

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

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- p. 27 7. Correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry dated October 29, 2019, re: Environmental Registry Notice (019-0732) Proposal to Amend Three Statutes and Make a New Regulation.
- p. 30 8. Media Release from the Township of Essa Fire Department dated October 31, 2019, re: Sounding the Alarm on the Silent Killer.
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- p. 34 10. Notice from the Ontario Energy Board to Customers of Enbridge Gas Inc., re: Enbridge Gas Inc. has Applied to Raise its Natural Gas Rates Effective January 1, 2020.
- p. 35 11. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Board Meeting Highlights – October 25, 2019.

B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None to be presented.

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

None to be presented.



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
From: Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019
Subject: 2019 Provincial Policy Statement Review

1.0 Background

To further support its Housing Supply Action Plan and other priorities, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is consulting on proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). Comments are requested prior to October 20, 2019 (EBR Registry Number #019-0279).

The current PPS, which came into effect April 30, 2014, provides overall policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development across Ontario. Where provincial plans are in effect (such as the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Greenbelt Plan in Wellington), such plans:

- provide additional, and in some cases, more specific land use planning policies
- take precedence over the policies of the PPS in the event of a conflict

Where policies in the PPS do not overlap with policies in provincial plans, the policies of the PPS must be independently satisfied.

This report provides an overview of the key policy changes and responds briefly to questions posed by the province in the consultation documents.

2.0 Key Changes to the Provincial Policy Statement

Many of the proposed changes appear to have little impact on the County as they:

1. harmonize the PPS with the 2019 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe ("Growth Plan") which already applies to Wellington; or
2. the Growth Plan policies are more specific/restrictive than the draft PPS.

In other respects, staff have identified the following key areas with the greatest impact on land use planning in Wellington County.

Agriculture

Current PPS policies allow for planning authorities to permit non-agricultural uses in prime agricultural areas subject to meeting specific criteria. Some examples of non-agricultural uses include manufacturing, automobile sales, golf courses, and campgrounds. The draft policies remove the criterion that the proposed use "complies with the minimum distance separation formulae" (MDS). Instead, impacts on surrounding agricultural operations and lands are to be "informed by provincial guidelines". This is more permissive when compared to language used elsewhere in the PPS, such as "in accordance with provincial guidelines". While the wording would allow for consideration of guidelines in addition to MDS, such as the "Guidelines on Permitted Uses in

Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas" we have questions about what these changes mean for MDS implementation.

Mineral Aggregates

Changes to subsection 2.5.2.4 include additional policy direction that depth of extraction be addressed through processes under the Aggregate Resources Act. The intent of the new wording is unclear and we are concerned that it may be meant to remove the ability of municipalities to continue to use vertical zoning to regulate extraction below the water table.

For gravel pits outside of the Greenbelt area and subject to satisfactory long-term rehabilitation, draft policies allow consideration of extraction in provincially significant wetlands (applies to areas outside of the County), woodlands, valleylands, wildlife habitat, areas of natural and scientific interest; fish habitat; and habitat of endangered species and threatened species. The Growth Plan is more restrictive for some features, but overall, the more permissive draft policies would appear to allow interim negative impacts to features and areas in favour of potential long-term environmental benefits through rehabilitation.

Indigenous Consultation

New requirement for planning authorities to:

- engage with Indigenous communities and coordinate on land use planning matters; and
- engage with Indigenous communities and consider their interests when identifying, protecting and managing cultural heritage and archaeological resources.

Extension of Planning Horizon

The planning horizon is extended from 20 to 25 years. We do not know whether the province intends to address this change in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, which provides a growth forecast to 2041.

Housing

The province has changed housing policies and related terms in an effort to encourage a greater mix and supply of housing. For example, a new term "housing options" provides more specific policy direction about housing types. The draft policies increase the required supply of land for residential growth from ten years to twelve years. Municipalities are also given the option to maintain land with servicing capacity to provide a five-year supply of residential units (up from three). Overall, these changes appear to be positive, but we will continue to assess as more information becomes available.

Servicing Hierarchy and Private Communal Services

The draft PPS clarifies that the servicing hierarchy supports protecting the environment, human health and safety. With that in mind, upper-tier municipalities are required to work with lower-tier municipalities to assess long-term impacts of individual services on environmental health and character of rural settlement areas and the feasibility of full municipal services or private communal services. Policies specify that communal services are preferred for development of multiple residential units/lots where municipal services are not available, planned or feasible.

Land Use Compatibility

Stronger protection is provided for existing or planned major facilities (including industries, manufacturing uses, other facilities and infrastructure) from proposed sensitive lands uses (such as residences, day care centres, etc.).

3.0 Comments

Questions from Ministry	Response
1. Do the proposed policies effectively support goals related to increasing housing supply, creating and maintaining jobs, and red tape reduction while continuing to protect the environment, farmland, and public health and safety?	<p>The PPS has become much less relevant to Wellington because of the more specific, more restrictive, same or similar policies of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.</p> <p>The Province should consider fully implementing the PPS in the Greater Golden Horseshoe through one policy document - the provincial Growth Plan. This would reduce red tape by eliminating policy duplication and streamline the review of development applications.</p>
2. Do the proposed policies strike the right balance? Why or why not?	<p>The policy changes for mineral aggregate resources do not effectively balance the need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for local Council input regarding depth of extraction as below water table extraction is a permanent change to the landscape • to protect the environment by allowing extraction to be considered within natural heritage features and areas <p>We do not support these permissive aggregate policies in the draft PPS, particularly in areas of the County where there is a high concentration of gravel pits.</p>
3. How do these policies take into consideration the views of Ontario communities?	See response to question 1.
4. Are there any other policy changes that are needed to support key priorities for housing, job creation, and streamlining of development approvals?	See response to question 1.
5. Are there other tools that are needed to help implement the proposed policies?	The province should support municipalities and housing developers by researching and sharing best practices to facilitate a greater mix of housing options and increase the supply of affordable rental accommodations.

We have reported on the PPS review at this time to ensure that County Council may consider these comments prior to the October 20, 2019 deadline. We will be attending an information session with the province September 9 and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is working on a response. Planning staff may augment this report if we become aware of new information of relevance to Wellington.

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Recommendation

That the report “2019 Provincial Policy Statement Review” be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and be circulated to member municipalities in Wellington County.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Wilhelm, BES, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Policy Planning

Office of the President

Sent via email to: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

October 9, 2019

The Honourable Jeff Yurek
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay St., 5th Floor
Toronto, ON
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Dear Minister Yurek:

At the September 27, 2019 meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Board of Directors, a number of matters were raised regarding the implementation of Schedule 2, *Conservation Authorities Act*, Bill 108.

While we await the implementing regulations, we are keenly aware that transition will take some time. Sufficient time to transition is required. Some preparatory work for creating implementing Bill 108 such as memoranda of understanding for some services are in place. However, most municipal governments and conservation authorities are commencing 2020 budget decisions now, and will not be able to fully implement MOUs for all non-mandatory services in the next three months. We would advise that it is better to plan an implementation for the 2021 fiscal year, provided all regulations are in place in the first quarter of 2020.

Additionally, the activities that support the mandatory programs need to be articulated. Specifically, to what level of detail is field work, monitoring and the resulting documents required? Better defining the scope of activities to support mandatory programs is essential for two reasons.

First, different regions of the province will need different requirements to meet the mandatory programs in a meaningful way. We anticipate that there should be a grouping of expectations reflecting high growth areas (which need deeper level of detail), average growth areas (which would need less detailed effort), and low or no growth areas (which would need a minimum standard of effort).

Second, some conservation authorities will have capacity to meet the threshold of requirements set for their degree of growth and some may not. In the cases where capacity is lacking, a strategy needs to be developed that does not strain municipal financial capacity.

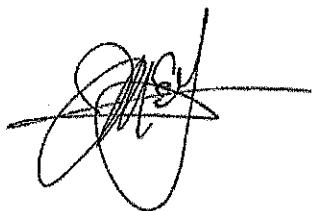
AMO would also like to see a more comprehensive conversation regarding non-mandatory activities. There are many perspectives on the value of CA activities that raise revenues and in turn lower the levy expectations and requirements. This range of

options needs local discussion. Further some consideration to dispute resolution needs to be taken. It is feasible that some local municipal governments may not agree on these discretionary activities and these different views will have fiscal impacts if not resolved in an orderly manner.

Similar matters were raised regarding the Blue Box. Your ministry developed a Blue Box mediation process with a very able facilitator, David Lindsay. This process brought all parties together to successfully resolve implementation concerns. We request a similar approach here, a working group of municipal government representatives, Ministry staff and Conservation Authority staff at a table to iron out principles for implementation.

We look forward to working with you on this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Jamie McGarvey
AMO President

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Kim Gavine, General Manager, Conservation Ontario
Ling Mark, Director, Great Lakes Inland Water Branch, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Jennifer Keyes, Manager, Water Resources Section, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry



From: AMO Communications [mailto:Communicate@amo.on.ca]
Sent: October 24, 2019 1:57 PM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: 2020 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocations Announced

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October 24, 2019

2020 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocations Announced

Today, the Ministry of Finance issued 2020 allocation notices from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). The total funding envelope to municipalities will decrease by \$5 million to \$500 million. These dollars are distributed to 389 municipalities across the province and provide unconditional operating support for local frontline services.

At the 2019 AMO Annual Conference, Premier Ford announced that there would be, “no changes to the structure” of the OMPF for 2020. The \$5 million reduction will come from the Transition and Stabilization Grant component in keeping with recent practice. Allocations to all other grant components remain as they were in 2019.

Letters to Heads of Council and Treasurers are being sent at this time. Allocation notices may also be viewed on the Ministry's [website](#).

The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) provides unconditional operating support from the Province to municipal governments. It uses an equalization approach to address challenges in rural and northern communities, with funding based on various community fiscal health indicators.

Historical OMPF Allocations (in millions of \$):

Component	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Assessment Equalization Grant	149	149	149	149	149	149	149

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Northern Communities Grant	79	79	84	84	89	89	89
Rural Communities Grant	138	138	143	148	150	150	150
Northern & Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant	50	55	67	82	89	89	89
Transitional and Stabilization Grants	134	94	61	41	33	28	23
TOTAL OMPP	550	515	505	505	510	505	500

AMO Contact:

Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor, mwilson@amo.on.ca, 416-971-9856 ext. 323.

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Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)
2020 Allocation Notice



~~XX~~ Township of Essa ~~XX~~
 County of Simcoe

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In 2020, the Province is providing the Township of Essa with \$1,084,000 in funding through the OMPF, which is the equivalent of \$135 per household.

A Total 2020 OMPF	\$1,084,000
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1. Assessment Equalization Grant Component	-
2. Northern Communities Grant Component	-
3. Rural Communities Grant Component	\$1,051,800
4. Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant Component	\$32,200
5. Transitional Assistance	-

B Key OMPF Data Inputs

1. Households	8,029
2. Total Weighted Assessment per Household	\$531,767
3. Rural and Small Community Measure	100.0%
4. Farm Area Measure	n/a
5. Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index	0.4
6. 2020 Guaranteed Level of Support	85.0%
7. 2019 OMPF	\$1,064,600

Note: See line item descriptions on the following page.

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

2020 Allocation Notice

Township of Essa
County of Simcoe

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2020 OMPF Allocation Notice - Line Item Descriptions

Sum of 2020 OMPF grant components and Transitional Assistance, which are described in the 2020 OMPF

- A** Technical Guide. This document can be accessed on the Ministry of Finance's website at:
<http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ompf/2020>

- A5** If applicable, reflects the amount of transitional support provided to assist the municipality in adjusting to year-over-year funding changes.

- B1** Based on the 2019 returned roll from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

Refers to the total assessment for a municipality weighted by the tax ratio for each class of property

- B2** (including payments in lieu of property taxes retained by the municipality) divided by the total number of households.

- B3** Represents the proportion of a municipality's population residing in rural areas and/or small communities.
For additional information, see the 2020 OMPF Technical Guide, Appendix A.

- Represents the percentage of a municipality's land area comprised of farm land. Additional details
B4 regarding the calculation of the Farm Area Measure are provided in the 2020 OMPF Technical Guide,
Appendix B.

- B5** Measures a municipality's fiscal circumstances relative to other northern and rural municipalities in the province, and ranges from 0 to 10. A lower MFCI corresponds to relatively positive fiscal circumstances, whereas a higher MFCI corresponds to more challenging fiscal circumstances. For additional information, see the 2020 OMPF Technical Guide, Appendix D.

- B6** Represents the guaranteed level of support the municipality will receive through the 2020 OMPF. For additional information, see the 2020 OMPF Technical Guide.

- B7** 2019 OMPF Allocation Notice (Line A).

Note: Grant components and Transitional Assistance are rounded up to multiples of \$100.

October 21, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
8195 8th Line
Utopia ON, L0M 1T0

RE: Conservation Authority Levies

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 16, 2019, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C456-2019

Moved by: Coughlin
Seconded by: Cabral

Whereas the Township of Springwater supports the objects of balance on conservation, environmental stewardship, and sustainability to anchor its operations, planning, services, and strategic vision;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater understands the need for both the Province and its municipalities to deliver clear, costed, and sustainable programs and services for taxpayers;

And Whereas both tiers of government must assess all programs and services to eliminate duplication and balance costs on tests of affordability, health, safety, and environmental stewardship;

And Whereas the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks signaled on August 16, 2019 of a need for conservation authorities to re-focus their operations related to core mandates as currently defined in the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990; c. C.27 and its prescribed regulations;

And Whereas the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks signaled on August 16, 2019 that Conservation Authorities should not proceed with any increases to fees or levies;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater supports any Provincial effort to require its municipal levy only apply to core mandated programs and services;

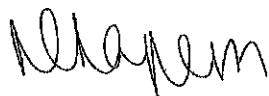
And That this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario, signaling the Township of Springwater's

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support of the Province's review, consultations and development of an updated Conservation Authorities Act and the willingness to participate in all consultations and submissions to the same.

Carried

Sincerely,



Renée Chaperon
Clerk
/cp

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
The County of Simcoe
Conservation Ontario
Ontario municipalities
Ontario Conservation Authorities

October 21, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
8195 8th Line
Utopia ON, L0M 1T0

RE: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 16, 2019, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C457-2019

Moved by: Coughlin
Seconded by: Moore

Whereas the Township of Springwater, like all municipalities in Ontario must confront fiscal limitations and re-evaluate programs, services, and the financial sustainability of each;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater is a constituent municipality in portions of the watershed under the jurisdiction of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and is compelled to remit non-negotiable levy funding to the Authority on an annual basis;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater cannot exercise line-item scrutiny of Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's budget and operations nor does the Authority itself provide detailed substantiation of the same to its member municipalities like the Township of Springwater;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater must account for all taxpayer funds it expends within its operations and that it forwards to local agencies and boards;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater requests that the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority provide prior to passage of its 2020 budget the following:

(1) Its interpretation and understanding of its mandated operations as found in the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c.C.27 and its prescribed regulations;

(2) The costs of each as determined under (1);

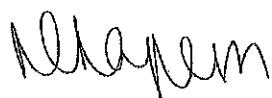
(3) Detailed definitions and determinations of what can be characterized as non-mandatory programming and service(s);

- (4) The costs of each as determined under (3);
- (5) Detailed definitions and determinations of fee-for-service activities of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the revenues they generate as the activities take place within and/or requests originate from geographic area of the Township of Springwater; and
- (6) The costs that arise from programs and services enabled through the Memorandum of Understanding with the Severn Sound Environmental Association.

And That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario.

Carried

Sincerely,



Renée Chaperon
Clerk
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cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
The County of Simcoe
Conservation Ontario
Ontario municipalities
Ontario Conservation Authorities

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING - OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

PURSUANT TO SECTION 26(3) AND (4) OF THE *PLANNING ACT*, R.S.O. 1990 (AS AMENDED) TAKE NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER:

WHEN: December 5, 2019
WHERE: Township of Springwater Administration Centre, 2231 Nursery Road
Minesing, ON L9X 1A8
TIME: 6:30pm – Review of Display Boards
7:00pm – Council Meeting-Springwater Official Plan Review

A location map is not provided with this notice, as the Official Plan Review applies to all lands within the Township of Springwater.

Purpose

The Official Plan is a statement of goals, objectives and policies intended to guide future land use, physical development, and growth within the Township of Springwater. The Township's current Official Plan was approved in January 1998; however, the Plan needs to be updated to ensure that it is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2014 and conforms with other Provincial plans and the County of Simcoe Official Plan.

The primary purpose of the Township's Official Plan Review is to reflect the current and emerging values and growth management framework of the Township and ensure it is consistent with Provincial and County policies. To date, Visioning Sessions, including a workshop, were held, and a Discussion Paper and a Growth Management Strategy were prepared, which have been available for review on the Township's website since August 2018.

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to identify the various changes to Provincial Policy and the County Official Plan and summarize the policy recommendations rising from the Discussion Paper and Growth Management Strategy all of which provided the basis for the Township's Official Plan Review.

Tell Us What You Think

The public is invited to attend this statutory public meeting to provide input into the Official Plan Review process and scope of work. We would like your input to identify policies of the Official Plan which may be revised through the review process. Input received from the public will be considered in the Official Plan Review.

Written Submissions

If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like your comments and/or concerns received by members of Council, please submit your comments in writing to: c/o the Director of Planning Services, Brent Spagnol, MCIP, RPP, 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON L9X 1A8, or email: planning@springwater.ca and provide your name and mailing address.

Additional Information

For further information on the Official Plan Review, please contact:

Brent Spagnol, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning Services
Township of Springwater
2231 Nursery Road
Minesing, ON L9X 1A8
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Brent.Spagnol@springwater.ca

DATED THIS 17th day of October, 2019.



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2231 Nursery Road
Minesing, Ontario
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Open House Concerning the Township of Springwater Official Plan Review

Reference – Official Plan Review

Take notice that an Open House will be held by the Township of Springwater with respect to lands within the entire geographic area of the Township on November 14, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Springwater Administration Centre, 2231 Nursery Road with regards to the Township's Official Plan Review.

Purpose

The Official Plan is a statement of goals, objectives and policies intended to guide future land use, physical development, and growth within the Township of Springwater. The Township's current Official Plan was approved in January 1998; however, the Plan needs to be updated to ensure that it is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2014 and conforms with other Provincial plans and the County of Simcoe Official Plan.

The primary purpose of the Township's Official Plan Review is to reflect the current and emerging values and growth management framework of the Township and ensure it is consistent with Provincial and County policies. To date, Visioning Sessions, including a workshop, were held, and a Discussion Paper and a Growth Management Strategy were prepared. The draft Discussion Paper and draft Growth Management Strategy are available for review on the Township of Springwater website at www.springwater.ca/OPR.

The purpose of this Open House is to provide information to interested stakeholders regarding the draft Discussion Paper and draft Growth Management Strategy, which have been made available on the Township's website since August 2018.

Comments regarding the draft documents are welcomed and encouraged.

Open House Format

The Open House is intended to provide for informal discussion regarding the process and information contained within draft documents completed to date. A brief presentation will be provided by staff at approximately 7:15 p.m. after which stakeholders are encouraged to view information boards and discuss the project with staff members on an informal one-on-one basis.

If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like your comments and/or concerns received by members of Council, please submit your comments in writing to: c/o the Director of Planning Services, Brent Spagnol, MCIP, RPP, 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON L9X 1A8, or email: planning@springwater.ca and provide your name and mailing address.

Statutory Public Meeting

It should be noted that the Open House does not represent the formal Statutory Public Meeting.

The Statutory Public Meeting under Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P 13 as amended for the Township of Springwater Official Plan Review is scheduled to take place at the Township Administration Centre at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday December 5, 2019. Additional notice will be provided for this formal meeting.

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Additional information

For further information on the Official Plan Review, please contact:

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Brent.Spagnol@springwater.ca

Dated at the Township of Springwater, Ontario on October 31st, 2019.

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Statement Regarding Provincial Announcement on the Regional Government Review from County of Simcoe Warden George Cornell

Midhurst/October 25, 2019 – In regards to today's Provincial announcement on the Regional Government Review, the County of Simcoe believes that the Province listened to the concerns and comments of County Council and our member municipalities, and the announcement today reflects that. We thank the province and Minister Steve Clark for truly having an open minded and collaborative approach to this process.

The Province has stated that they don't plan to directly impose or force any significant changes, including amalgamation, upon us and our municipalities at this time, without our direct input and involvement.

We must see this announcement as an opportunity for County Council to come back together and build on some of the very meaningful ideas that we have considered with respect to improved governance and service delivery efficiency across our region.

Our region is growing and demands for municipal services and programs are at an all time high. This is an important time to be innovative and adopt further best practices in how we do our business.

While the County is always implementing efficiencies and improvements, the announcement today makes it clear that the Province is willing to financially and morally support us and our municipalities in furthering these efforts. The extension of the provincial modernization fund and the opportunity to work with the Province to help shape our future is positive.

We also understand that further discussion and clarity will be provided on the aligning of budgetary cycles between levels of government, as well as moving to a single voting list managed by the province to help alleviate confusion and unnecessary costs to municipalities.

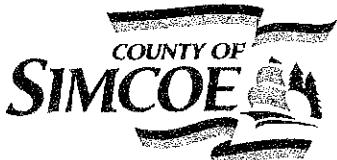
The Province and Minister Clark have relayed to us in many ways, that they are pleased and impressed with Simcoe County's leadership and management initiatives, services and programs. We currently deliver many efficient services and prudent programs on a scale that provides great value and benefit to our residents and communities and we are committed to ensuring that all our municipalities are served to the highest standards possible. We will work with the Province to identify opportunities collaboratively to ensure prudent and efficient use of our tax payers' dollars.

~ County of Simcoe Warden George Cornell

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COUNTY COUNCIL **HIGHLIGHTS**

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Warden's Gala and National Seniors Day



The County of Simcoe hosted the 13th annual Warden's Gala at The Club at Bond Head on October 3, 2019. Thanks to the sponsorship of numerous individuals, businesses and organizations, the event raised \$55,000 in support of United Way Simcoe Muskoka. Over the past 60 years, United Way Simcoe Muskoka has provided supports to our residents in need and helped equip partners with resources to implement life-changing programs. The Warden's Gala has raised more than \$755,000 over 13 years towards the United Way Simcoe Muskoka.

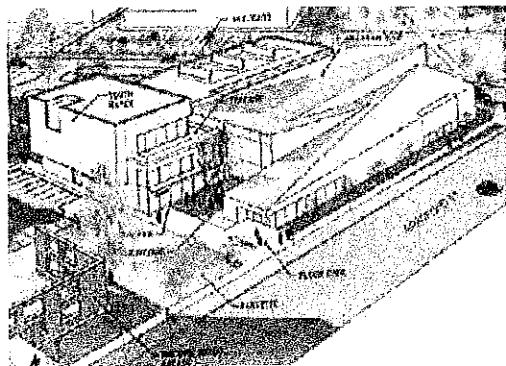
The County of Simcoe celebrated National Seniors Day on October 1. Each year, this date acknowledges the life-long contributions seniors have made and continue to make to their families, communities and society. The County's Long-Term Care and Seniors Services Department provides supports to approximately 1,300 seniors through a variety of programs. Celebrations were held at each of the County's four long-term care homes to mark this important day. The County also issued a news release and social media to raise awareness about the vital contributions of our seniors.



Funding to support the YMCA Simcoe/Muskoka

At Committee of the Whole on September 24, Rob Armstrong, CEO of YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka led a presentation to County Councillors about the new YMCA Regional Hub in Barrie, which will support other YMCA centres throughout Simcoe County. Working in partnership with Youth Haven, the new YMCA will be home to Simcoe County's first standalone transitional housing unit for youth. In addition to the transitional housing component, the building will also include an expanded youth/senior centre, aquatic centre, YMCA Youth Services (addressing employment, life-skills, entrepreneurship, youth at risk), support for new Canadians through YMCA Immigrant Services, traditional health & fitness programming, community meeting spaces, and a public café.

This week, County Council voted to provide \$2.5 million donation capital funding to the Barrie YMCA across four years to be dedicated to Youth Haven Transitional housing and child care services, conditional on the HUB capital project proceeding.



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Provincial Blue Box Special Advisor's Report and Minister's Blue Box Transition Direction

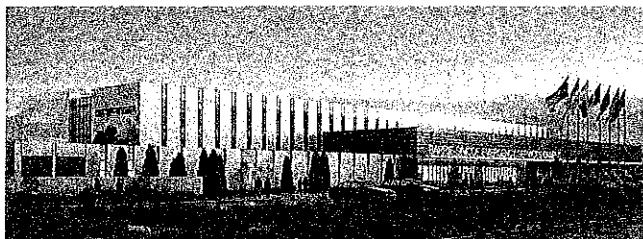
On May 14, Council received a Provincial Discussion Paper – Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities, which described a number of key areas for provincial action including making producers responsible for their waste. Producer responsibility will reduce the collective financial burden on Ontario municipalities by approximately \$130 million annually. This is something that the County has been advocating for over the past several years.

Council received an update on the special advisor's report on the provincial blue box program transition. The provincial blue box program is on course to transition to producer responsibility through a phased approach between 2023 and 2025. The County's 2018 blue box program costs were \$7,137,916, partially offset by producer funding received in 2018 of \$3,140,984 for a net cost of \$3,996,932. Theoretically, upon transition to producer responsibility, this cost would be removed.



Paramedic Services Facility Plan Update

In 2007, further to Council direction, staff engaged with consultants to assist in the development of a Paramedic Services facility model. In September 2008, a new model was introduced, including a hybrid facility model of both station-based and hub/post Paramedic Services facilities. Paramedics report into hubs for duty, check their vehicles and equipment, restock supplies, and undertake other activities as needed. Once fully equipped, staff are directed to appropriate posts in the community to optimize coverage and response across the area. Posts are located in high demand areas within the larger geography to ensure timely coverage. They typically have a smaller footprint with one vehicle bay, washroom, kitchenette and computer workstation.

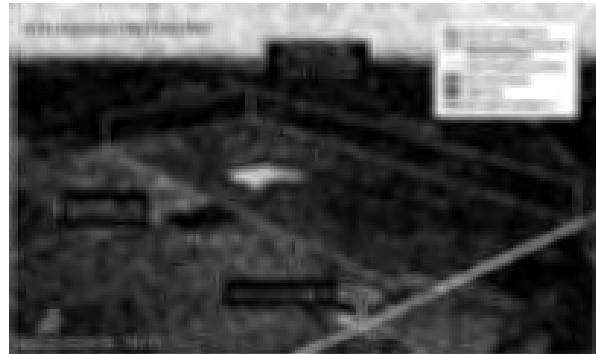


Council received an update to the Paramedic Services Facility Plan including the status of current facilities, ongoing projects and potential future implications over a 10-year planning horizon. Both the Barrie hub and Elmvale station projects are proceeding as per schedule. Hub occupancy is planned for 2020, and Elmvale station is planned for completion in the fall of 2019.

Update on County of Simcoe Official Plan Amendment No. 2 (ERRC)

Council received an overview of the status of the on-going land use approvals process, additional studies being undertaken and next steps in the development of the Environmental Resource Recovery Centre (ERRC), including the County's reforestation/restoration of 11 hectares of land at a 2:1 ratio to mitigate the environmental impacts of the ERRC, planting more than 21,000 trees.

The report included an update on the appeal proceedings, and noted that on August 29, 2019 the *Places to Grow Act, 2005* was modified in response to a number of specific planning matters, including County Official Plan Amendment No.2. This eliminates one issue and confirms the position previously taken by the Ministry and County.





COUNTY COUNCIL

HIGHLIGHTS

Child Care Workers and ECE Appreciation Day

Thursday, October 24, 2019, was proclaimed Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life



of the community. To mark the occasion, education projects were on display in the Atrium of the County Administration Centre in Midhurst from October 21 to October 25, featuring graphic representations of discussions and ideas from the 2019 We Are Stronger Together Early Years Conference.

Seniors Community Grant



On Thursday, October 17, Attorney General and local MPP, Doug Downey, held an event, hosted by the County at the Administration Centre in Midhurst, to announce funding under the Seniors Community Grant Program. The Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility is providing the County of Simcoe with more than \$13,000. This funding will support with the execution of Simcoe County Seniors Safety and Security Symposiums, as part of our Age-friendly Initiatives, on elder abuse, fraud and cyberscam awareness, fire safety and prevention and personal emergency preparedness.

Paramedic Services Response Time Performance



Prior to the downloading of land ambulance services to the upper tier municipalities there were no legislated response time standards in place. Now, the Ambulance Act mandates that response time performance targets for a given calendar year be reported to the Ministry of Health no later than October 31 of each year.

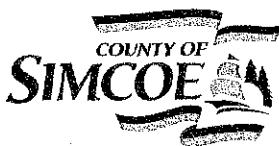
County Council received a report that confirmed 2018 response time performance targets were reached or exceeded. Review of mid-year 2019 performance suggests that response time targets will continue to be met. Council also learned how Paramedic Services across the Province continue to advocate for enhancing the accuracy in the prioritization of calls through improvement in dispatch practices to reduce response time performance for more urgent patients.

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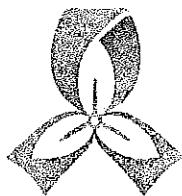
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Trillium Gift of Life Network



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Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) is the Government of Ontario agency responsible for delivering and coordinating organ and tissue donation and transplantation services across the province. The TGLN is seeking to increase its number of tissue donor referrals by exploring alternative methods of receiving tissue donor referrals from its community-based partners. As Ontario Paramedics often attend 9-1-1 calls that result in pronouncement of death in the home, TGLN has begun partnering with Ontario Paramedic Services to assist in achieving their goal.

County Council voted to implement the Paramedic Service Community-based Death Referral Program in Simcoe County. The program will go live following the final continuing education session for our Paramedics in December 2019. Paramedics will collect next of kin information and call the TGLN, where co-ordinators receive the patient's personal health information provided by the Paramedics and screen the patient for donation eligibility.

Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy Update

Under the Housing Services Act, 2011, Service Managers, including the County, are required to review their Affordable Housing and Homelessness Plans at least once every five years. Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy was approved by Council in 2014. The 2019 update is in alignment with current provincial policy direction, confirms the continuing validity of the original comprehensive strategy, and affirms the County's commitment to the vision of adequate, appropriate and affordable housing for Simcoe County residents.

Council received a report on the 2019 update, which highlights continued need for an increased supply of affordable housing in Simcoe County, particularly the need for rental housing. The target of 2,685 units by 2024 remains a minimum target towards meeting the needs across the County, and to-date since 2014, the County has created approximately 1,500 new units.



County Road 90 / County Road 27 - Speed Reduction Request

In establishing County speed limits, it is important that the posted speed limit meet with driver expectations. Studies show that speed limits should be set to reflect a speed the majority of drivers consider safe and reasonable under favourable conditions. To determine appropriate speed limits along County roadways, the Transportation and Engineering Department uses the Transportation Association of Canada's Canadian (TAC) manual. Many risk factors are taken into account, including lane width, pedestrian and cyclist exposure, and number of private access driveways.

In response to concerns regarding the school bus stops along a section of County Road 90, a speed survey was undertaken on this section of the road from May 6 to May 10, 2019. Approximately 76,000 vehicles surveyed. Based on this information, Council voted that a speed limit of 60 km/h on County Road 90 / Mill St from Turnbull easterly to Don Ross Drive be implemented and that the limits of the 50 km/h speed zone on County Road 27 be extended further north of Thornton to the Thornton Cemetery.



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Regular Council

October 28, 2019

- 2019

Moved by:

Douglas
Dee

Item 11.2

Seconded by:

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has legislated in the *Building Code Act* that "the council of each municipality is responsible for the enforcement of this Act in the municipality" and "the council of each municipality shall appoint a chief building official and such inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of this Act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction",

AND WHEREAS, "the council of a municipality may pass by-laws applicable to the matters for which and in the area in which the municipality has jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Act",

AND WHEREAS, the Province has asked local governments to find efficient and cost effective ways to deliver municipal services is now asking municipalities to collect a tax on their behalf to create a new Delegated Administrative Authority to deliver services that have historically been the responsibility of the Ontario Government,

AND WHEREAS, Premier Ford stated in his keynote address at the Association of Ontario Municipalities 2019 Conference, that "we can't continue throwing money at the problem (broken systems) as our predecessors did, into top-down, big government schemes. That is neither compassionate nor sustainable",

AND WHEREAS, alternative methods of building administration and enforcement have been proposed in this consultation that remove municipal authority but not the associated liability,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the The Municipality of Prescott requests that, the Province of Ontario work with the current building sector groups that, for the past fifteen years, have been working to support the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and provide evidence based justification to municipalities that the creation of a

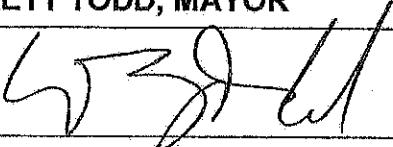
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new Delegated Administrative Authority is necessary prior to any legislative changes to the *Building Code Act*, with regard to building service delivery, are introduced in the Legislature.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Jim McDonnell, Parliamentary Assistant for Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to the Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration.

REQUESTED BY:			
RECORDED VOTE		YES	NO
	Councillor Leanne Burton		
	Councillor Teresa Jansman		
	Councillor Lee McConnell		
CARRIED:	Councillor Mike Ostrander		
TABLED:	Councillor Gauri Shankar		
DEFEATED:	Mayor Brett Todd		
RECORDED VOTE:	Councillor Ray Young		

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DELIVERED VIA E-MAIL

October 28, 2019

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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minister.mah@ontario.ca

Attention: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister

Dear Minister Clark:

RE: Short Term Rental Accommodations

Please be advised that on October 2, 2019, Council of the Corporation of the Township of Severn adopted the following resolution of the Township's Corporate Services Committee, which is provided in part:

MOTION CSC092519-02: Moved by Member Dunlop and seconded by Member Valiquette-Thompson that Planning Report No. P19-044, dated September 25, 2019, with respect to Short Term Rental Accommodations be received;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to draft a letter to the Province urging the Provincial Government to provide municipalities with guidance and/or policy direction to legislate Short Term Rental Accommodations or to regulate the issue Province wide for Council's review & circulate through County municipalities and to the Chair of AMO.

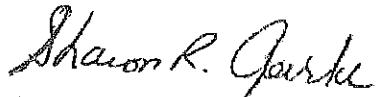
In addition to the "The Home-Sharing Guide for Ontario Municipalities" released by the Ministry of Finance in 2018, the Township of Severn is requesting the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide supplementary guidance and/or policy direction to assist municipalities across Ontario currently struggling with this issue from a residential land use planning and compatibility perspective. This guidance may provide local

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municipalities with a collective and consistent approach to ensure these matters are similarly addressed across the Province.

Sincerely,



Sharon R. Goerke, CMO, AOMC
Clerk

c.c. County of Simcoe Municipalities
Chair of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

From: Troscianczuk, Irene (MNRF) [mailto:irene.troscianczuk@ontario.ca] **On Behalf Of** Gerek, Stan(Tosh) (MNRF)
Sent: October 29, 2019 2:06 PM
Subject: RESENDING - Environmental Registry notice: 019-0732 , Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry proposal to amend three statutes and make a new regulation

The following message is being sent on behalf of Tosh Gerek

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Ministre des Richesses naturelles et des Forêts
Strategic and Indigenous Policy Branch	Direction des politiques relatives aux stratégies et aux affaires autochtones
Policy Division	Division de la politique
300 Water Street 3rd Floor North Peterborough ON K9J 3C7 Tel: 705-755-1727	300, rue Water 3e étage Nord Peterborough (Ontario) K9J 3C7 Tél.: 705-755-1727



October 29, 2019

Re: Environmental Registry notice (019-0732) by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding proposal to amend three statutes and make a new regulation

Greetings,

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is proposing legislative changes to seven statutes and to make a new regulation under the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*. The legislative changes are part of the proposed *Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019*. If passed, these changes are intended to support the government's commitment to reduce unnecessary red tape and regulatory burden and modernize government to be simpler, faster and more cost-effective, while ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources and public health and safety are not compromised.

A proposal to amend the following three Acts and propose a new regulation is posted on the Environmental Registry.

1. *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*
2. *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*
3. *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* and new Minister's regulation under the Act

The proposed amendments and new regulation are described below:

- Proposed amendments to the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*, would if passed:
 - Enable the issuance of a "permit" to allow a person to remove forest resources from a Crown forest for non-forestry purposes.
 - Modernize the requirements for annual work schedules by removing the requirement for MNRF approval.
 - Enable the Minister to extend a Forest Management Plan.
- Proposed amendments to the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*, would if passed:
 - Allow future regulations to be made, where appropriate, to relieve existing activities from requirements that would apply to new activities.
 - Enable the use of a rules-in-regulation approach, or the mandatory issuance of approvals for more activities, subject to conditions and requirements that would be set out in regulation intended to streamline approvals for the specified activities.
 - Clarify the types of geological evaluation and testing activities captured by the definition of "well".
- Proposed amendments to the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*, would if passed:
 - Create a new Minister's regulation-making authority in the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act to allow the Minister to require some owners of electricity-producing dams to, where necessary, assess, monitor and report on methyl mercury related impacts to water and fish.
 - Amend an existing authority to incorporate guidelines by reference in the regulations.

Regulation Proposal

- If the proposed Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act legislative amendment is passed, the ministry proposes to develop a subsequent Minister's regulation that if made, would require some dam owners of electricity-producing dams to, where necessary, assess, monitor and report on mercury levels in surface water and/or fish tissue. We are also seeking comments on this proposed regulation via this notice.

Owners of the twelve existing dams that currently have mercury assessment, monitoring and reporting requirements established through Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks issued Permits to Take Water, would, if the regulation is made, continue these requirements under the authority of the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act and reporting would be to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Each of these twelve Permits to Take Water were subject to consultation prior to their issuance.

New or significantly redeveloped electricity-producing dams may, if the regulation is made, require assessment, monitoring and reporting of mercury, where there is a new or expanded head pond area and/or where there are identified risks associated with human consumption of fish.

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks is concurrently consulting on a proposal to amend the Ontario Water Resources Act Permit to Take Water requirements for electricity-producing facilities. For more information, please visit <https://ero.ontario.ca> and enter 019-0545 in the search to view this Environmental Registry notice.

In addition, there are other administrative and housekeeping changes proposed for the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994* and the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*.

All proposed changes to MNRF statutes appear in the proposed *Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019*, which can be found through the following link to the Bill on the Legislative Assembly, <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-132>.

MNRF recognizes that this proposal may be of interest to you. To view the Environmental Registry notice, please visit <https://ero.ontario.ca> and enter 019-0732 in the search.

Proposed changes to the *Aggregate Resources Act* are also included in the proposed *Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019* and are the subject of a separate registry proposal posting. For more information, please visit Environmental Registry of Ontario and enter 019-0556 in the search. Please note the posting related to proposed changes to the *Aggregate Resources Act* will close on November 4, 2019.

We invite you to contact Tigist Abebe at 416-314-0961 or SIPB@ontario.ca with any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Tosh Gierek

A/Director

Strategic and Indigenous Policy Branch
Policy Division



OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF Essa Fire Department



October 31, 2019

SOUNDING THE ALARM ON THE SILENT KILLER

UTOPIA, ON – You can't see it, taste it, smell it, or touch it. The only way you have of knowing that Carbon Monoxide is lurking, is with a working CO alarm.

"Many people don't even recognize the sources of carbon monoxide that are in their homes," says Essa Fire Chief Cynthia Ross Tustin. "It could be the car in your attached garage, your gas fired hot water heater; or your oil furnace. Even your wood stove, these are all potential sources of carbon monoxide. And unless you have a working CO alarm, you'll never know until it's too late." Small children and the elderly are particularly susceptible to the poisonous gas.

There have been many incidents right here in Essa where carbon monoxide alarms have saved lives; they were properly installed as required outside sleeping areas in homes. The Essa Fire Department reminds everyone to ensure their alarms are working; but we are going one step farther. We encourage all building owners with fuel burning appliances to install CO alarms for the safety of their customers and employees.

Across Ontario, "Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week" is November 1st to 7th each year. Carbon monoxide (CO) is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in Ontario, in Canada, and across North America. The Essa Fire Department promotes having a working CO alarm all year; but since November is the start of prime heating season, we are additionally reminding people to have their fuel burning appliances inspected and their chimneys cleaned.

CO is produced by the incomplete burning of fuels and can be released by fuel burning appliances, cars, barbeques and generators. If you're looking for more information about protecting your family for the "silent killer," please visit this link for the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/FireMarshal/CarbonMonoxideAlarms/QuestionsandAnswers/OFM_COAlarms_QandA.html

Residents are encouraged to contact the fire department if they are unsure if they require one or more carbon monoxide alarms in their home; and are reminded to check their devices to see if they have expired; and to test their devices monthly.

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For more information:

C. Ross Tustin, Fire Chief
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Utopia, Ontario
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Opportunities for Municipal Action on the Opioid Crisis

Prepared by the Steering Committee of the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy (SMOS), October 2019

SMOS is a cross-sector partnership of agencies and individuals addressing the opioid crisis in Simcoe and Muskoka

Through 2018 and 2019 to date, awareness of the impacts of the opioid crisis amongst communities in Simcoe and Muskoka has grown considerably. Several municipal councils have expressed interest in taking action to help address this urgent situation. As a support to municipalities, the steering committee of SMOS has developed this document of suggested opportunities for action within the realm of municipal jurisdiction. These ideas are relevant to Simcoe and Muskoka broadly speaking, but should be tailored to the needs of each municipality as some items may be more relevant than others, and additional items may be important. Local information and partnership may be available through the following collaborative opioid/drug strategy working groups in Simcoe Muskoka, connected to the work of SMOS:

Location	Group Name	Contact	Email
Barrie	Barrie Drug Awareness Partnership	Mia Brown	Mia.brown@smdhu.org
Orillia	Orillia Drug Strategy Task Group	Claudia Swoboda	Claudia.swoboda@smdhu.org
Nottawasaga	Nottawasaga Opioid Advisory Working Group	Cathy Eisener	Cathy.eisener@smdhu.org
Muskoka	Muskoka Drug Strategy	Brittney Hillier	Brittney.hillier@smdhu.org

Many of the suggested opportunities are inter-related, and may be best achieved in coordination with each other. In particular, the ongoing development of Community Safety & Wellbeing Plans by municipalities in Ontario provide an important opportunity to consider many of these items. These plans encourage multi-sectoral partnerships to develop strategies, programs and services in order to help minimize risk factors and improve the overall well-being of our communities.

The items on this list are complementary to the work of SMOS. Some go beyond the scope of SMOS member organizations, to that of municipalities, and therefore are not articulated in SMOS plans. For information on the work of SMOS, please see our Action Plan and 2018 Update, and other materials at PreventOD.ca.

For further information about SMOS or the below opportunities for municipal action Simcoe Muskoka-wide, please contact Janice Greco at:
Janice.greco@smdhu.org.

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OPIOID STRATEGY**

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Theme	Opportunities for Municipal Action	Description
Cross-cutting	1. Contribute funding for a drug strategy coordinator at the County, District, or Municipal level.	<p>A Drug Strategy Coordinator would be primarily responsible for facilitating a multi sectoral collaboration of key community stakeholders in the planning, implementation and evaluation of a municipal and/or regional drug strategy. Strategies are based on the integrated components of prevention, harm reduction, treatment and enforcement/justice, such as SMOS. A Drug Strategy Coordinator could support and enhance the work of SMOS in future.</p> <p>For examples of various drug strategies within Ontario, please visit: http://www.drugstrategy.ca/about.html</p>
	2. Continue to work on implementing your municipal affordable housing strategy using a Housing First approach.	<p>Housing First is an approach that addresses the immediate housing needs of people with addictions and mental illness.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.homelesshub.ca/solutions/housing-accommodation-and-supports/housing-first</p>
	3. <i>For County of Simcoe only:</i> Provide bus passes and/or transportation funding to help clients from other communities in Simcoe County attend Drug Treatment Court in Barrie.	<p>Drug Treatment Courts (DTC) operate on the notion that traditional sentencing standards generally do not influence recidivism in offenders whose criminal conduct is driven by problematic substance abuse. DTC aims to improve social stability and reduce criminal behaviour associated with deep-rooted substance abuse.</p> <p>For more information, please contact: SimcoeCountyDTC@gmail.com</p>
Prevention	4. Support all municipal staff and Council to participate in the Alberta Family Wellness Initiative (AFWI).	<p>The AFWI is an educational initiative that takes a science-based approach to addressing early childhood development and preventing harmful substance use, through promoting positive brain development. Educational resources and full 'Brain Story Certification' are available at no cost.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.albertafamilywellness.org/</p>
Treatment	5. Support efforts to increase the number of local residents seeking training for careers in mental health and addictions.	<p>For example, host career fairs specific to the field of mental health and addictions.</p>

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Harm Reduction	<p>6. Coordinate and/or fund a peer worker to provide outreach to marginalized individuals and assist businesses in downtown cores.</p>	<p>This approach has been used in other communities to improve the local business climate, reduce calls to emergency services through de-escalation, and assist individuals in need.</p> <p>For examples, please visit:</p> <p>Barrie's Connected Core Project: https://connectedcore.ca/</p> <p>Guelph's Welcoming Streets Initiative: http://guelphchc.ca/welcoming-streets-initiative-wsi/</p>
	<p>7. Access or purchase outdoor mounted sharps disposal units to reduce publically discarded needles and other drug paraphernalia.</p>	<p>Municipalities can also work in collaboration with community partners to encourage safe disposal of sharps.</p> <p>For more information, please visit:</p> <p>http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Drugs/SaferSubstanceUse/DisposalOfUsedSupplies.aspx</p> <p>or contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.</p>
	<p>8. Fund naloxone access at municipal buildings and on public transit.</p>	<p>Provide naloxone education and training to municipal staff and public transit drivers, and provide information to the public on how to access and use this naloxone.</p> <p>For example, Kingston, Ontario has made naloxone kits available in the automated external defibrillator (AED) stations in City facilities for use by the public: https://www.amhs-kfla.ca/naloxone-now-available-city-kingston-facilities-info-session-february-14/</p>
	<p>9. Support supervised consumption site (SCS) models in the community.</p>	<p>In municipalities with high numbers of opioid overdoses, support the application process for an SCS to the federal and provincial governments by community agencies.</p> <p>For more information, please visit:</p> <p>http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Drugs/opioids/Supervised-consumption-sites</p> <p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/substance-use/supervised-consumption-sites/explained.html</p>

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to raise its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2020

Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to raise its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2020, based on a rate-setting framework and other adjustments previously approved by the Ontario Energy Board for the period 2019-2023. The rates are set using a formula that is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency. If the request is approved, a typical residential customer in the EGD Rate Zone and in the Union Rate Zones (former customers of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited, respectively) would see the following increases:

Rate Zones	Residential Annual Bill Increase
EGD	\$7.53
Union South	\$4.26
Union North East	\$5.07
Union North West	\$5.80

Enbridge Gas Inc. has also applied to recover capital expenditures related to two projects that are not part of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s regular capital expenditure plan. Enbridge Gas Inc. states that if this request is approved, it will increase the above-noted bill impact in the EGD Rate Zone by an additional \$0.40 per year and the above-noted bill impact in the Union South Rate Zone by an additional \$1.49 per year.

Enbridge Gas Inc. also states that in November 2019 it will file a cost allocation study for the Union Rate Zones, including a proposal to address TransCanada's C1 Dawn to Dawn TCPL service.

Other customers may also be affected. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you will be affected by the changes.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS ALSO HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Enbridge Gas Inc. We will question Enbridge Gas Inc. on the case. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual customers and from groups that represent the customers of Enbridge Gas Inc. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether the rate increase requested in the application will be approved.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Enbridge Gas Inc. on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **November 11, 2019** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is EB-2019-0194. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2019-0194** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/participate. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings -- oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **November 11, 2019**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).





NVCA Board Meeting Highlights October 25, 2019

Next Meeting: November 22, 2019, Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit nvca.on.ca/about/boardofdirectors

2019 Third Quarter Budget Report

On March 22, 2019 the Board approved the NVCA's 2019 budget. Quarterly reports are given to the Board to update on the status of the budget activities and any variations expected.

The following are the highlights for the first 9 months of operations of the NVCA:

- Expenditures to date are on track, with 69.40% of the budgeted expenses (75% of budget year completed).
- Revenues are tracking well, with 78.59% of the budgeted revenues recognized. This includes the first nine months of the general municipal levy of \$1,814,057.
- Program areas at this time, are tracking revenues and expenditures consistent with the approved budget and a balanced budget is anticipated.

Sharing mapping data with Greenland International Consulting

Chris Hibberd, NVCA's Director of Watershed Management Services provided a verbal update to the Board of Directors regarding sharing hydrology modelling data with Greenland International Consulting for research and development purposes.

A data sharing agreement is being drafted to ensure the share hydrology modelling data is only used for the purpose of research and development.

Once the draft is completed, staff will share the agreement with the Board of Directors for revision and review.

Meeting with Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

On October 28, NVCA will be meeting with the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), as part of the pre-consultation meetings that MECP is holding with all 36 conservation authorities. The pre-consulting meetings are for an opportunity to outline the delineation between mandatory and non-mandatory services and activities, how these are currently funded, and their connections and benefits to local municipalities' priorities and the Made-in-Ontario Environmental Plan

Here are a list of documents NVCA will be bringing to the meeting

- [2019 Program Overview.pdf](#)
- [Municipal Introduction Session Slides.pdf](#)
- [2018 Annual Report](#)
- [2019 Budget](#)
- [2020 Draft Budget](#)
- [Integrated Watershed Management Plan](#)

In brief

No other items to report.

Future Meetings and Events

SERO 2019 Ecological Restoration AGM and Workshop

Dates:

November 1, 9:00 AM -November 2, 2019

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195
8th Line, Utopia

Lost in the Woods with campfire cookout (ages 4-11)

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019 10:00 AM
– 3:00 PM

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195
8th Line, Utopia

GPS and Map Navigation (age 12-19)

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019 10:00 AM –
3:00 PM

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195
8th Line, Utopia

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