

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

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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.

Aug-24

Current

Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	27	183	\$5,791,409.00	\$35,056,925.00	\$94,169.52	\$438,466.62
Commercial	1	13	\$2,200.00	\$1,145,560.00	\$300.00	\$14,104.00
Industrial	2	3	\$1,234,000.00	\$5,234,000.00	\$1,686.27	\$11,159.27
Institutional	1	6	\$20,000.00	\$738,600.00	\$300.00	\$3,496.50
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural	3	9	\$40,000.00	\$2,019,000.00	\$1,350.00	\$9,648.80
TOTAL	34	214	\$7,087,609.00	\$ 44,194,085.00	\$97,805.79	\$ 476,875.19

Y.O.Y.	22	232	\$3,244,000.00	\$ 52,667,929.00	\$46,452.00	\$ 532,909.98	-10.51%
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

Dwelling Units Created

Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	12	66	\$5,510,909.00	\$28,530,254.00
Mult Res Bldgs	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg	0	0	\$ -	\$0.00
TOTAL	12	54	\$5,510,909.00	\$28,530,254.00

Reviewed by CBO Pedro Granes

Y.O.Y.	0	56	\$	17,267,177.00
	#DIV/0!	-3.57%	#DIV/0!	65.23%



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MEDIA RELEASE

Family Fun Night fundraiser a huge success for Essa Public Library

**AUGUST 30, 2024
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Essa Public Library was thrilled to welcome hundreds of community members to the annual Family Fun Night event on August 15th presented by Essa Public Library, Township of Essa, and CONTACT Community Services – the turnout is estimated to have surpassed last year’s record-high attendance.

“With the cost of living, people are making difficult choices every day about where their hard-earned funds are going,” said Essa Public Library Chair, Judith Hunter. “The library is a place they don’t have to.”

Thanks to participation from community partners there was plenty to do at this free event, including the Landmark Paint-A-Bus activity, Miya and her Race car, Lucy’s Farm Zoo, parachute play, a fishing pond, and giant games from Essa Public Library. Inflatables were sponsored by CONTACT Community Services and powered by Party Tyme Amusements, and the popular Touch-A-Truck experience got kids up close and personal with an Essa Fire Department fire truck, Essa Public Works plows and graters and military vehicles from Base Borden Military Museum.

“We strive to connect with our community beyond current library members,” said Essa Public Library CEO, Laura Wark, who noted thirteen new family memberships were created during Family Fun Night. “It was wonderful to see familiar faces as well as new ones and introduce people to our library resources through this celebratory event.”

On this hot afternoon, participants were able to hydrate thanks to water provided by Justin and Stacey’s No Frills in Angus, and freezies generously donated by Zehrs Alliston.

Starbucks Angus offered complimentary beverages and treats and accepted donations in support of the library. As the library’s largest annual fundraiser, the \$720 raised will support much-needed programs and services at both branches.

“Library staff members Holly Elliott, Ariana Ontaneda and Madelaine Russell worked super hard to gather the moving pieces for this event, and we are grateful to the community partners who helped make it happen,” said Wark “Family Fun Night is an opportunity to joyfully connect residents with the many services available at the library and beyond.”

Essa Public Library thanks event partners, Township of Essa (including Essa Parks & Recreation Department, Essa Public Works, and Essa Fire Department) and CONTACT Community Services, and extends sincere thanks to all of the sponsors who made the event possible: Base Borden Military Museum, Justin and Stacey’s No Frills, Landmark Bus Lines, Lucy’s Farm Zoo, Miya and her Race car, Party Tyme Amusements, Starbucks Angus, and Zehrs Alliston.

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Special thank you to the volunteers and Township of Essa Parks & Recreation Department and Township of Essa Public Works staff for helping at the event, and to the Township of Essa Council members for presenting the library with a congratulatory certificate of thanks!

For photos of the event, visit @EssaPublicLibrary on Facebook and Instagram.

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About Essa Public Library:

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

Welcoming spaces at the Angus and Thornton locations include a wide collection of items to borrow, from board games to kitchen appliances to seeds. Essa Public Library currently serves a population of more than 20,000, including residents of Essa Township and Base Borden. Through reciprocal borrowing agreements, Essa Public Library may also serve residents of Clearview, Innisfil, New Tecumseth, Penetanguishene, Ramara, Severn, Springwater, Tay, and Wasaga. Adjala-Tosorontio township also contracts library services for their residents.

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

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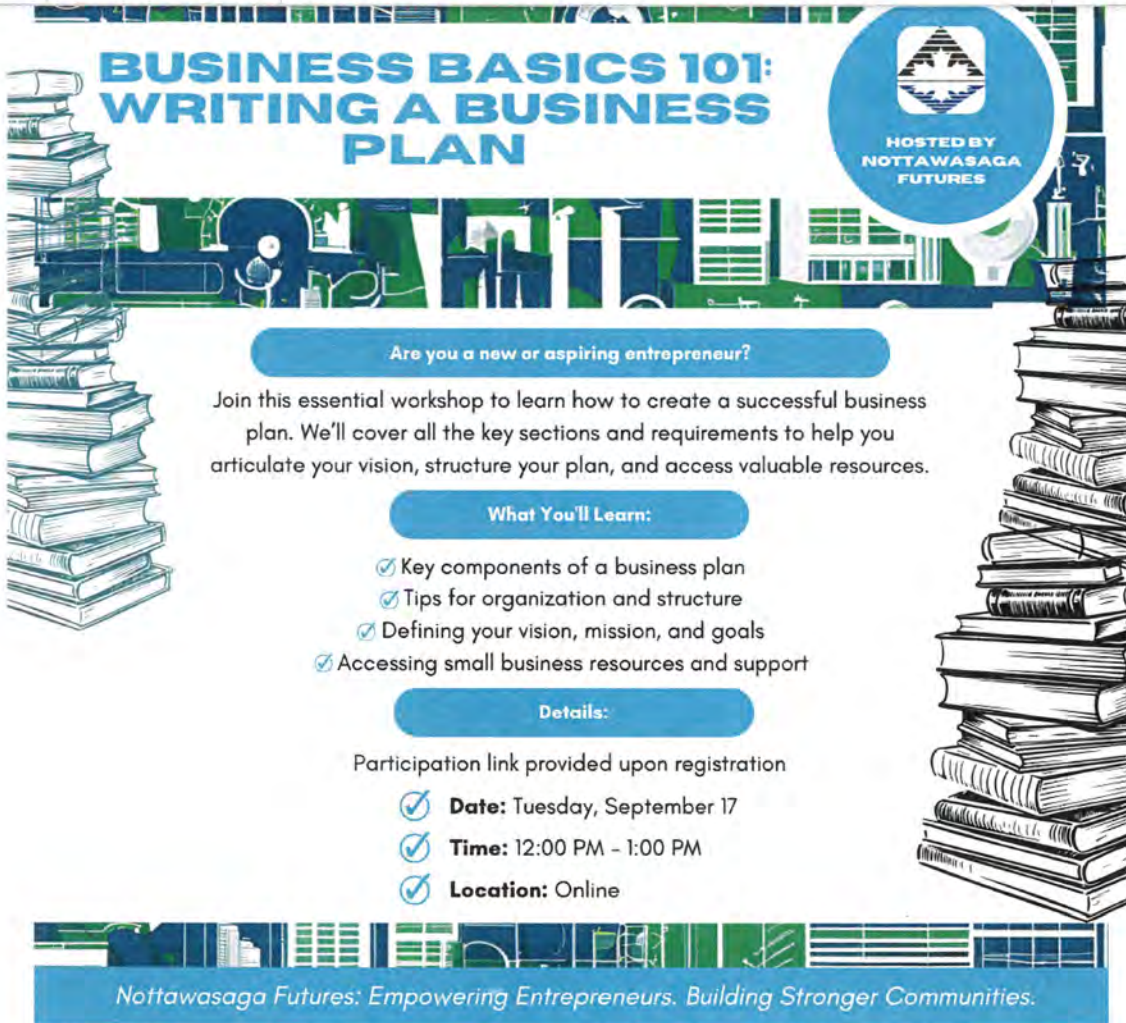
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- ✓ **Location:** Online

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The Town of New Tecumseth invites you to join them for their Week of Welcome event being held on September 19, 2024.

Week of Welcome (WOW) activities focus on economic, social, cultural, and political integration of Newcomers in Simcoe County by liaising with the local municipal partners, settlement service provider organizations, ethno-cultural groups, and vendors.

In addition to job finding, social connections, and community resources, WOW events include an opportunity to participate and learn about Indigenous learning and history in Canada. Drop in to learn more about your community, municipal services and opportunities at the Town of New Tecumseth's WOW event being held at the Town Hall, 24 Tupper St. W., Alliston on September 19 from 6-8 PM.



Plan C Filming in Bradford August 2024

Scott Cavalheiro directs filming of 'Plan C' at the Sun Simcoe Marina just outside Bradford on Aug. 15.

Photo Michael Owen/BradfordToday

Unbeknownst to most residents, Bradford may have just been the scene of daring heist — but the sort that calls more for popcorn than police.

Known for starring in the film *Christmas with a View* and the digital series *TRIGGERED*, as well as roles on *Good Witch*, *The Indian Detective* and even *Schitt's Creek*, actor and Bradford native Scott Cavalheiro along with cast and crew, were in town this week filming the crime thriller *Plan C*, which is Cavalheiro's directorial debut on a feature film.

The film follows siblings Clare and Danny who find themselves fugitives after a heist gone wrong, sending them on the journey of a lifetime.

"That robbery will at some point save their lives, so they're on the run against a ticking clock to make that happen," Cavalheiro said.

When asked why he chose to film about one-third of the scenes in Bradford, the director quickly shows his hometown pride, by exclaiming that he was "born and raised" here.

In order to portray a lakeside border town, he already had in mind certain locations, including the Sun Simcoe Marina on Toll Road and the 'Four Corners' in the historic downtown — both of which were used to film scenes.

Filming in Bradford is something Cavalheiro recalled doing many times in his youth, creating films for school projects or with friends just for fun, sometimes in areas near his childhood home off Northgate Drive

humbling,” he said. “It’s a dream to be able to come back to your home town and do the thing that you always wanted to do.”

While he said it would take all day for him to relate all of his best memories of Bradford, Cavalheiro noted that it was a combination of support from friends, family and teachers that gave him the motivation to join the arts after graduating from Holy Trinity Catholic High School in the mid 2000s.

Currently living in Toronto, Cavalheiro said he still visits family in town and each time he does, he’s “pleasantly surprised” by how the town has “grown and matured” since he lived here.

Unfortunately, a very busy filming schedule means he’s unsure if he will have the time or energy to enjoy Carrot Fest this weekend, but he emphasized the importance of being able to share the town with his wife Claire Cavalheiro, who is both the leading actress and also co-producer with Scott.

“It’s even more of an enjoyable experience because I get to do it with my wife, because not a lot of people get to live, work and have a family with their partners,” he said. “It’s really nice to spend some more time here and do that with her.”

Scott has been an actor for about 15 years and said much of that time was spent with Claire as the couple helped each other with auditions and preparations, and he expected *Plan C* to offer a similar experience.

“But it’s completely different. We’re super involved, super hands on and far more creative,” he said.

The actor’s transition into the director’s role started during the COVID-19 pandemic, when like many people, shutdowns led him to go back to school, completing the master’s level program for writing at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Adding that on top of his professional experience acting and his editing experience from making films in his youth, it gave him the confidence to naturally progress to become a director.

“I’d always had the idea that I wanted to do it,” he said. “It just sort of made sense to segue into story telling on a large size or spectrum.” While Scott had already directed a couple shorts, his first opportunity to direct a feature film came as a creative solution to a near industry-wide problem.

He recalled last year he and Claire were working on a film they wrote together, when the SAG-AFTRA and Writers Guild of America strikes hit, causing them to lose their star among other issues.

With that project shelved for the time being the couple started thinking about what else they could do, and Scott said he suggested *Plan C*, but wasn’t sure who they could get to direct it.

“Claire just pointed at me and she said ‘You’re doing it,’” he said.

While initially intimidated to direct such a large project, Scott said it’s been an “incredible experience,” in which he’s “learning so much everyday.”

He described the experience as “really good,” and noted that the town has been “super helpful,” in addition to having other resources like good spaces to house crew and great locations.

“If I can make something work, if something feels right, I absolutely would do it again,” he said.

It’s unknown exactly how long it will take to complete the film, but Scott is aiming to have it ready for submissions to the 2025 film festival season, meaning it could be screened at the Cannes Film Festival, Sundance Film Festival, South by Southwest, and hopefully closer to home at the Toronto International Film Festival.

For more information about Scott Cavalheiro and the story of how he almost became a neuroscientist instead of an actor, visit scottcavalheiro.com.

About the Author: Michael Owen

Michael Owen has worked in news since 2009 and most recently joined Village Media in 2023 as a general assignment reporter for BradfordToday.

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At



August 28, 2024

The Honorable Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
Unit 2.04/2.05 230 Manitoba St.
Bracebridge, ON P1L 2E1

Sent by Email

Dear: Graydon Smith

RE: Province Removes Wetlands Protection for Eastern Ontario

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on August 13th, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-08-11

MOVED BY: Wayne Baker
SECONDED BY: Angela Pierman

“THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township urge the Provincial Government to reopen the wetlands regulation consultation for the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) to:

- allow Tay Valley’s wetlands to receive the same protections as wetlands in the other 29 Conservation Districts in Ontario; and
- ensure Tay Valley’s \$1.3 Billion Tax Assessment is protected from degradation.

THAT, landowners be compensated by the Province when wetlands are designated on their property,

AND THAT, this resolution and a copy of Report #PD-2024-10 – Province Removes Wetlands Protection for Eastern Ontario, be provided to the Minister of Natural Resources, to area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and to all Ontario Municipalities.”

ADOPTED

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A detailed report is included.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron Watt".

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith,
John Jordan, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston,
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA),
and to all Ontario Municipalities

/Enclosure

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August 30, 2024

Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held August 27, 2024 adopted the following:

12.2.4 Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians, need respectful discourse; and

WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of abuse and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of Council members' behaviour; and

WHEREAS legislation would hold both accountable and protect all municipal offices; and

WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct and support appropriate accountability when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS the fundamental underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption the workplace is safe; and

WHEREAS government legislation would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies, establish a process for removing individuals in substantiated cases of egregious violence or harassment, as well as

prevent officials whose seats have been vacated for such reasons from seeking immediate or subsequent re-election; and

WHEREAS the aforementioned elements are consistent with previously developed legislation, as well as current legislation tabled (Bill 207, Municipal Accountability and Integrity Act, 2024).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

A. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Municipal Administrators Association (OMAA), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and more than 207 municipalities, for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and

B. THAT the legislation encompasses:

- i. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
- ii. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
- iii. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
- iv. Amending the Municipal Act, 2001 to require the establishment of a Board of Integrity Commissioners;
- v. Amending both, the Municipal Act, 2001, and the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow a Commissioner of the Board of Integrity Commissioners to make an application for judicial review to vacate a member's seat and impose prescribed penalties if the Commissioner is of the opinion that the member has made certain contraventions of the Code of Conduct;
- vi. Adding provisions to both Acts to allow the Commissioner to seek confirmation of certain determinations from a judge of the Superior Court;
- vii. Introducing provisions to prohibit a member who has been removed from office from running in the election for the remainder of the term and the subsequent term; and

C. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Attorney General, Doug Downey; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's

Social and Economic Opportunity; Will Bouma, Member of Provincial Parliament; Larry Brock, Member of Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and Ontario municipalities.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra
Attorney General, Doug Downey
Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity
Will Bouma, Member of Provincial Parliament
Larry Brock, Member of Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario municipalities

Sarah Corbett

Subject:

FW: AMO Policy Update - Energy Procurements, AMO Community and Supportive Housing Event



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Policy



AMO Policy Update – Energy Procurements, AMO Community and Supportive Housing Event

Ontario Launches Next Round of Energy Procurements

On August 28, 2024, the province announced the next round of long-term energy procurements (called “LT2”) under which Ontario will see 5,000 megawatts of additional energy added to the electrical grid – crucial to power houses and businesses as our province grows. AMO President Robin Jones attended [the announcement](#), thanking the province for investing in clean, reliable, and affordable energy.

The ministry [has asked](#) the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to report back on the design of the LT2 procurement by September 20, 2024, and to include the following considerations:

- Only moving forward with projects where municipalities have indicated they are willing hosts through a municipal support resolution
- Adopting a technology-agnostic approach that includes all types of generation and storage, including natural gas
- Incentivizing projects in Northern Ontario and those that avoid prime agricultural lands
- Creating a plan to “unlock Crown lands” for renewable energy
- Finalizing the completion of LT2 procurements by February 28, 2026

This approach [responds](#) to AMO [advocacy](#) regarding the need to protect agricultural lands by: 1) banning ground-mounted solar projects in specialty crop areas and 2) requiring companies proposing projects on prime farmland to

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prepare and secure municipal approval on an agricultural impact assessment (AIA).

AMO has been working with municipalities, IESO and the province to ensure that the lessons learned from previous long-term energy procurements are incorporated into LT2 and future procurement processes. AMO is working with IESO and the Ministry of Energy to put new supports in place for municipal governments to help them make informed energy decisions that benefit their communities. AMO is urging the IESO and the Ministry to put new supports are in place by winter 2025 to maximize their usefulness to municipalities.

As energy partners pursue new projects, clear provincial guidelines and municipal-specific resources are essential to enable municipalities to play their leadership role in shaping the future of energy in Ontario.

AMO Knowledge Exchange on Community and Supportive Housing – Program Now Available

October 1-2, 2024

AMO is excited to convene elected officials, municipal staff, federal and provincial representatives, academics, Indigenous partners, and other sector partners for networking, knowledge sharing, and collaboration on how we can collectively advance community and supportive housing solutions in communities across Ontario. The event will showcase what municipalities are and could be doing to find solutions to the housing and homelessness challenges in our communities, including innovative financing solutions, how to engage with community members to overcome NIMBYism, and other tangible take-aways.

Register today and look forward to discussions on the following topics and others:

- How municipal governments are using solutions across the housing spectrum to address homelessness
- Innovative approaches to funding and financing community and social housing outside the traditional government grant and loan programs
- How to leverage municipal tools to encourage and enable affordable housing development in your community
- Overcoming barriers, including NIMBYism, to expand supportive housing

Please see the AMO [website](#) for the full program, location information, and to register.

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NVCA August 2024 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: September 27, 2024, held in person

For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit [NVCA's website](#).

Regulations Mapping Update

On April 1, 2024, Ontario Regulation 41/24 (Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits) and Part VI of the Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act) came into effect.

NVCA is currently updating its regulation mapping with the focus on using the 2017 shoreline hazard studies produced by Shoreplan Engineering, updated wetland mapping, available flood hazard studies and updated slope hazard identification.

Stakeholder engagement is required prior to finalization of the draft mapping. The stakeholder engagement process includes:

1. Circulation to municipalities for input (summer 2024);
2. Notifying other key stakeholders and the public and a public information session (early fall 2024);
3. Presenting the final mapping, summary of the stakeholder engagement and an overview of the mapping update process to the Board for approval (late fall 2024/early winter 2025).

Permits Approvals under the CA Act

NVCA Regulations staff provided a summary of the permits issued during the period of November 27, 2023 to July 23, 2024.

Due to the enactment of Ontario Regulation 41/24 and sections of the CA Act on April 1, 2024, this report highlighted two different timelines.

Any application that was received prior to April 1, 2024 was reported under the previous Provincial timelines. Applications received after

April 1, 2024 will be reported in accordance with the new timelines.

A total of 334 permits and clearances were approved by staff for the time period between November 27, 2023 to July 23, 2024.

Between November 27, 2023 to March 31, 2024, NVCA staff met prescribed timelines 92% of the time.

Since April 1, 2024, NVCA staff met timelines 100% of the time when issuing permits, and 99% when providing written notification status within prescribed timelines with only one applicant receiving a late notice.

Engineering Review Process Observations, Insights, and Opportunities for Improvement

NVCA's Engineering Review Process is one of the processes that make up the broader NVCA Municipal Plan Input and Review, and Plan Review Not Related to Natural Hazards service areas.

Development Planning & Permits staff evaluate which planning and permit submissions require engineering review. Through a pre-screening process, planning and permits determine what additional technical studies are required as part of a complete application.

Between 2022 and 2024, over 5,500 applications and inquiries were received by planning and permits staff. Although staffing improvements have been made to the Planning and Engineering teams over the past 1-2 years, the Engineering Review Process is presenting a bottleneck that is limiting the overall efficiency of the broader review process.

Through a workshop designed to identify and gain insights into the Engineering Review

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Process, the Engineering team found that the rate that files are being assigned to the engineering team exceeds the team's ability to review new assignments while also addressing existing files and emerging urgent/priority reviews. Until this bottleneck is addressed, the value of the investments made by NVCA to improve the broader review process will not be fully realized.

NVCA's Manager of Engineering Services presented a summary of key observations, insights and opportunities for improving the Engineering Review Process. These improvements are especially important given expectations to meet or exceed review timelines on high profile projects such as the \$15 billion Honda Plant expansion in New Tecumseth, Grain Terminals redevelopment in Collingwood, and proposed K-12 school in Wasaga Beach.

Immediate priorities for improvement include the addition of a full-time Engineering Technologist (CET) on a 1-year contract plus another full-time permanent Flood Operations Specialist.

Meeting staffing requirements is an essential component in contributing to the successful implementation of most other opportunities noted in the table and to the broader success of the service areas identified.

2025 Asset Management Plan

The Board approved NVCA's updated Asset Management Plan.

This plan guides the purchase, use, maintenance, and disposal of every asset NVCA needs in order to conduct business and reduce the NVCA's liability. It also defines the use of assets in order to streamline productivity and delivery with minimal loss of capital.

Second Quarter Financials

In the first six months of operations of NVCA, expenditures to date are tracking slightly lower than anticipated, totalling to 43.67% of the budgeted expenses (50% of budget year completed). Revenues are also tracking a bit behind, with 44.24% of the budgeted revenues recognized. This includes the first 6 months of the general municipal levy of \$1,586,950.

Preliminary Budget Guidance

The NVCA Board of Directors approved the preliminary budget guidelines to increase municipal levy by \$400,000, \$368,250 in Category 1 and \$31,750 in Category 3. Municipal general levy, not including Asset Levy, currently stands at \$3,185,300 for 2024.

Staff are anticipating an increase of \$450,000 of uncontrollable costs and \$200,000 for two additional positions. After review, staff will be able to deal with close to 40% of the \$650,000 need.

Based on this approval, staff will prepare a draft budget for Board consideration for the September Board Meeting. The final budget to Board for approval at the December meeting.

Upcoming Events

TD Tree Days

Thanks to funding from the TD Tree Days program, the Stewardship Team will be hosting potted stock plantings.

Date: September 7, 2024

Location: 80 Crompton Drive, City of Barrie

TD Tree Days

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Date: September 21, 2024

Location: Whitetail Refuge Nature Reserve, 754415 Mono Centre Road, Mono Centre

Festival at Fort Willow

Experience Simcoe as it was in the 1800s as it was at the Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area

Date: October 5, 2024

Location: Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area, 2714 Grenfel Road, Springwater Township

TD Tree Days

Thanks to funding from the TD Tree Days program, the Stewardship Team will be hosting potted stock plantings.

Date: October 19, 2024

Location: Creemore - Ganaraska Trail, 2186 S Nottawasaga Concession 6, Creemore, ON, L0M 1G0



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County of Simcoe launches Rental Market Aggregator Dashboard tool

Midhurst/August 29, 2024 – The County of Simcoe has launched a Rental Market Aggregator Dashboard, a powerful new tool designed to provide real-time insights into the rental market across all communities in the region. This dashboard will allow residents across Simcoe County to discover meaningful trends in the rental market to best inform themselves when making critical decisions.

“The launch of the Rental Market Aggregator Dashboard marks another significant milestone for Simcoe County,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “This innovative tool empowers our residents with real-time, comprehensive insights into the rental market, bridging critical data gaps, especially in our rural communities. This initiative not only enhances transparency within the rental market, but it also supports the overall economic well-being of our entire region.”

Developed in partnership with the Rural Ontario Institute, the dashboard aggregates rental advertisement data, offering up-to-date information on asking prices for one-, two-, and three-bedroom units. This initiative helps fill a critical data gap, especially in rural areas in Simcoe County where traditional sources like the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) may not provide as detailed information.

Some of the key features of the dashboard include offering real-time data, historical trends, and market affordability. Users of the dashboard can receive a current, comprehensive picture of the rental market, track how rental prices have evolved over time to get a better understanding of price fluctuations, and gain insights into the affordability of rental units across different communities.

The data collected is aggregated from various rental advertisements across multiple platforms. This is done in collaboration with the Rural Ontario Institute. This provides asking rents across the County but does not indicate affordability for residents who are already in the rental system. This will enable newcomers, students and others to better assess rental prices in our communities, and to allow landlords to price units commensurate with other offerings.

If you have any questions or concerns about the specifics of the dashboard, please connect with the Social and Community, BI & Policy unit at BI_Team@simcoe.ca.

The dashboard itself is now live and can be accessed at <https://open.simcoe.ca/>

About the County of Simcoe

The County of Simcoe is composed of 16 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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FW: County Council Highlights - Meeting Held September 10, 2024



Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. This edition of Council Highlights is abbreviated as the previous meeting on August 13, 2024 was a joint County Council and Committee of the Whole meeting. However, on September 10, 2024 County Council discussed a recommendation from its Governance Committee as outlined below.

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

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County Governance Discussion

County Council reviewed a recommendation from the County's Governance Committee (held August 27, 2024) that recommended a change in the size of County Council and move to an appointed, full-time County Warden.

Majority of County Council voted to refer the item back to the County's Governance Committee for more information before further discussion and voting. Timing of these meetings and the report back to County Council will be determined in the coming weeks.

The full report from the Governance Committee, including the Head of Council and Council Composition Options can be found [here](#).

County Council Agenda - September 10, 2024