

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
CONSENT AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

**A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

- p. 1 1. Essa Public Library Report – December 2023.
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- p. 28 11. Correspondence from the Ministry of Infrastructure dated January 26, 2024, re: Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund – Application and Presentation.
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- p. 51 14. Correspondence from the NVCA:
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Continuation of School Resource Officer Program in Simcoe County Schools.  
c) January 16, 2024 – Release – Commemorate Black History Month Through  
Simcoe County Museum’s Virtual Lecture Series.

**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.

DECEMBER 2023

# Essa Public Library

## REPORT



Happy New Year from your Essa Public Library team!

“ Looking forward to many more years of memories as we grow in this community and continue to thrive at the library.

- Patron comment



Report prepared by: Emily Nakeff

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## CIRCULATION DATA

Digital resource of the month



**831**

issues opened by

**22**

users

Increase of 19 issue opens from previous month

**67**

**NEW MEMBERS**

ANGUS: 62

THORNTON: 5

YTD: 1,143



Our Holiday Food Drive was a huge success, thanks in part to a news article in BarrieToday.com which helped spread the word.

Teen Social volunteers helped deliver items to the Angus Food Bank.

“I like helping people. It makes me feel better about myself.”  
 -McKenna (grade 9)



### Angus Food Bank in crisis: Need is up, but donations are down

'People can't afford to give to charities as much as they have in the past and we're seeing it almost daily,' says official

ANGUS

**5,615**

70,097 YTD

IN-HOUSE USE

**326**

3,366 YTD

THORNTON

**776**

12,640 YTD

IN-HOUSE USE

**102**

839 YTD

INTERLIBRARY LOANS

**60**

Items borrowed from other libraries

**23**

Items sent to other libraries

**2**

“ This is so different from our library growing up.

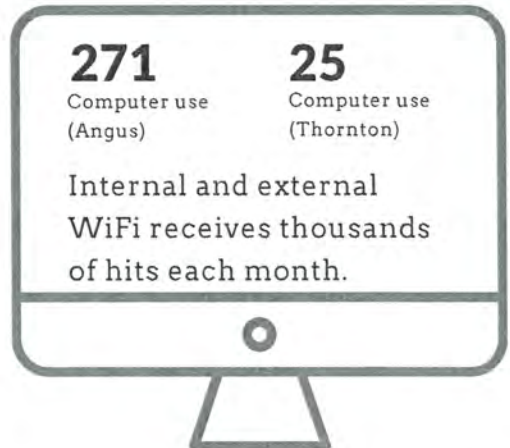
**271**

Computer use (Angus)

**25**

Computer use (Thornton)

Internal and external WiFi receives thousands of hits each month.



# PROGRAMS

“ Libraries are the place to be.



Ruby signed up for her first library card.

306 people participated in 24 kids programs

**Kids program highlights:**

- Parachute Play at the Angus Arena - 38
- PJ Storytime - 25
- Family Movie - 17
- Winter Break Drop-in Activities - 46

“ I'm so glad I came into the library today, I'm learning so much.

10 people attended  
4 Teen Social events

103 people participated in  
13 adult and senior programs

Top **3** adult & senior programs:

- Senior Social - 24
- Book Clubs (Angus & Thornton) - 22
- French Conversation Circle - 18

**1,719** followers  
(8 new since last month)

**771** followers  
(13 new since last month)

**1028** followers  
(-1 from last month)

**684** subscribers  
(22 new since last month)  
6,491 views

People watched **866 hours** of our YouTube content this year.

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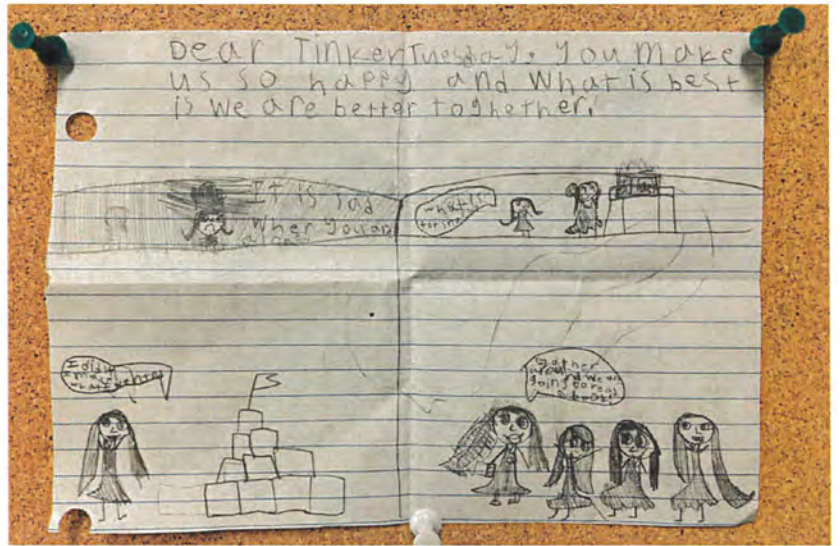
Thank you to everyone who donated to the library's Holiday Food Drive.



Emily and Glenda are planning for an exciting year ahead at the library.



Parachute Play at the Angus Arena.



Happy customers from Tinker Tuesday.





Sarah Corbett

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Subject:

FW: AMO Policy Update - 2024 Pre-Budget Submission



## POLICY UPDATE

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AMO has released its [pre-budget submission](#), calling on the provincial government to sit down with municipalities and work together on a joint review of municipal finance, including a detailed analysis of Ontario's infrastructure investment and service delivery needs.

The full pre-budget submission builds on the ongoing discussions AMO has been leading across the province around the stability and sustainability of municipal finances, including a [presentation](#) on the plenary stage at the 2024 ROMA Conference.

We need *your* help.

Municipal councils are encouraged to support AMO's ongoing advocacy efforts by:

- Highlighting the need for this review when meetings with local MPPs and community members, using key messages included in [AMO's pre-budget backgrounder](#).
- Passing a [council resolution](#) at your next meeting, calling on the province to commit to this review in its upcoming provincial budget
- Sharing your support with local media channels using [our news release template and social media messaging](#)

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# AORS

PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE. PURSUING EXCELLENCE

January 8, 2024

Dear Head of Council, Deputy Head of Council and Councillors,

Your local Public Works department provides invaluable services within your community. Without the dedicated public works employees that you are fortunate to have, many basic functions in your community would not be able to happen. Without maintained roads, your emergency services (police, fire, and ambulance) would not be able to respond to calls, school buses could not run to get children to school, and your residents would not be able to leave to work, school, appointments, children's extra-curriculars and any other activity important to them. Additionally, as you work with the provincial government to tackle the housing crisis, your communities require more core infrastructure to handle the growth. For the health and safety of our communities it is important we keep our Public Works department staff complement full, and well trained.

Public Works departments across the province have already begun to feel the impacts of labour shortages, and as we will begin to see many retirements across the province, the shortage will become even more exasperated. From a recent survey that AORS completed with public works departments from across Ontario, we know that 91.5% of respondents will be hiring entry level positions in the next three to five years. However, we are already seeing the start of the labour shortage. From our survey, we found that 70% of respondents already reported getting less than five applications for entry level positions when posted, and the top three challenges municipalities are currently facing is a lack of applicants, applicants that do apply not meeting the required qualifications and municipalities having to compete with private sector positions.

Over the last year, AORS has been dedicating much of our advocacy to encouraging youth to consider careers in public works through career fairs, local government presentations to students, developing printed resources for guidance counsellors and much more. AORS has also been working closely with Fanshawe College Corporate Training Solutions to develop a Municipal Operator Course that would train potential municipal equipment operators to come to your municipality with the basic knowledge they need to begin maintaining your core infrastructure. This would be the first course of its kind that would attract potential students from across the Province of Ontario. To fund this endeavor, AORS has applied for a Skills Development Fund through the Province's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades. We are reaching out to you for your support in our application and your advocacy to the province on why having more – and qualified – applicants to our public works departments are so imperative.

We would ask that you consider passing the following motion:

*WHEREAS, municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;*

*AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as*

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emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that (INSERT MUNICIPALITY NAME) supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND THAT, (INSERT MUNICIPALITY NAME) calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccini, (INSERT MUNICIPALITY'S NAME)'s Member of Provincial Parliament (INSERT LOCAL MPP NAME) and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors.

We appreciate your on-going support and should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact AORS for all things municipal public works!

Best regards,



John Maheu  
AORS Executive Director



Dennis O'Neil  
AORS Member Services Coordinator



Christie Little  
AORS Training and Programming Coordinator



Kelly Elliott  
AORS Marketing and Communications  
Specialist

## Notice of Motion – Municipal Equipment Operator Course

**WHEREAS**, municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

**AND WHEREAS**, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

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Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 3  
Title: Councillor J. Flieler  
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Moved by J. Flieler  
Seconded by P. Valiquette

WHEREAS the decision to eliminate licence plate renewal fees was made with the intention of easing the financial burden on hardworking Ontario Residents;  
AND WHEREAS while the elimination of renewal fees has provided relief to residents, it has simultaneously deprived our Ontario infrastructure of vital funding, exacerbating the pressing issues we face;  
AND WHEREAS the burden placed on our four hundred and forty-four Ontario municipalities is escalating, pushing them further into debt as they struggle to address critical infrastructure needs without the necessary financial support;  
AND WHEREAS the elimination of these fees has resulted in the removal of over six billion dollars over six years, funds urgently needed for our failing Ontario infrastructure;  
AND WHEREAS the burden on all four hundred and forty-four Ontario municipalities is pushing them further into debt;  
AND WHEREAS reinstating licence plate renewal stickers (fees) and distributing the collected monies to all Ontario municipalities would significantly benefit the urgently required infrastructure upgrades and replacements;  
AND WHEREAS redistributed licence plate renewal sticker fees divided equally among all four hundred and forty-four Municipalities would total \$2,252,252.25 every year for each Municipality;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we request that the Licence Plate Renewal system be reinstated to allocate these six billion lost infrastructure dollars where they rightfully belong;  
AND FURTHER, we propose that all monies collected through the reinstated Licence Plate Renewal system be used in the best interests of all Ontarian's for infrastructure improvements, ensuring long-term prosperity and safety of our communities;  
AND FURTHER, we trust that the Provincial Government will carefully consider this proposal and take the necessary steps to address the critical infrastructure needs that our Municipality currently faces.

Carried

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Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
[minister.mto@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mto@ontario.ca)

January 15, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria  
Minister of Transportation

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria:

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council for the Town of Mono passed the following resolution declaring a **Road Safety Emergency**, calling on the province to take action to address traffic safety through measures including public education, increased Highway Traffic Act fines and expanded use of Automated Speed Enforcement.

Resolution #4-1-2024

*Moved by Elaine Capes, Seconded by Melinda Davie*

**WHEREAS** road safety is of continuing and increasing concern to Ontarians;

**AND WHEREAS**, the number of traffic collisions, injuries and fatalities are at unacceptable levels[i];

**AND WHEREAS**, recent statistics and media reports show increasing fatalities and police roadway activities[ii];

**AND WHEREAS**, speeding is a leading contributing factor in many accidents including fatalities[iii];

**AND WHEREAS**, fines for basic speeding have not increased for three decades or more thus losing at least 50% of their deterrent value through inflation;

**AND WHEREAS**, over 60% of all other Highway Traffic Act (HTA) Set Fines remain at \$85, an amount also suggesting no increase in decades[iv];

**AND WHEREAS**, municipalities are frustrated in their attempt to roll out Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) with current rules that restrict it to less than 80 km/h speed zones and make it contingent upon declaring Community Safety Zones where not warrant except to use ASE;



**AND WHEREAS**, Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) are the logical and efficient means of dealing with offences including parking violations, red light camera infractions and ASE charges, the Regulations involving its use are mired in red tape leading to unnecessary complexity and cost.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we call on other municipalities and the Province of Ontario to recognize a Road Safety Emergency and take the following actions;

1. Launch a province wide road safety educational program to be funded from a portion of monies currently spent by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) to advertise games of chance and lotteries in Ontario.
2. Review and increase all HTA fines and penalties to reflect a deterrent amount and consequence that sends a message that driving is a privilege subject to conditions.
3. Permit municipalities to deploy ASE in 80 km/h zones or less without having to declare Community Safety Zones and without onerous conditions.
4. Establish a Working Group with municipalities to identify and recommend elimination of regulatory red tape associated with the use of ASE and AMPs.
5. Develop mechanisms that ensure POA fines and penalties do not lose their deterrent effect over time.
6. Work with municipalities to create better means of collecting outstanding POA fines and Victim Surcharge monies estimated to exceed \$1 billion as far back as 2011 [v].

**"Carried"**

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[i] The Preliminary 2022 Ontario Road Safety Annual Report indicates a total of 25,165 fatal and personal injury collisions and of that, some 530 fatal collisions (3.9 persons per 100,000 in Ontario).

[ii] [https://www.caledonenterprise.com/news/map-fatal-collisions-nearly-doubled-in-caledon-in-2023/article\\_3131acaf-acae-5b21-bee4-a67a33600c33.html](https://www.caledonenterprise.com/news/map-fatal-collisions-nearly-doubled-in-caledon-in-2023/article_3131acaf-acae-5b21-bee4-a67a33600c33.html). Since publication of this article, the number of Caledon fatalities has increased to nearly 20 last year. The Town of Mono has experienced an explosion of traffic stop occurrences, up over 300% since 2019.

[iii] Speeding convictions account for over 50% of all HTA convictions - see <https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/statistics/>.

[iv] <https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/provincial-offences/set-fines/set-fines-i/schedule-43/>.

[v] <http://oapSB.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/OAPSB-POA-WHITE-PAPER-FINAL-1-Nov-2011.pdf>. This report, prepared by the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards,

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*suggests a number of effective mechanisms to collect unpaid fines including garnishment of Federal income tax refunds and other payments as is currently done in other provinces.*

Respectfully,

**Fred Simpson**

Digitally signed by Fred Simpson  
Location: Town of Mono  
Date: 2024-01-15 13:56-05:00

Fred Simpson, Clerk

Copy: Minister of Finance  
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP  
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January 15, 2024

Township of Adjala-Tosorontio  
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Township of Essa  
5786 Simcoe County Rd. 21  
Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

Town of New Tecumseth  
10 Wellington Street East  
Alliston, ON L9R 1A1

Re: Revised 2024 Estimated Policing Costs

Please find attached the *2024 Annual Billing Statement – revised January 2024*. The 2024 estimated policing cost for the Group has decreased by \$92,841 to \$10,740,558. The estimate has been updated to remove one Detachment Administrative Clerk from the Contract Enhancements, per the new policing services agreement, effective January 1, 2024.

The revised monthly billing amount will be \$895,047, (refer to the attached revised Annual Billing Statement). Ontario Shared Services issued the January 2024 policing services invoice for this amount.

If you have any questions regarding your invoices or the revised cost estimates, please contact the Financial Services Unit at [OPP.MPB.Financial.Services.Unit@opp.ca](mailto:OPP.MPB.Financial.Services.Unit@opp.ca).

Please note that interest will be charged on overdue accounts and is applied retroactively to outstanding accounts.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Whitton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phil Whitton Superintendent  
Commander,  
Municipal Policing Bureau

/Attachments

cc: Detachment Commander Ridout

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**OPP 2024 Annual Billing Statement - Revised January 2024** *(Includes reduction in Enhancement DAC FTEs)*  
**Adjala-Tosorontio/Essa/New Tecumseth Tp**  
Revised estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2024  
Please refer to [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca) for 2024 Municipal Policing Billing General Information summary for further details.

			<b>Cost per Property \$</b>	<b>Total Cost \$</b>
<b>Base Service</b>	<b>Property Counts</b>			
	Household	28,305		
	Commercial and Industrial	<u>747</u>		
	Total Properties	<u>29,052</u>	165.59	4,810,619
<b>Calls for Service</b>	(see summaries)			
	Total all municipalities	183,003,471		
	Municipal portion	2.2490%	141.67	4,115,758
<b>Overtime</b>	(see notes)		14.94	433,918
<b>Contract Enhancements</b>	(see summary)		37.13	1,078,669
<b>Prisoner Transportation</b>	(per property cost)		1.12	32,538
<b>Accommodation/Cleaning Services</b>	(per property cost)		4.90	142,355
<b>Revised Total 2024 Estimated Cost</b>			<u>365.34</u>	<u>10,613,857</u>
<b>2022 Year-End Adjustment</b>	(see summary)			126,702
<b>Revised Grand Total Billing for 2024</b>				<u>10,740,558</u>
<b>2024 Monthly Billing Amount</b>				895,047

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**OPP 2024 Estimated Contract Enhancement Cost Summary**  
**Adjala-Tosorontio/Essa/New Tecumseth Tp**  
 Estimated cost for the period January 1 to December 31, 2024

2023 Cost Recovery Formula

**Salaries and Benefits**

		Positions	\$/FTE	\$ Total
<b>Uniform Members</b>	<b>Note 1</b>			
Sergeant . . . . .		2.00	127,275	254,551
Constable . . . . .		3.00	108,173	324,518
<b>Total Uniform Salaries</b>		<b>5.00</b>		<b>579,069</b>
Statutory Holiday Payout . . . . .			5,132	25,660
Shift Premiums . . . . .			1,130	5,650
Uniform Benefits - Full-Time Salaries . . . . .			32.44%	187,850
<b>Total Uniform Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>				<b>798,230</b>
<b>Detachment Civilian Members</b>	<b>Note 1 &amp; 2</b>			
Detachment Administrative Clerk . . . . .	Full-time	1.00	68,433	68,433
<b>Total Detachment Civilian Salaries</b>		<b>1.00</b>		<b>68,433</b>
Civilian Benefits - Full-Time Salaries . . . . .			33.98%	23,254
<b>Total Detachment Civilian Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>				<b>91,687</b>
<b>Support Costs - Salaries and Benefits</b>				
Communication Operators . . . . .			6,228	31,140
Prisoner Guards . . . . .			1,996	9,980
Operational Support . . . . .			6,080	30,400
RHQ Municipal Support . . . . .			2,751	13,755
Telephone Support . . . . .			141	705
Office Automation Support . . . . .			875	4,375
Mobile and Portable Radio Support . . . . .			282	1,410
<b>Total Support Staff Salaries and Benefits Costs</b>				<b>91,765</b>
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>				<b>981,682</b>
<b>Other Direct Operating Expenses</b>				
Communication Centre . . . . .			155	775
Operational Support . . . . .			1,018	5,090
RHQ Municipal Support . . . . .			212	1,060
Telephone . . . . .			1,582	7,910
Mobile Radio Equipment Repairs & Maintenance . . . . .			147	735
Office Automation - Uniform . . . . .			3,019	15,095
Office Automation - Civilian . . . . .			1,154	1,154
Vehicle Usage . . . . .			9,975	49,875
Detachment Supplies & Equipment . . . . .			548	2,740
Uniform & Equipment . . . . .			2,305	11,525
Additional Municipally Leased Desktop Computer . . . . .	Note 3		1,028	1,028
<b>Total Other Direct Operating Expenses</b>				<b>96,987</b>
<b>Total 2024 Estimated Enhancement Cost</b>				<b>\$ 1,078,669</b>
<b>Total OPP-Policed Properties</b>				<b>29,052</b>
<b>Cost Per Property</b>				<b>\$ 37.13</b>



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**OPP 2024 Estimated Contract Enhancement Cost Summary**  
**Adjala-Tosorontio/Essa/New Tecumseth Tp**  
**Estimated cost for the period January 1 to December 31, 2024**

**Notes:**

- 1) Salary rates are based on weighted average rates for municipal detachment staff by rank, level, and classification. The 2024 salaries are estimated with an effective overall general salary rate increase of 2.01% applied to the 2022 rates in the 2019 to 2022 OPPA Uniform and Civilian Collective Agreements, updated agreement negotiations are underway. The rate increase represents a 1% overall general salary rate increases applied for the 2023 and 2024 calendar years. The 2023 and 2024 salary costs will be reconciled based on rates set in applicable collective agreement settlements. The benefit rates are estimated based on the most recent rates set by the Treasury Board Secretariat, (2023-24). Statutory Holiday Payouts, Shift Premiums, and Benefit costs are subject to reconciliation. In 2024, the reconciliation for hours of service provided will be based on the updated availability factor of 1,381 hours per year.
- 2) The reduction of Detachment Administrative Clerks (DACs) from 2.0 to 1.0 FTE is included in this costing, per the updated contract which came into effect on January 1, 2024.
- 3) Additional Municipally Leased Desktop Computers includes one (1) desktop computer which was previously under a separate agreement with the OPP IT Section, at the current Cost-Recovery Formula rate of \$1,028 each.
- 4) Costs are allocated to contract members based on property counts. See table below:

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Property Count</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Enhancement cost</b>
Adjala-Tosorontio Tp	4,230	14.56%	157,055
Essa Tp	7,869	27.09%	292,167
New Tecumseth T	16,953	58.35%	629,446
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,052</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1,078,669</b>

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SARNIA  
City Clerk's Department**

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January 19, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Carbon Tax**

At its meeting held on January 15, 2024, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution:

***Whereas the federal government recently increased the carbon tax in April 2023 and will almost triple it by 2030; and***

***Whereas the Parliamentary Budget officer has admitted that when fiscal and economic impacts of the federal fuel charge are considered that the vast majority of households will see a staggering loss; and***

***Whereas this tax flows through from producers to transporters to the grocery store floor for our citizens; and***

***Whereas this tax does very little to reduce pollution and emissions; and***

***Whereas two thirds of Canadians are approximately \$200 away or less from not being able to pay all their bills at the end of the month; and***

***Therefore, be it resolved that Sarnia City Council write a Letter to the Federal government (and copied to other Municipalities for their consideration) strongly urging them to cancel the carbon tax which is financially hurting our citizens at a time***

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***when affordability concerns are at an all-time high to ease the financial and inflationary pressure on our Citizens.***

Your consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Yours Sincerely,



Amy Burkhart  
City Clerk

cc: All Ontario Municipalities





January 20, 2024

by email: [llehr@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:llehr@essatownship.on.ca)

Mayor Sandie MacDonald  
Township of Essa  
5786 Simcoe County Rd 21  
Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

Dear Mayor MacDonald:

For the past 127 years, Women's Institute (WI) Members have actively worked together for family, home, community and country. The objective of the first Women's Institute Branch, formed in Stoney Creek on February 19, 1897, was to improve women's skills in the art of homemaking and childcare.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) was organized in 1919, giving Members a stronger voice by working together as a united group. Through education and support programs and services, FWIO's original focus expanded to include personal growth opportunities, and health and community wellness projects.

Our most notable initiative, the ROSE (Reaching Ontario Sharing Education) Program, encourages our branches to help increase awareness and expand the skill sets of both WI members and people in their communities. As a result, each year thousands of individuals become more knowledgeable on various social, health, domestic and environmental matters through their participation in ROSE sessions.

Today, FWIO has approximately 2,000 members in 184 branches across Ontario.

#### **OUR MISSION**

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) is a not-for-profit charitable organization with affiliations around the world, working with and for women in rural and small-town Ontario. Through the network of branches, we offer education, programming and community support; advocate for social, environmental and economic change; and work towards the personal growth of all women, for home and country.

Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute  
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Bradford, ON L3Z 3L6  
Email: [tecwegwill@gmail.com](mailto:tecwegwill@gmail.com)

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## **OUR VISION**

We envision an Ontario where individuals come together to create safe healthy communities and achieve enriched balanced lifestyles.

## **OUR VALUES**

Mutual respect and support

- Communication
- Healthy members and a healthy environment
- Safe communities
- Versatility and adaptability

## **FWIO also works to:**

- **Initiate Programs to Strengthen Families and Communities**  
We promote good family life skills through programs on family and consumer affairs and support projects such as recycling, improving parenting skills and encouraging responsible citizenship.
- **Interpret and Record Local History**  
We have been officially recording community histories in our Tweedsmuir History Books since 1947. Our members also work with museums, libraries and schools. As of March 31, 2016, there is now an online platform to allow the public to access the many documents the Women's Institutes have created across the province, while the original documents remain within their communities.
- **Share Fun and Friendship**  
We enjoy speakers at monthly meetings, as well as crafts, physical activities and tours, both at home and around the world.
- **Advocate for Change, Resolutions, Briefs and Letters**  
We stay informed of current legislation and discuss laws that affect the lives of our members and their families. We have been staunch advocates for the pasteurization of milk, and continue to appeal for improved life skills training in our school systems.
- **Develop and Hone Leadership Skills**  
We educate through workshops and demonstrations that provide personal growth opportunities for our members.
- **Identify and Act on Local, National and Global Issues**  
WI initiates and participates in projects on agriculture, industry and education. We also work to revitalize community spirit, lobby for safer, healthier communities and study international affairs, customs and issues.

- **Share a Voice with Women around the World**

Through our connections with the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) and the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), we belong to a global sisterhood of women working to improve the quality of life for all women, their families and communities.

We can thank the women who went before us to advocate for women's rights and to improve families lives in Ontario, Canada and around the world and still do so today.

We ask that you recognize our valuable organization by declaring February 19th as FWIO day

Yours "For Home and Country"



Donna Jebb, President  
Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute



## Ontario Helping Rural Communities Grow With More Jobs, Homes and Infrastructure

Province making historic investments to support the unique needs of rural municipalities

January 22, 2024

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

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Toronto — The Ontario government announced the latest steps in its plan to invest in rural communities and municipalities at the annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference, with measures that will help to strengthen rural economies, get more homes and housing-enabling infrastructure built and increase access to important local services in rural areas.

"Unlike previous governments, our government will never ignore the needs of rural Ontario," said Premier Doug Ford. "We're working shoulder-to-shoulder with our municipal partners to attract new investments and jobs, provide better services closer to home and build the homes and infrastructure rural communities need to grow and prosper."

Premier Ford announced new details regarding the expansion of Ontario's \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund (BFF) to small, rural and northern municipalities that have not been assigned housing targets by the province. Ten per cent – or \$120 million – of the BFF will be reserved for these municipalities to help them build housing-enabling infrastructure, with the province intending to distribute these funds through an application-based process that will prioritize projects that can get shovels in the ground faster. The province will continue to consult closely with rural municipalities to ensure this process effectively reflects their unique needs.

In the coming months, the province will also begin to roll out BFF funding for municipalities that have met or exceeded their assigned housing targets. Premier Ford announced that the province intends to direct any unspent BFF funds leftover from municipalities that have not met their housing targets into additional housing-enabling infrastructure investments that can be applied for by all municipalities, including those that have already received funding through the BFF. This will ensure

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all municipalities continue to receive the support they need to get homes built while also continuing to reward and incentivize municipalities that meet or exceed their housing targets.

“Our government is committed to do what it takes to build more homes as quickly as possible across this province,” said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “Our goal is simple: To build more homes than we ever have before. We owe that to hardworking Ontarians, including the thousands of people who came here to make their dreams of home ownership a reality. We will continue to work closely with our small, rural and northern municipal partners to make sure that no part of Ontario is left behind.”

Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, announced that municipalities will be able to apply for funding beginning January 29, 2024 through the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund to support municipal water projects that will help unlock housing opportunities and further protect communities. Through this program, the government is providing \$200 million over three years to help municipalities repair, rehabilitate and expand critical drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

“We have taken action to support municipalities through the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund. Programs such as this are proof that our government is making targeted investments to build critical infrastructure in communities which will unlock housing and support our growing population,” said Minister Surma. “We will continue to build a stronger and more prosperous Ontario now and for generations to come.”

The government is taking further action to support rural municipalities and drive economic growth and success in rural Ontario. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs announced the start of consultations to help develop a new Rural Economic Development Strategy. Rural municipalities and the public will have an opportunity to share ideas about how Ontario can improve economic opportunities, create jobs and support growth in rural and Indigenous communities across the province.

Minister Thompson also announced the opening of the 2024/25 Rural Economic Development (RED) Program applications. Municipalities, Indigenous communities and not-for-profit groups have until February 21, 2024 to apply for cost-share funding for projects that will drive economic growth.

## Quick Facts

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- The Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund is an application-based program that will provide \$200 million over three years for the repair, rehabilitation and expansion of core water infrastructure to protect communities and enable new housing development.
- The [Building Faster Fund provides up to \\$1.2 billion](#) over three years to ensure municipalities have the resources needed to build more homes. The fund is designed to help municipalities pay for critical housing-enabling infrastructure needed to accommodate growth, such as site servicing and building new roads.
- The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund is providing \$500 million to 390 of Ontario's 444 municipalities in 2024. The funding is unconditional and can be used to support the local priorities and specific needs of each community.
- Ontario increased its annual investment in the [Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund \(OCIF\)](#) by \$1 billion over five years, starting in 2022. OCIF provides funding to help 425 small, rural and northern communities renew and rehabilitate roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure.
- The Ontario government is [investing more than \\$108 million](#) to renew and expand Ornge air ambulance's fixed wing fleet so they can continue to provide Ontarians, especially those living in rural and remote communities, with consistent access to high-quality urgent care.
- As of January 1, 2024, the province is providing stable, sustainable funding to local public health agencies by restoring the 2020 75/25 provincial base funding cost-share model. The province is also providing a one per cent increase in base funding per year, for three years beginning in 2024.

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## Quotes

"Our rural communities are the heart of this province and crucial to Ontario's success. By supporting economic development across the province through initiatives like the RED program as well as a thoughtful strategy, we can create new opportunities and ensure small towns and Indigenous communities prosper."

- Lisa Thompson  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs



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"A strong Rural Ontario is key to the province's prosperity. Over the last few years, ROMA has delved deep into challenges like digital connectivity, affordable housing and access to healthcare in Rural Ontario. We have made dozens of research-based recommendations to unlock Rural Ontario's untapped potential. ROMA's 2024 Report, Fill the Gaps Closer to Home is a comprehensive study into the unique and distinct challenges to accessing health care in Rural Ontario. We thank the Ontario Government for participating in the ROMA conference, and look forward to working together to fill the gaps in Rural Ontario."

- Mayor Robin Jones  
Village of Westport, Chair ROMA

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#### Additional Resources

- [Tracking Housing Supply Progress](#)
- [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)
- [Rural Economic Development program](#)
- [Rural Consultations](#)

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January 23, 2024

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

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Hello,

Last fall we shared information about proposed regulation changes under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* related to:

- Establishing a framework to allow projects to test or demonstrate new or innovative activities in Ontario – called special projects - to pursue authorization under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*.
- Well security caps and exemptions for all wells under this act.

Today, we are writing to let you know that a decision has been made to proceed with these changes. The new regulation for special projects will allow businesses interested in pursuing projects to test, assess, pilot or demonstrate carbon storage projects to pursue special project designation, and if designated, apply for authorizations for their project. While this new regulation applies to both private and Crown lands, initially, special projects for carbon storage will only be enabled on private land because further legislative changes will be necessary to access Crown lands for carbon storage.

The changes are being made subject to the following modifications that were made in response to feedback received:

- Municipal source water protection authorities have been included as one of the parties to be circulated on applications for special projects.
- In response to a request from Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), the qualifications of people that may be approved by the ministry to conduct examinations of special projects has been expanded to include individuals holding a limited licence under the Professional Engineers Act. A limited licence is issued by PEO to an individual who, as a result of at least eight years of specialized experience, has developed competence in a certain area of

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professional engineering, and holders may include individuals with academic qualifications other than a university engineering degree.

- The proposed changes that would have eliminated security exemptions and caps where a well licence is transferred were removed to allow more time to assess potential implications identified by operators / industry.

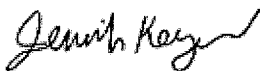
These changes came into effect on January 1, 2024. More details on the decision, the feedback received, and the original proposal can be viewed in in the decision notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-7507>.

Carbon storage is new to Ontario, and we want to ensure the activity is undertaken responsibly. That is why we are taking a phased approach to developing a framework to regulate this activity.

With Phase 2 – Enabling Demonstration – of our roadmap towards regulating geologic carbon storage now complete, the province is now turning to the development of the commercial scale framework and is taking a measured approach as to options for facilitating access to the underground pore space that is used for carbon storage. Ontario aims to have a commercial framework in place by summer 2025, with opportunities for public consultation beginning this year.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: [Resources.Development@ontario.ca](mailto:Resources.Development@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



Jennifer Keyes  
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch



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**Sarah Corbett**

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**Subject:** FW: A Message from the Minister of Infrastructure: Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund – Application Intake Launchm

**From:** Minister of Infrastructure <[Minister.MOI@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.MOI@ontario.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2024 10:47:59 AM

**To:** Minister of Infrastructure <[Minister.MOI@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.MOI@ontario.ca)>

**Subject:** A Message from the Minister of Infrastructure: Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund – Application Intake Launch

You don't often get email from [minister.moi@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.moi@ontario.ca). [Learn why this is important](#)

Good morning,

In the *2023 Fall Economic Statement*, the Ontario government announced \$200 million in funding over three years for a new Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF). This program will target critical water projects to help unlock more housing in Ontario, bringing us one step closer to our government's goal of building at least 1.5 million homes by 2031.

I am pleased to announce the application intake has officially launched today for this program. The deadline for municipalities to apply through Ontario's online grant portal, [Transfer Payments Ontario \(TPON\)](#) will be **April 19, 2024**.

Key highlights of the program include:

- All municipalities that own water infrastructure are eligible to submit one application with a maximum project provincial contribution cost of \$35 million or less.
- Joint municipal applications are eligible and encouraged.
- Projects must include a capital component and:
  - Be in the process of, or have completed, the design and planning phases.
  - Start by September 30, 2024, and be completed by March 31, 2027.
- Projects will be evaluated based on technical merit and outcomes, including housing, project readiness, and health and safety.

To ensure a seamless application process and to provide municipalities with ample time to prioritize projects, ministry staff will continue to host webinars open for all municipalities to attend. Additionally, if you have any program inquiries, please send your questions to [HEWS@ontario.ca](mailto:HEWS@ontario.ca).

While we are moving forward with addressing the urgent need for critical water projects, we understand that significant infrastructure needs persist across the province. Ontario remains steadfast in our call on the federal government for new federal-provincial infrastructure funding to support the province's rapidly growing population, unlock more housing opportunities, and spur economic growth.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we work to protect and grow communities across Ontario.

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Sincerely, **All**

The Honourable Kinga Surma  
Minister of Infrastructure

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Ministry of Infrastructure

# Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund

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January 2024

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## Context

In Ontario's **2023 Fall Economic Statement (FES)**, Ontario announced the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF). The program will invest \$200 million in the expansion, repair and rehabilitation of core water, wastewater, and stormwater projects to protect communities and unlock housing opportunities.

At the **2024 Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference**, Minister Surma reiterated the HEWSF FES investment and announced:

- Intake for municipalities to apply for funding and nominate projects will open next week on January 29, allowing projects to get underway by next construction season.
- The deadline for applications will be Friday, April 19 at 11:59 p.m.

# Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF)

An application-based program for \$200 million over three years for the repair, rehabilitation and expansion of core water infrastructure to protect communities and enable new housing development.

## Overview

- All municipalities that own water infrastructure will be able to nominate 1 project with a total provincial contribution maximum of \$35M (municipalities can combine funding maximum through submission of a joint project).
- The application intake for the program will launch on January 29<sup>th</sup>. With these timelines, municipalities will be able to fund their projects as early as Summer/Fall 2024.
- The program aims to complement the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Building Faster Fund.

## Funding

- Funding will flow to recipients through a milestone-based approach.
- Eligible project costs may be cost-shared between the province (73% up to \$35M) and recipient (minimum 27%). See table below.
- Municipalities may stack other federal and municipal funding for their 27% minimum recipient contribution.
  - Provincial stacking will not be permitted with the exception of funding received from the Building Faster Fund (BFF) and the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF).

Value of Project	Provincial Contribution (73% max)	Municipal Contribution (27% min)
\$5 million	\$3.65 million	\$1.35 million
\$48 million	\$35 million	\$13 million
\$100 million	\$35 million	\$65 million



## Program Conditions

Project eligibility will be based on the following conditions:

Category	Details
Applicant Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All municipalities (i.e., upper, lower and single tiers) that own water, waste and stormwater infrastructure.</li> <li>Each eligible applicant could submit a maximum of one project submission for this intake.</li> <li>Joint-municipal projects, including joint ownerships, are eligible to apply, it will be counted as one project for each individual municipality (e.g., York Durham).</li> <li>Municipally led submissions that cross indigenous borders and positively impact indigenous communities will be considered as eligible. These projects are eligible to be submitted through municipal-led applications.</li> </ul>
Eligible Asset Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wastewater (e.g., lagoon systems, pump stations, lift stations, linear assets, treatment plants, storage tanks, collection systems, private hook ups).</li> <li>Drinking water (e.g., treatment plants, reservoirs, local pipes including the distribution system watermain and the municipal portion of service lines, pump stations).</li> <li>Stormwater (e.g., management facilities, linear assets including conveyance piping/ditches/culverts).</li> </ul>
Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects must enable housing development.</li> <li>Can be any of the following project types: Rehabilitation/Repair; Reconstruction; or Expansion.</li> <li>Projects must not have started construction.</li> <li>Projects must have a clear start and end point.</li> <li>Projects can be stand-alone or a component of a larger project.</li> <li>Projects must include a capital component and may also include pre-construction planning and design work.</li> <li>Planning and design work are not eligible as stand-alone projects.</li> <li>Projects must be in the process of or completed design and planning at the time of application.</li> <li>Projects must meet all relevant provincial regulatory requirements.</li> </ul>

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## Sample Staged Project Evaluation

Projects will be evaluated and scored in collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the following factors:

Criteria	Guide
<b>Stage 1 *</b>	
<b>Mandatory Criteria</b>	A) Applicant completeness B) Applicant eligibility
<b>Meeting Program Outcomes</b>	A) New Housing Units created (yes / no) B) Start Date C) End Date
<b>Mandatory Criteria - Water Project Readiness</b>	Must be in the process of or completed the design and planning phase
<b>Stage 2</b>	
<b>Technical Merit - Housing Enabling</b>	A) Total number of new housing units enabled (by year) by the municipality B) Comparison of housing units to remaining gap to achieve housing targets (if applicable) C) Cost per housing unit created (calculated as provincial contribution to the total project cost divided by number of housing units enabled)
<b>Technical Merit - Water Systems</b>	A) Meets provincial requirements B) Environmental impacts, including climate resiliency C) Current utilization of water/wastewater/stormwater infrastructure capacity D) Is the project a net new/expanded water/wastewater/stormwater project?
<b>Financial Capacity and Need</b>	Financial capacity of municipality to support the project (including funding sources such as debt, reserves, loans, development charges)
<b>Housing Development Readiness</b>	Status of proposed housing development: - alignment to provincial policies (e.g., provincial policy, official plan, plans of subdivision and/or condominium)
<b>Critical Health &amp; Safety</b>	Criticality of health and safety risk and is an appropriate solution to address risk, including considering potential climate change impacts
<b>Joint Applications</b>	Determined through number of co-applicants on a single project




\*Note: Projects that fail on any one of the three Stage 1 criteria do not move on to Stage 2.



## Funding Approach: Key Milestones

- Funding would be flowed to successful recipients using a milestone-based approach.
- Expenditures for projects will be distributed in stages/portions as the project completes each milestone, for example:

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-  **Milestone 1:** TPA signed – release of 25% of project Total Eligible Cost (TEC)
-  **Milestone 2:** Construction tender awarded – release of 60% of project TEC
-  **Milestone 3:** Final report and invoices submitted – release of the final 15% of project TEC. In the final reimbursement, project invoices will be reviewed, and final payments made based on the actual costing submitted, and the confirmation of completion of outcomes.

- More information on reporting requirements will be provided in the Transfer Payment Agreement.

## Program Timelines and Next Steps


Deliverable	Est. Timeline*
Host webinars	January 24, 2024 (joint-AMO) February 7, 2024 (joint-AMO)
Application Intake Launch	January 29, 2024
Respond to program inquiries	Ongoing
Application Intake Close ( <i>application form, technical schedules, Duty to Consult questionnaire and supporting documents submitted to TPON</i> )	April 19, 2024
Notify successful / unsuccessful recipients, including public announcement	Summer 2024
Program Delivery (i.e., Transfer Payment Agreements and projects begin)	Summer 2024 onwards
Project Start Date	September 30, 2024

\*Estimated timelines are subject to change



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## Q&As

Now we would like to open the floor for any general questions you may have.   
Please add your questions to the chat.

- Municipalities are welcome to send any project specific questions to the program inbox [HEWS@ontario.ca](mailto:HEWS@ontario.ca).
- To date, frequently asked questions include:

**37** 1. Will a project be eligible that closed and awarded tender by January 2024 – with construction to begin in Q3 2024?

If your project is set to start construction Q3 2024, it should be eligible as long as the project meets all other program eligibility and conditions.

2. Eligible costs may be dated back to which point in time? All eligible project costs must be incurred after April 1, 2023.

3. Can one project submission include multiple areas around a town? Each municipality can submit *one* project (one project is defined as a continuous area or one system).

4. How many details should be included in the application? Please limit details to the scope of the funded project or the scope of the funded phase of a larger project.

5. What portion of the project could be financed by development charges? Municipalities will be allowed to stack other federal and municipal funding (including revenue from development charges) for their 27% minimum recipient contribution.

# Contact Information

- Throughout the application process, provincial staff are available for support.
  - For all program inquiries including application support, please contact [HEWS@ontario.ca](mailto:HEWS@ontario.ca)
  - For technical support, please contact Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) Client Care at [416-325-6691](tel:416-325-6691) or [1-855-216-3090](tel:1-855-216-3090) or email [TPONCC@ontario.ca](mailto:TPONCC@ontario.ca)

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# Appendix A: System Steps

for new Transfer Payment Ontario Users:



**ONe-Key Account**  
Create ID and password in [One-key](#) and login using your credentials



**Organization Registration**  
Register your organization or join an existing registered organisation



**Access TPON**  
Standard Access will automatically be requested for TPON. Approval may take up to 5 business days



**Submit for Funding**  
Access TP Ontario to download and submit [MOI Local Government Intake Form]



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**Corporate Services**

January 26, 2024

**Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on January 22, 2024, approved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario’s economic prosperity and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS** nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and

**WHEREAS** municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and

**WHEREAS** unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; and

**WHEREAS** inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and

**WHEREAS** property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can’t afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need; and

**WHEREAS** the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and

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WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Orangeville requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, Sylvia Jones; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Yours truly,

*Raylene Martell*

Raylene Martell  
Town Clerk



**Sarah Corbett**

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**From:** Robin Brown <robin@nottawasaga.com>  
**Sent:** January 31, 2024 9:51 AM  
**To:** Sarah Corbett  
**Subject:** Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter

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

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Gender      Phone \*      Email \*

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Do you have questions about financing, business services or consulting?

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Nottawasaga Futures is now offering an online intake form. Simply complete the form and our staff will be in touch to see how we can assist you and your small business.

Click here to access our [intake form](#)

We look forward to connecting with you!



### Emerging Issues in the Ag Sector

**March 22, 2024 9:00am to 12:00pm | Registration 8:30am**  
*The Gibson Centre 63 Tupper St W, Alliston, ON L9R 1E4*

JOIN US FOR THIS  
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Registration is open for our 2024 AgKnowledge Forum!

Friday March 22, 2024

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Gibson Centre, Alliston

A light breakfast will be served.

To register, please email [robin@nottawasaga.com](mailto:robin@nottawasaga.com)

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## Self-Care Strategies for Mental Well-Being

Join us as we explore self-care and collective care strategies  
that will leave you feeling empowered on your journey  
to improve physical and mental well-being  
as we start this new year!

Speaker

**Rhada Bhardwaj**

MSW, MPH, PhD (candidate)

**Feb. 13th, 2024**  
**6:30pm-8:30pm**

**New Tecumseth Recreation Centre**  
**END ZONE (room)**  
7300 Industrial Pkwy  
Alliston, ON L9R 1V4

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For more information, please  
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The Nottawasaga Community Safety and Wellbeing Local Table  
would like to thank  
the **Town of New Tecumseth** and **The Krasman Centre**  
for sponsoring this event

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This immersive workshop series was designed to equip local businesses in Simcoe County with the essential knowledge and insights to thrive as vendors in location-based film production. This workshop series provided a comprehensive understanding of the thriving production ecosystem in Simcoe County and defined how your business can serve film and television productions.



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The South Simcoe Streams Network is busy planning for the coming spring tree planting events. We will be participating in the Rotary Club of Alliston Volunteer Fair on Saturday February 10 from 10-3. Look for us there!

If you would like to know more about the Streams Network, check us out at: [Nottawasaga](http://Nottawasaga)

Contact Theresa Parent at [theresa@nottawasaga.com](mailto:theresa@nottawasaga.com)

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# WANTED



**PRODUCTION COMPANY  
LOOKING FOR AN  
ABANDONED FARMHOUSE  
FOR 2024 FILMING  
EMAIL  
BLACKLOCUSTPICTURES@GMAIL.COM**

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A local production company is looking to film in an abandoned farmhouse outside of town. A barn and outbuildings as well as a power source would be beneficial but not essential. If you own a property that fits the description please email:  
blacklocustpictures@gmail.com

### Financial Support and Resources

- [Nottawasaga Futures Community Investment Fund](#)
- [Canada Summer Jobs wage subsidy](#)
- [Simcoe County CDAP Top Up Grant](#)
- [Canada - Ontario Job Grant](#)
- [Ontario Business Registry](#)
- [Business Benefits Finder](#)
- [Canada Business App](#)
- [Delia: Funding for Women-owned Enterprises](#)
- [Ontario Automotive Modernization Program](#)
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## NVCA January 2024 Board Meeting Highlights

**Next Meeting: February 23, 2024, held virtually**

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

On January 26, 2024, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) held its 2024 Annual General Meeting.

### 2023 Accomplishments

[Watch a video that celebrates NVCA's accomplishments in 2023.](#)

### NVCA Board of Directors Election

Gail Little, Deputy Mayor for the Township of Amaranth, and Jonathan Scott, Councillor for the Township of Bradford West Gwillimbury were acclaimed to lead the 2024 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Board of Directors as Chair and Vice Chair.

### Keynote Speaker

Rob Keen, Executive Director of the Canadian Tree Nurseries Association of Canada, gave a presentation on why healthy natural environment is important to our health and to our livelihood.

He spoke about the how Ontario's tree planting industry was developed, why it is a priority for Canada and why the success of tree planting depends on all levels of government.

### Upcoming Events

#### Elopement Giveaway

NVCA has partnered with Lauren Andrew Events and a team of local vendors to giveaway elopement experience at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation. Couples can bring up to 2 guests to witness you tie the knot!

Date: February 22, 2024

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

#### Tiffin Nature Program (for preschoolers)

Tiffin Nature Program will help preschoolers gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet. Children learn about risky play, and develop a better understanding of their relationship with the land.

Half Day Dates: Tuesdays December 5, 2023 – March 5, 2024

Full Day Dates: Thursdays December 7, 2023 – March 7, 2024

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

#### PA/PD Day Camp Tiffin

Camp Tiffin encourages outdoor exploration, guided excursions in the forest fueled by student interest. Every day will be guided by student inquiry, seasonal changes, and weather and program availability.

Date: Friday, April 26, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation



## MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Gail Little and Jonathan Scott continue to lead NVCA Board of Directors**

UTOPIA, Ontario (January 29, 2024) – Last Friday, Gail Little, Deputy Mayor for the Township of Amaranth, and Jonathan Scott, Councillor for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury were acclaimed to lead the 2023 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Board of Directors as Chair and Vice Chair.

“I’m honoured to carry on as the Chair of the 2024 NVCA Board of Directors,” said Little. “Staff at NVCA are dedicated, passionate and knowledgeable about protecting and enhancing the rivers, streams, forests, groundwater and wetlands in the Nottawasaga Watershed. I look forward to working with my fellow board members to support the work that this amazing group people does in coming year.”

A healthy watershed supports resident’s health, homes, farms businesses and drinking water. NVCA works with many partners, funders and volunteers to maintain a healthy Nottawasaga Watershed. They also lead efforts in restoring rivers, wetlands, forests and grasslands, as well as inspiring youth to protect our environment.

“Friday was a day to celebrate the hard work that NVCA’s staff did in the past year to protect our local environment, fight climate change and protect our natural heritage,” said Scott. “I look forward to working with our board members to ensure this work continues to be a priority in the Nottawasaga Watershed.”

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

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**About NVCA:** The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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**Sarah Corbett**

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**Subject:**

FW: County Council Highlights - Meeting Held January 9, 2024



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 package, linked at the bottom. These reports were part of the agenda from the **Joint Council and Committee Meeting on January 9, 2024**. 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 this session is also available for public viewing on the [County's YouTube channel](#).

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Federation of Canadian Municipalities report

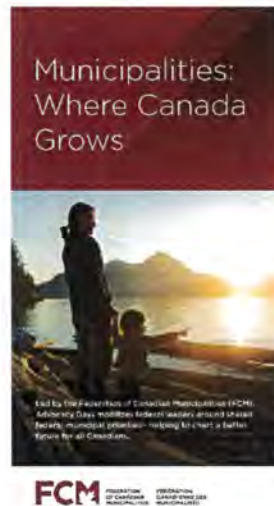
Where Canada Grows



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The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has released its report, *Where Canada Grows*, which outlines their proposed new Municipal Growth Framework. In their report, they state that:

“To turn Canada’s historic growth into the success it needs to be, we must reimagine how we fund the core pillars that support a good quality of life for Canadians—from having an affordable and safe place to live and raise a family, to having access to diverse economic opportunities, to enjoying stronger links with neighbours and community. FCM is calling for a national discussion on a new Municipal Growth Framework to unlock municipal capacity and a better quality of life for all Canadians.”



They are calling on the federal government to work with other levels of government to negotiate a Municipal Growth Framework that improves affordability and quality of life by enabling municipalities to take action on housing affordability, homelessness and climate change.

Read more about their priorities and requests [here](#).

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## County of Simcoe Submission to Provincial Standing Committee

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Throughout the past year, the Provincial government has been pursuing a variety of legislative and policy changes related to municipalities and land use planning. The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has tasked the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy (i.e. “the Standing Committee”) to conduct a review on regional governance. The Standing Committee is scheduled to meet in various locations throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) in January 2024. Those parties, including municipalities, who wish to provide comments to the Standing Committee may do so either in writing or by making an oral presentation in person to the Committee. In consideration of County Council’s past positions in support of a continuance of two-tiered governance, it is recommended that the Warden and staff make an oral and/or written presentation to the Standing Committee.

View the County of Simcoe’s proposed submission to the Standing Committee [here](#).

Warden Basil Clarke, on behalf of County Council, will also be requesting a Standing Committee hearing within the County of Simcoe to hear from local municipal representatives from all 16 member municipalities and both separated cities.

On January 9, 2024, the Warden issued a media statement following the ratification of the report by County Council. View the statement [here](#).

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# SIMCOE COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS



## Third largest County by geography in Ontario

Only Renfrew and Hastings are larger

### Fastest Growing and largest upper-tier municipality in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2016-2021)

### 902,000

people will be living in Simcoe County in the **next 30 years**

City of Hamilton = 820,000  
Niagara Region = 674,000

### 250,000+

new residents expected to move to Simcoe County **by 2051**

### 79

 municipal water systems

### 27

 municipal wastewater systems





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## Agricultural Liaison Committee Report

### **Committee appoints leadership positions**

At the Agricultural Liaison Committee in mid-December, members selected for their leadership, Chair Dave Ritchie and Vice-Chair Donna Jebb to represent them. This committee is comprised of representatives from both County Council and the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture.

The Committee discussed farm tax ratios and their impact to the agricultural industry, forest conservation, agricultural waste disposal, partnership opportunities, and feedback that roundabouts should be built with sufficient size to accommodate agriculture and larger vehicles.

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January 16, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario  
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
Simcoe County MPPs (see distribution list)  
Simcoe County School Boards (see distribution list)  
Simcoe County Member Municipalities

**Re: Support for Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council encourage the School Resource Officer program in Simcoe County schools**

Please be advised that at its meeting held November 28, 2023, Council of the County of Simcoe adopted the following resolution:

*"That the Warden write a letter of support for the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio resolution and convey the County of Simcoe encourages this valuable service to continue within the school community; and*

*That a copy of the letter be circulated to the lower-tier member municipalities, Simcoe County School Boards, Simcoe Members of Provincial Parliament, the Minister of the Solicitor General and Minister of Education."*

The safety and well-being of youth is a top priority for the County of Simcoe. Council recognizes the value of the police-led school resource officer program and feels strongly the program should continue at all schools within Simcoe County. The program provides an opportunity for students to build a positive relationship with police officers and works in partnership with community stakeholders to provide a safe and healthy school environment. The program also provides a safe space for students when dealing with difficult or crisis situations and facilitates important conversations regarding issues affecting youth today.

County Council supports the attached Township of Adjala-Tosorontio resolution encouraging the school resource officer program to continue within school communities, and further supports the lower-tier member municipalities in prioritizing the safety and well-being of youth within school communities.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, I can be reached by email at [warden@simcoe.ca](mailto:warden@simcoe.ca) or by phone at 705-726-9300 Ext 1260.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Basil Clarke".

Basil Clarke  
Warden, County of Simcoe

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Encl. Letter dated November 21, 2023 from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio regarding Support for School Resource Officers

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Commemorate Black History Month  
through Simcoe County Museum's Virtual Lecture Series**

**Midhurst/January 30, 2024** – Warden Basil Clarke has proclaimed February as Black History Month, recognizing the legacy of Black people in Canada, and celebrating their contributions towards shaping communities across Simcoe County.

In addition to education and programs being coordinated by the Simcoe County Archives and Social and Community Services, the Simcoe County Museum is once again hosting a virtual lecture series throughout Black History Month. The lecture series features local historians, authors, and advocates who help to celebrate, educate, and reveal the history of Black people across Simcoe County, Ontario, and Canada.

**Sessions include:**

**Funké Aladejebi “Teaching for Liberation: Black Women Educators in Ontario”  
Thursday, February 8, 2024 ~ 2 to 3 p.m.**

An author and scholar specializing in Black Canadian history, Funké Aladejebi's book, *Schooling the System: A History of Black Women Teachers*, explores the intersections of race, gender and access in Canadian educational institutions.

Funké's presentation will showcase the stories of Black female teachers in 20th century Ontario, exploring the ways they utilized a diverse range of teaching approaches to combat oppressive school structures in Canada, highlighting the ways Black female teachers moved across various educational landscapes to impart traditions of community uplift and cooperation for a diverse range of students.

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**Janie Cooper-Wilson, “Lemuel Brown”  
Thursday, February 15, 2024 ~ 2 to 3 p.m.**

The Founder and Executive Director of The Silver Shoe Historical Society, based in Clearview Township, Janie Cooper-Wilson led the organization to incorporation as an Affiliate of The Ontario Historical Society; as well as supervising the restoration and designation of the almost-lost Bethel-Union Pioneer Cemetery in New Lowell. Janie's tireless energy and fierce dedication to advance public understanding of the collective history of our province has been recognized with awards and citations by numerous organizations, groups, and Municipalities.

During her presentation, Cooper-Wilson will share the intriguing story of the life experiences of Lemuel Brown, her 2X Great-Grandfather, a first-generation African Canadian resident of Grey and Simcoe Counties, prior to Confederation.

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**Deirdre McCorkindale, “A History of Black History Month”  
Thursday, February 22, 2024 ~ 1 to 2 p.m.**

Deirdre McCorkindale, a historian interested in the history of Race in North America with a focus on the African Canadian and African American experience, will explain what Black History Month is, where it comes from, why it takes place in February while also exploring the nearly 100-year history of this form of Black commemoration.

A proud member and consultant for the Chatham Kent Black Historical Society, Deirdra has appeared in several documentaries where she speaks about the Black history of Ontario.

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**Carolynn and Sylvia Wilson “Sheffield Park Black History and Cultural Museum and Preserving Black History”**

**Monday, February 26, 2024 ~ 10 to 11 a.m.**

Collingwood residents Sylvia and Carolynn Wilson, direct descendants of early Black pioneers of Simcoe and Grey Counties and co-owners the Sheffield Park Black History and Cultural Museum, will speak to their efforts to recognize the Black history of Grey and Simcoe Counties through their pioneer life and times exhibits, along with the social networking of a community and the preservation of past generations.

They are both recipients of the 100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women Award, the Order of Collingwood, and Companion Award, among other awards in recognition of their community and youth initiatives.

**Registration**

The series is free to join, with both individuals and groups welcome. Visit [museum.simcoe.ca](https://museum.simcoe.ca) to register.

**About the Simcoe County Museum**

Take the Infinite Journey with the Simcoe County Museum, a cultural exploration of our historical past and exciting future. The Simcoe County Museum is owned and operated by the County of Simcoe and offers year-round exhibits, events, and educational programs for visitors of every age. Visit our website at [museum.simcoe.ca](https://museum.simcoe.ca) for further details.

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