger, Health and Emergency Services, Simcoe County*

About the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Community Program

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

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