

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024**

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None

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None.

NOVEMBER 2023

REPORT



“ It’s true what they say, libraries are one of the very few places left where people can hang out without paying, and without judgement. Even if I just come in here for a few minutes, I feel better.

- Patron comment

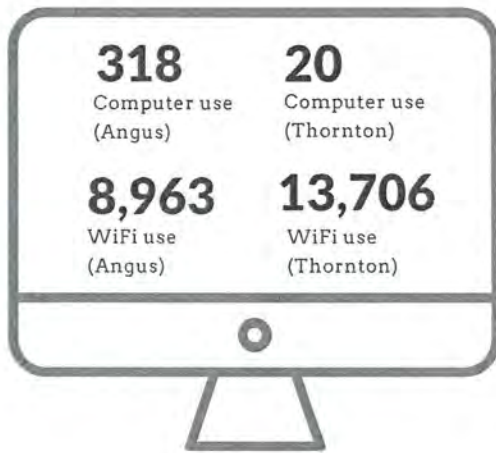
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CIRCULATION DATA

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NEW MEMBERS
1,076 YTD

“ You put a smile on my face today, I haven't had one in a really long time.



Digital resource of the month



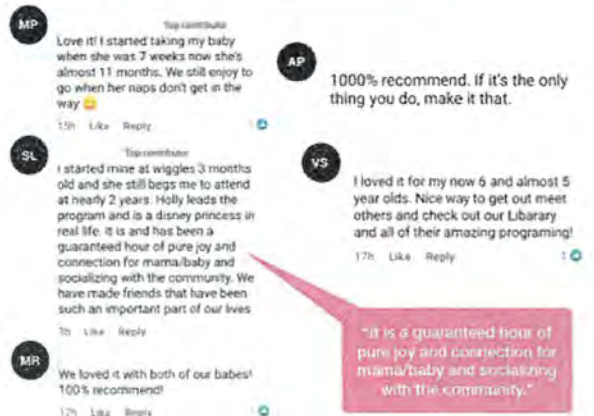
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views

“ Wow! You really CAN borrow ANYTHING from the library... I just saw a rice cooker.



Discussion from Angus Mom Squad Group, Facebook November 14, 2023



“It is a guaranteed hour of pure joy and connection for mama/baby and socializing with the community.”

PROGRAMS



496 kids participated in 35 programs


Top  kids programs:

Storytime in Angus & Thornton - 87
Toddler Time - 69
Mighty Makers - 99


14 teens attended
4 Teen Social events


“ I retired in March of 2020. My kids had all just moved out and I had big plans that were shut down because of the pandemic. I no longer had access to my co-workers or the social circles I had because of my kid's sports; dance, hockey, etc. I felt lonely and isolated, and the thing that saved me was the library. Even in the pandemic there were crafts we could come and do if we remained physically distanced or we could pick them up if we were more comfortable. And now, I don't miss a thing that this library does! It's my main social connection.”


186 Adults and seniors participated in
19 programs

Top  adult & senior programs:

Essalicious - 69
Cards with Colleen (Community
Partnership Program) - 25
Senior Social - 24

 1,719 followers
(15 new since last month)

 758 followers
(2 new since last month)

 1029 followers
(same as last month)

 662 subscribers
(22 new since last month)
9,831 views
(437 new since last month)

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Dec-23

Current

Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	9	301	\$1,519,382.00	\$42,237,568.00	\$27,511.90	\$560,816.92
Commercial	3	19	\$72,000.00	\$15,180,600.00	\$1,742.50	\$40,853.93
Industrial		5		\$4,730,000.00		\$57,875.63
Institutional		19		\$558,000.00		\$9,614.28
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural		9		\$3,105,000.00		\$44,271.01
TOTAL	12	353	\$1,591,382.00	\$ 65,811,168.00	\$29,254.40	\$ 713,431.77
Y.O.Y.	22	291	\$5,131,760.00	\$ 43,379,561.00	\$39,119.72	\$ 388,647.97

83.57%

NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

Dwelling Units Created

Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	3	78	\$1,282,357.00	\$26,664,415.00
Mult Res Bldgs		0		\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg		41		\$2,919,955.00
TOTAL	3	119	\$1,282,357.00	\$29,584,370.00
Y.O.Y.	9	71	\$ 2,969,760.00	\$ 27,496,824.00
	-66.67%	67.61%	-56.82%	7.59%

Reviewed by CBO Pedro Granes





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



Acknowledge Forum planning has
begun...

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

22 MAR 2024

You don't want to miss this one!

Corporate Calling Program Underway

Nottawasaga Futures is working with The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury!

The BWG Office of Economic Development is updating their database and business directory to assist with their communication efforts to local companies.

Staff will be reaching out by phone over the next several weeks to ensure that information is up-to-date. Please take a few moments to provide your contact details when we call.

We look forward to connecting with you and wish you the very best over the holiday season. Thank you.



Discover the vibrant world of Ontario's film industry with our insightful video. Dive into the significant impact this industry has on local businesses and uncover the key products and services vital for film and television productions. Our workshop guides you through the nuances of the film production process, including the critical elements that influence the selection of filming locations.

Designed for a wide array of businesses - from hotels and caterers to equipment rental services and beyond - this video is a treasure trove of knowledge for anyone looking to collaborate and connect with the thriving film community in Simcoe County.



The South Simcoe Streams Network would like to thank all volunteers, committee members, landowners, partner organizations and local municipalities for the many successes we realized in 2023.

Your work and support on our many projects this year have made a difference and with your help we were able to plant approximately 6,000 trees and shrubs in our South Simcoe communities!

Together we have improved stream health and water quality, reestablished tree coverage and habitat for fish and wildlife, and reduced the infiltration of invasive plants along our streams and rivers.

We look forward to working with you again in 2024.

Best Wishes for the New Year!

If you would like to know more about the Streams Network, check us out at: [Nottawasaga](https://www.nottawasaga.com)

Contact Theresa Parent at theresa@nottawasaga.com



A retail gap analysis was conducted for all of New Tecumseth in the fall of 2023. The Town is hosting a virtual event to hear the results of the consultant's findings. Join us virtually on Thursday, January 18, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. To register, email ecdev@newtecumseth.ca

**Becoming a
Film-Friendly Vendor
in Simcoe County**

→ **18 Jan 2024** **Circle Theatre, Alliston**
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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

Register: filmfriendlyalliston.eventbrite.ca

Presented by:

- sgbma
- Nottawasaga Futures
- COUNTY OF SIMCOE
- SMALL BUSINESS CENTRE
- Innisfil Economic Development
- New Tecumseth Alliston Brantford
- BWG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Expand Your Business with the Film Industry in Simcoe County!

Join us for our unique workshop, 'Becoming a Film Friendly Vendor in Simcoe County', focusing on business expansion. Film producer Tom Strnad will guide you through the production ecosystem right here in our county and equip you with the insights to serve film and television productions.

From hotels and food service to unique locations, property owners and green initiatives, this workshop caters to a wide array of businesses. Dive into understanding the industry, explore challenges and opportunities, and identify collaboration potential with peers. Plus, participate in a Q&A session to get your burning questions answered!

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Networking 9:30 a.m. | Workshop 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Venue: The Circle Theatre, Alliston

Register: <https://filmfriendlyalliston.eventbrite.ca>

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Ministère du Solliciteur général



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MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique
Chairs, Police Services Boards

FROM: Ken Weatherill
Assistant Deputy Minister
Public Safety Division

SUBJECT: In-force date of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*

DATE OF ISSUE:	December 18, 2023
CLASSIFICATION:	General Information
RETENTION:	April 1, 2024
INDEX NO.:	23-0085
PRIORITY:	Normal

On behalf of the Ministry of the Solicitor General, I would like to thank all our policing partners for your support throughout the regulatory development process. We are greatly appreciative of the in-depth feedback that was provided on the regulations.

As a result of this collective effort, the regulations that are required to bring the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)* into force have been approved by Cabinet and filed. They can now be accessed publicly online through e-Laws page – linked [here](#).

I am writing to you today to inform you that **April 1, 2024**, has been proclaimed as the official date on which the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* will come **into force**.

All police services are expected to be ready to comply with the Act and its regulations starting on the in-force date. To prepare for these changes, policing partners are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the requirements under the CSPA and its regulations and make any necessary operational and process changes.

The upcoming 2024 [CSPA Training Summit](#), organized by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Police Association of Ontario, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards and the Ontario Senior Officers Police Association, will serve as a forum to provide a shared understanding of the Act and its regulations. It will also

provide an opportunity for the ministry to support the policing sector toward operational readiness and help clarify any outstanding questions.

The Inspectorate of Policing will also act as an important resource to support the policing sector leading up to CSPA in-force. To this end, the Inspectorate's Police Services Advisors will continue to work directly with police services, chiefs of police, and police services boards to provide liaison and advisory services toward readiness to transition to the new CSPA framework. This includes current efforts to pilot an updated inspection process, establishing a robust data collection approach, and assisting policing partners to navigate any issues that surface during implementation. The Inspectorate of Policing will continue to engage with other stakeholders including police associations.

As we work together towards CSPA in-force, the ministry will seek to provide you with timely information to inform local operational planning and implementation.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your respective Police Service Advisor with questions pertaining to the CSPA or to learn more about the Inspectorate's work.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support on efforts to advance the modernization and continuous improvement of police services in Ontario.

Sincerely,

K. Weatherill

Kenneth Weatherill
Assistant Deputy Minister
Public Safety Division

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

Creed Atkinson, Chief of Staff
Ministry of the Solicitor General

Ryan Teschner
Inspector General of Policing
Inspectorate of Policing

Sarah Corbett

Subject: FW: Next Steps in Basic Human Rights Legislation
Attachments: Premier, Doug Ford announces commitment to Gov't bill.mov

From: Emily McIntosh <>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 9:35 PM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: re: Next Steps in Basic Human Rights Legislation

You don't often get email from ejh_84@hotmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Council,

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out in hopes that you will champion this next leg of the advocacy. We are fully committed to working with this government to enact change to ensure legislation is introduced that will hold municipally elected officials accountable for violence and harassment. As you are likely aware, there are 3 components we seek:

1. accountability to violence and harassment policies
2. a process for removal for substantiated egregious acts of harassment
3. a restriction on subsequent reelection

To be clear, this next phase is not adversarial in nature, but rather a direct response to the message that this needs to get bigger in order to empower government movement on this. We know the government can create even stronger legislation that would include School Board Trustees, as an example.

We are asking councils across Ontario to wear this t shirt in the New Year until such legislation is introduced. Every effort for change has a tipping point, and it is our hope that the number of councillors wearing the shirt will grow, as a passive, yet powerful way to underscore this urgency of the issue. This isn't just about your own workplace safety, its also about the rights of the municipal staff you work with and community members. Anyone can, and is encouraged to wear the shirt to any panel, ROMA/AMO conferences, etc. as well.

The link is here:

<https://untouchedexperiment.com/products/womenofontariosayno>

The Women of Ontario Say No Tee

Human rights are not up for debate. By purchasing an "Accountability Now" t-shirt, you are supporting a non-partisan, province wide effort that will ensure that municipally elected representatives are held to the same standards as every other working Ontario. We look to you - our dedicated Councillors and respected co

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For transparency, we feel it is appropriate to share who we have connected with within Government directly on this for context:

1. Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford
2. Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Charmaine Williams
3. former Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark; awaiting response from Minister Calandra
4. Attorney General, Doug Downey
5. former Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Monte McNaughton
6. Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Deputy Government House Leader, Andrea Khanjin
7. Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Graydon Smith
8. Minister of Francophone Affairs and President of the Treasury Board, Caroline Mulroney
9. Associate Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Nina Tangri
10. Minister of Colleges and Universities of Ontario, Jill Dunlop
11. MPP Dawn Gallagher
12. MPP Laurie Scott
13. MPP Brian Saunderson
14. ** a number of other Conservative MPPs via people who want to see this change (councillors, citizens)
15. ** a number of other party MPPs via people who want to see this change (councillors, citizens)

You will also note that the Premier has publicly stated the government will bring its own legislation on this issue, five days after Bill 5 was voted down and we are committed to working with this government to that end. We have attached that video for reference.

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Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. We are here to work in tandem to ensure basic human rights are respected for all persons.

Thank you in advance for your support. Happy holidays to you and yours. Cheers to a brighter future for Ontarians in 2024!

Sincerely,

Emily McIntosh

The Women of Ontario Say No



[EXTERNAL]

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Sarah Corbett

Subject: FW: Update on amendments to the Public Work Class EA

From: EA Modernization (MECP) <EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca>

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 5:11 PM

To: EA Modernization (MECP) <EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca>

Subject: Update on amendments to the Public Work Class EA

You don't often get email from eamodernization.mecp@ontario.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

Greetings:

I want to thank you for your interest and involvement to date in actions the government is taking to modernize Ontario's environmental assessment program. Today, I am writing to provide you with an update on decisions made by the province on the proposed amendments to the Public Work Class Environmental Assessment (Public Work Class EA).

Ministers Decision

Following consultation with Indigenous communities, proponents, stakeholders and government agencies, the Minister has made changes to the Public Work Class EA to better align assessment requirements with potential environmental impact.

The amendments include:

- Changing the name from the "Class EA for Public Work" to the "Government Property Class EA".
- Exempting low-risk projects to allow for a better fit of EA effort to potential environmental risks, based on implementation experience and/or changes to address public interest by allowing for more efficient implementation of projects for communities (e.g. operation and maintenance, emergencies, administrative undertakings with no physical works, small structures, etc.)
- Clarifying the roles of the applicant and proponents.
- Replacing the Category Listing Matrix and changing the screening process to allow proponents to screen (exempt) projects subject to the Class EA process or to elevate a project to a Category C project based on a series of screening questions.
- Including provisions for the proponent to consider and address any potential impacts related to source water protection, as well as to assess climate change impacts and consider cumulative effects, in Category B and C projects.
- General amendments to simplify the assessment process, provide information on the duty to consult and consultation with Indigenous communities, improve notification and identification of stakeholders, and update the Class EA, where appropriate, to align with other Class EAs and consequential amendments.

Note: the amended Class EA does not include any changes related to the [Moving to a project list approach under the Environmental Assessment Act](#). At the time of this decision to amend the Class EA, the review of input received on that proposal remains underway.

These amendments will better align the assessment requirements for projects in respect of government property with their anticipated environmental impacts; clarify process requirements; and increase the efficiency of the class environmental assessment process, while maintaining strong environmental oversight and protection.

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The amendments to the Public Work Class EA came into effect on December 18, 2023, which is the day the notice of the amendment was posted on the ERO. Detailed information on the amendments can be found at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-7877>.

Background

In 2019, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks sent a request to all provincial Class EA holders to propose changes that would better align requirements for projects with their potential for environmental impacts, eliminate duplication and find efficiencies in the Class EA assessment process. In response, the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI) submitted a proposal that recommended several amendments to the Public Work Class EA.

On July 8, 2020, the proposed amendments to the Public Work Class EAs were posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for a 45-day public comment period.

On behalf of the ministry, I would like to thank you for providing comments on the proposed amendments to the Public Work Class EA. All comments received on the proposed amendments have been considered by the Minister when making the decision about the amendments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the ministry's EA Modernization Team: EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Annamaria Cross
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

[EXTERNAL]



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On December 19th 2023, Council passed the following resolution at its regular meeting:

RESOLUTION 2023-0247

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Halvorsen

WHEREAS duly elected Officials of a Municipality, or a Township are expected to be above reproach and to conduct themselves with integrity, truth, justice, honesty, transparency and courtesy.

AND WHEREAS there are people of dubious character who have a Criminal Record, having been convicted of a Federal Offence of any of the Federal Statutes of Canada, but not limited to the Criminal Code or Narcotic Control Act, who are currently on Council of a Municipality or have let their name stand for election for Mayor, Reeve or Councillor as a municipal candidate.

NOT WITHSTANDING the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record pardoned from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections or holding office in municipal council

AND THAT an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a criminal offense and must resign

AND THAT Council of the Township of Conmee direct the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, Minister of Municipal Affairs Paul Calandra, MPP Kevin Holland, MPP and Leader of the Official Opposition Marit Stiles, MPP and Critic of the Attorney General Kristyn Wong-Tam, MPP and Critic of Solicitor General John Vanthof, MPP and Critic of Municipal Affairs Jeff Burch, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario

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Municipal Association, Northern Ontario Municipal Association, Thunder Bay District
Municipal League, and all Ontario municipalities

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34 Robert Street, Thornton, ON L0L 2N0
www.essa.library.on.ca | 705-424-6531

December 29, 2023

Township of Essa Council Members

Re. New Logo and updated Mission Statement for Essa Public Library

This letter is to share a new logo and an updated Mission Statement for Essa Public Library as identified in EPL's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, **Deepening Connections**.

The **Branding** initiative in Strategic Plan Focus #2, Destination to Imagine, Discover, and Connect, includes: "Refresh logo to reflect contemporary library services". On December 18th, the Essa Public Library Board adopted the new logo and updated the library mission to: *A place to imagine, discover and connect.*

Both the logo and the mission statement aim to highlight the public library as a safe and welcoming destination where people can pursue lifelong learning, meet a new neighbour, or borrow a resource to take home.

We expect 2024 will be another meaningful and dynamic year serving the residents of Essa Township.

Sincerely,

Judith Hunter
Essa Public Library Board Chair



A place to
imagine
discover
and connect



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December 12, 2023

File: C00.2023

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M5B 2H7

Sent by Email

RE: Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on December 11, 2023, passed a resolution regarding Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support as follows:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

And Whereas over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

And Whereas municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

And Whereas cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

And Whereas the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

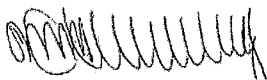
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amend the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries; Page 6 of 7
- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost.

And that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

For reference, please find attached the Staff Report LS-032-2023 that provides background for the above resolution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar
MPP Simcoe Grey, Brian Saunderson
Ontario Municipalities



CLEARVIEW

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Township of Clearview will be hosting a Public Meeting, pursuant to Sections 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act* (R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13), regarding the Township's proposed new Official Plan. This public notice invites you to engage in the public process, if you so desire.

The Proposal:

Section 26 of the *Planning Act* requires that Official Plans be regularly reviewed and updated. The Township of Clearview's current Official Plan was adopted in 2001, and it is time to renew our community's vision for the future and to bring the Official Plan's policies into alignment with Provincial and County requirements and guidelines. The proposed new Official Plan, which will replace the current Official Plan, is an updated statement of the goals, objectives, and policies that will guide future growth and development in the Township over the next twenty years. The proposed new Official Plan is intended to ensure that future growth happens in a sustainable manner and is provided with the necessary infrastructure, transportation, and public service facilities.

The subject lands of the proposed new Official Plan comprise the entire municipal territory of the Township of Clearview. (For this reason, no key map of the subject lands has been provided with this notice.)

Public Meeting Information:

The Township of Clearview will be hosting a Public Meeting of Council to discuss the revisions being made to the Public Consultation Draft of the Township's new Official Plan (released in August 2023). This additional, non-statutory meeting will include a presentation on the general approach being taken to address various 'hot topics' and items of particular importance to the community. Members of the public are invited to attend, as this meeting will provide one last opportunity to receive oral comments on the Consultation Draft ahead of the release of the Final Draft on **January 19, 2024**.

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Council Chambers, Township of Clearview Administration Centre
217 Gideon Street, Stayner, Ontario

How to Participate:

If you wish to be notified of Council's decision regarding the adoption of the proposed new Official Plan, please submit your request in writing to the Township using the information provided. Please be advised that your written comment and request to be notified will form part of the public record, and that your communication and any personal information included therein (such as your name and e-mail address) will be made available to the public, unless you expressly request that such information be removed.

If you have specific accessibility needs and would like this notice in another format or would like other accommodations, the Township of Clearview will work to meet your needs. Please contact Human Resources at 705-428-6230 ext. 255.

For owners of land that contains seven or more residential units, please ensure that this notice is posted so that it is visible to all of the residents.



CLEARVIEW

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Your Rights to Appeal:

Please be advised that the County of Simcoe is the approval authority for the proposed new Official Plan. Should Council choose to adopt the proposed new Official Plan, the adopted Plan along with the supporting information and materials will be forwarded to the County for consideration. Under Subsection 17 (34) of the *Planning Act*, the County may approve the adopted Plan (or any part thereof), modify the adopted Plan (or any part thereof) and approve it as modified, or refuse to approve the adopted Plan (or any part thereof).

Under Subsection 17 (36) of the *Planning Act*, only those persons who made oral submissions at the Public Meeting or written submissions to Council prior to the adoption of the Plan have the right to appeal the County's decision. Anyone who does not make an oral or written submission regarding an Official Plan before its adoption:

- (i) does not have the right to appeal the County's decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal; and
- (ii) may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

For More Information:

There are several ways to find more information about the proposed new Official Plan.

Visit the [website](#) for the Official Plan Review project:



Contact the Township Planner supervising the project:

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Contact the consulting Planners at GSP Group:

Patrick Casey, Planner
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Visit the Township of Clearview Administration Centre, or write to the Planning & Building Department at the Administration Centre:

Box 200, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner, ON L0M 1S0
Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
www.clearview.ca/opreview

Notice dated: 21 December 2023



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe launches new user-friendly tool to access local census data

Midhurst/December 15, 2023 – The County of Simcoe launched its new online Simcoe County 2021 Census Tool, which has been created to offer enhanced access and analysis of 2021 federal census data specific to Simcoe County, simplifying the navigation of more than 2,500 socio-demographic variables.

“We are excited to offer this new tool, which will help make it easier for organizations, residents, and municipal partners to find local data from the Federal Government’s latest census,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “As we move forward with building up lives and communities through innovative strategies to address housing, homelessness and other social pressures, these new tools will continue to assist in our regional decision-making.”

In October 2023, the County introduced open.simcoe.ca, a new online data portal to support the County's 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy and further assist people in need in our communities. The online portal helps inform strategies that support homelessness prevention and shelter efforts by tracking real-time data of shelter usage and other trends across the region. The 2021 federal census data tool supports similar goals and can be accessed by the public at open.simcoe.ca.

Designed to provide detailed insights at the local level, the census tool is a great resource for the general public, policymakers, researchers, and external organizations, offering:

- simplified census variables on any level of geography in Simcoe County
- a comprehensive view of various socio-demographic characteristics within Simcoe County
- aggregate data at both the Dissemination Area and municipal levels
- ability to export maps and tables, and use the data gained for research or funding application purposes
- helpful features to visualize data through choropleth maps (a method of mapping that provides an easy way to visualize how a measurement varies across a geographic area, showing the level of variability within a region using shades of colours)

This user-friendly tool is designed to adhere with the terms and conditions of data usage set by Statistics Canada, ensuring responsible and effective use of census information. The tool was developed by the County of Simcoe’s Business Intelligence and System Planning and Information Technology departments, to ensure open and accessible data across our region. Visit open.simcoe.ca to explore.

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BUILDING UP

County of Simcoe reminds residents that warming centres are open during the coldest months of the year

Midhurst/December 19, 2023 – The County of Simcoe is reminding residents that warming centres are open during the coldest months of the year for vulnerable populations. These warming centres are part of the regional system approach to homelessness prevention with support from community partners.

Warming opportunities available at the following locations:

Barrie

The Gilbert Centre, 80 Bradford St.

Daytime Warming

(8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Daily)

November 3, 2023 - April 30, 2024

The Busby Centre, 20 Rose St. (*temporary structure*)

Warming services (11 AM - 6 PM **alternative space activation – activated during inclement weather**)

Additional Emergency Winter Overnight Shelter Beds

(5 PM - 11 AM Daily)

November 15, 2023 - April 30, 2024

Orillia

Orillia Community Church, 64 Colborne St. E.

(9 PM - 7 AM Daily)

November 15, 2023 - April 30, 2024

Bradford

WOW Living Out of the Cold Café,
177 Church St.

(9 PM - 8 AM Daily)

December 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024

Located in Barrie, Bradford West Gwillimbury, and Orillia, centres are open during the winter months and provide crucial supports to those that need them. As part of the County's winter response plan, we are enhancing support for:

- winter warming centres – open 7 days per week during the winter months
- additional mobile response outreach teams supporting additional warming and transportation to shelters and/or overnight warming centres during inclement weather
- activation for alternate spaces and temporary overflow beds in shelters, with up to an additional 110 available spaces, over and above the 224 shelter beds already in the system
 - The alternate spaces activation strategy allows shelters to offer warming by opening boardrooms and other areas within their settings where individuals can come in from the cold and temporarily access a place to sit and get warm throughout the night

- This is activated when weather temperatures reach -7° Celsius or colder
- Overnight, Barrie will have an additional 30 spaces available through the alternate activation strategy in shelters, which is above and beyond the Rose Street overnight, overflow program
- new tools to assist the public, service providers, and municipalities in accessing live to-the-minute data on each local homeless shelter's current bed capacity
- the County of Simcoe continues to look for other overnight warming centre programs throughout the region

The warming services listed above are funded by the County of Simcoe in partnership with the City of Barrie and the City of Orillia, which are above and beyond the regular municipal service contributions.

Those in need of shelter or warmth can always call 2-1-1 to connect with a nearby shelter or visit one of the locations listed above.

This is just one more way that the County of Simcoe is **#BuildingUp** communities. For updates on the how the County of Simcoe is investing in our communities, visit simcoe.ca/BuildingUp.

About the County's 10-point homelessness prevention strategy

The County of Simcoe's 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy provides a strong, data-driven plan to help vulnerable residents and our communities. The strategy includes a considerable added investment toward the goal of preventing and ending chronic homelessness. For further details and ongoing updates to the homelessness prevention plan, visit simcoe.ca/HomelessnessSystem.

About the County of Simcoe

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Quotes:

"We are incredibly thankful for the community support we have received for those living unhoused in the region," said County of Simcoe Warden Basil Clarke. "It is through partnerships like the one we have with the City of Barrie and contributions they have provided that we are able to open up additional overnight warming spaces when and where they are needed. As we gear up for the coldest months of the year, we are able to adjust as necessary to help vulnerable individuals and families find warmth and support."

"The collaboration between the City of Barrie, County of Simcoe and our community partners exemplifies the strength and compassion that define our city," said Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall. "Upon receiving feedback from our local social service agencies, it was imperative for the City of Barrie to provide additional funding to ensure that our most vulnerable residents have warm, safe spaces to turn when temperatures drop. I want to express my gratitude to the County of Simcoe and our partners for their dedication to creating a supportive community during these challenging winter months."

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Bill 150, Energy Symposium Summary, and Development Charges Consultation

Policy Update • December 15, 2023

Planning Statute Law Amendment Act

AMO has [provided comments](#) on Bill 150, the proposed Planning Statute Law Amendment Act. AMO welcomes the decision to reverse ministry issued decisions; especially those made without the input of affected communities.

We are pleased to see that our previous recommendation to provide immunity provisions to mitigate legal risk for municipalities resulting from the reversals has been included in the legislation. However, AMO continues to call on the province to include transitional provisions that extend the timeline for municipalities to complete development charges by-laws, and to ensure that updates to existing by-laws do not “reset the clock” on the five-year phase in requirement.

LAS Energy Symposium Summary

LAS and AMO hosted an Energy Symposium on November 2-3, 2023 with the goal of sharing and understanding various perspectives and experiences with energy expansion and green energy transformation across the province. A [summary of the proceedings](#) is now available and provides key takeaways related to increased demand on energy supply; opportunities to manage energy production and storage; and opportunities to manage energy demand and consumption.

Development Charges Consultation

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On December 13, Minister Calandra announced a commitment to “work with municipal partners and ensure they have the tools and revenue streams to get shovels in the

ground,” including consulting on development charges and fee refund frameworks.

AMO has consistently stated that Bill 23 was deeply flawed and not in the public interest, undermining municipalities’ ability to build the infrastructure required to support growth. The recent announcement is a significant step towards fulfilling the government’s promise to make municipalities whole from the fiscal impacts of Bill 23. It responds to many of AMO and the municipal sector’s recommendations and shows that the government is listening.

Municipalities remain committed to doing everything within their power to assist the province in meeting its target to build 1.5 million homes by 2031. We recognize the need to revisit how we fund growth to meet our shared goals. Municipalities are prepared to support reductions in development charges and fees where they help to meet housing and affordability goals, provided that the governments commits to a Social and Economic Prosperity Review to update the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship.

As a first step in the consultation process, AMO wrote to the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Finance and Infrastructure to outline a balanced and targeted approach to development charges. AMO looks forward to working with the government on more detailed discussion of development charges and fee refunds over the coming months. We look forward to a broader conversation to update the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship to support Ontario’s economic foundations and quality of life.

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NVCA December Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: January 26, 2024, held in-person

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

Presentation on NVCA's Planning and Permits Program

Ben Krul, NVCA's Manager, Development Planning and Permits gave a presentation regarding NVCA's planning and permits program to the Board of Directors.

The role of NVCA in the development planning process is to protect lives and properties from flooding and erosion in areas around watercourses, wetlands and shorelines. NVCA also aims to protect the natural benefits offered by these natural areas.

NVCA staff provides environmental planning expertise in a timely manner to guide municipal land-use planning decisions. The comments provided must be consistent with federal, provincial and municipal policies.

Projects that require an NVCA permit include:

- Construction of a dwelling or addition
- Reconstruction of a dwelling
- Construction of any other structure such as shorewall, in-ground pool or driveway
- Placing or constructing a detached accessory structure such as a barn, shed or pool house
- Changes to a building or structure that alters the use, increases the size or occupancy such as, enclosing a carport to create a garage, or an "in-law" suite
- Site grading
- Temporary or permanent, removal or importation of material such as fill, gravel, soils, even if the material originated on the site

Projects that do not require an NVCA permit include:

- If your proposed works is not in an NVCA regulated area
- If NVCA staff have reviewed the regulations associated with the property and determined a permit is not required. Email clearance can be given at that time
- Fences and ground level decks outside natural hazards.
- Above ground swimming pools, temporary pools and hot tubs
- Landscaping activities such as planting trees or garden beds
- Minor limbing of trees, cutting scrub or damaged vegetation outside of wetlands
- Agricultural practices such as cropping and tilling of existing agricultural lands

NVCA encourages permit applicants to consult with planning and permit staff prior to submitting an application to ensure their permit application process is smooth, efficient and on the right track.

Staff are currently development an e-permitting platform that allows applicants to track the status of permits online. There will also be database improvements and websites updates to improve customer service.

97% permits and clearances approved within prescribed timelines

Between June 10, 2023 to November 27, 2023, 397 permits and clearances were approved. In the majority of instances (97%) NVCA staff met the prescribed timelines as outlined in the MNR guideline document.

NVCA's permit application service timelines are governed by the Conservation Authority Liaison Committee (CALC), which requires NVCA to complete a policy review within 21 days, and complete a technical review within 30 days for minor applications and 90 days for major applications.

Categories 2 & 3 Capital Reserve

With the introduction of the 3 categories in 2024, the 2024 budget was drafted to separate the capital purchases and asset levy by the categories.

The Board of Directors approved the creation and allocation of funds and directed the NVCA auditor to transfer 14% of the end of year balance in the current capital reserve.

2024 Budget Approved

The Board of Directors approved NVCA's 2024 budget at \$6,444,677 compared to the 2023 approved budget of \$5,687,989. This includes a \$400,000 increase to the municipal levy (shared among all 18 member municipalities), with the remainder coming from grants, fees for services, and other sources. Funds from municipal levy represent approximately 50% of NVCA's revenues.

Updated 2024 Conservation Services Fees

NVCA's Conservation Services program provides a variety of programs and services to watershed residents and visitors through a fee-for-service basis. The revenues that are generated through these programs are used to reduce the overall levy funds required by member municipalities.

Services include environmental education, forestry, events and recreational opportunities.

As per requirements set out in the *Conservation Authorities Act*, staff must review all Conservation Services fees on a regular interval.

The proposed fee increases may see an increase of \$25,000 – \$30,000 per year based on projected annual delivery of services.

Update MOU Cost Apportioning Agreement Programs and Services

Below is a summary the MOU Cost Apportioning Agreement Programs and Services with NVCA's member municipalities:

- Adjala-Tosorontio executed and signed
- Grey Highland executed and signed
- Mono executed and signed
- Amaranth executed and signed
- Shelburne executed and signed
- Melancthon executed and signed
- New Tecumseth approved in committee of the whole
- Innisfil approved in committee of the whole
- Bradford West Gwillimbury approved in committee of the whole
- Collingwood approved in committee of the whole
- Barrie provided cost apportionment agreement to CAO to be executed
- Wasaga Beach indicated support to date
- Oro-Medonte indicated support to date
- Clearview and Wasaga Beach indicated support preparing cost apportionment agreement for their review
- Springwater indicated support; require additional information preparing cost apportionment agreement
- Essa still deciding. Decision to come Dec 20, 2023
- Mulmur has not decided on Category 3 support

Acquisition of Three Properties Within Minesing Wetlands

NVCA has recently been successful with two tax sale property purchases (5 acres & 20 acres) and have received confirmation of a donation of a third property (50 acres) within the Minesing Wetlands, in the Township of Springwater. These properties provide significant ecological benefits to the larger land preservation landscape that is the Minesing Wetlands.

Upcoming Events

Tiffin Nature Program

Geared towards children in pre-K and kindergarten, NVCA's nature program will help children 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.

Date:

Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year (with some exceptions)

Location:

Tiffin Centre for Conservation
8195 8th Line Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

[Link to Registration](#)

Winter Camp Tiffin

In anticipation of winter Camp Tiffin, NVCA staff have been excited to plan activities full of outdoor adventures.

Activities may include wilderness survival skills, kick sledding, Christmas Bird Count for Kids and much more!

Date:

January 2 – January 5, 2024

Location:

Tiffin Centre for Conservation
8195 8th Line Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

[Link to Registration](#)

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Come prepared for the weather, bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. Additional binoculars and guides will be available for use at the event.

Learn about the birds that spend the winter at the Tiffin Conservation Area from local nature enthusiasts from Nature Barrie. The day will start with indoor instructions, followed by a guided hike to practice bird identification skills. Warm up with hot chocolate as we wrap up and review what special sights were seen, or heard!

Date:

January 5, 2024 from 9 am – 12 pm

Location:

Tiffin Centre for Conservation
8195 8th Line Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

[Link to Registration](#)



Minutes
Utopia Conservation Area

December 8, 2023

12:00-1:00; John Hix Administration Centre

Attendees:

- Kyra Howes; NVCA
- Byron Wesson; NVCA
- Doug Hevenor; NVCA
- Susan Antler, Friends
- Joe Pantaloni, Friends
- Mike Lawler, Friends
- Colleen Healey-Dowdall, Essa
- Pedro Granes, Essa
- Clr. Henry Sander, Essa

Minutes

Project objective: Restoring the Beauty of the Utopia Gristmill

Current Grant Details

The Friends received a Rural Economic Development grant from OMAFRA- deadline of July 1st, 2024 to complete the deliverables of the grant.

- Grant provided 30% of the value of the grant, the fund requires a 1:3 match;
- Initial application included repairs to the roof, however only the siding was approved for funding;
- OMAFRA provided \$9,100;
- Total project budget available: \$30-35K;
- The matching dollars for the project includes significant financial contributions from the local community.

Review of the Utopia Master Plan 2019 - 25-year vision for the Utopia Conservation Area

1. Re-establish and improve existing trails (complete via MEC grant, Essa, NVCA, Friends) ~\$100k ✓
2. Washrooms Ontario Trillium Grant- first composting toilets of their kind in eastern Canada (\$80,000) ✓
3. Main entrance features ✓
4. Parking ✓
5. Pavilion
6. Interpretive boards ✓
7. Mini pavilion
8. Bird blinds
9. Bell's Gristmill
10. Utopia Commons
11. Bridge over Bear Creek

Current discussion- Gristmill Restoration

Status of the Gristmill

- Beautiful from far but requires lots of work to become a feature.
- The Friends replaced the 24 windows in 2018 valued at over \$24,000. Each window cost \$1,000 for a plexi-glass replica. Ongoing vandalism requires the repair of 5 windows (3 large, 2 small).
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent by the Friends on ensuring the structural stability of the mill.
- Next phases include a review of current condition of the mill and requirements for next steps.

Review of Project Phases

1. Clean up interior & repair windows (NVCA)
2. Repair & replace siding tiles (contractor- RFP in January)- grant deliverables by June 2024
 - a. 300 siding tiles + ~24 roof tiles obtained by Friends
3. Roof repair (contractor- will be included in January RFP)
4. Interior siding (aesthetics) (contractor- will be included in January RFP)
5. Clean-up of 3rd & 4th floors (may be completed by NVCA staff)
6. Development of interior displays on main level (consultant/contractor- timing pending funding)
7. Exterior landscaping (contractor- timing pending funding)

Discussion

- Engage historian to review "waste" make sure that any of the stuff thrown out is not historically significant
- Stabilize all the tiles during installation
- Strip less visible areas completely, and reuse so matching in visible areas
- How will you ensure the windows are no longer vandalized? Review of security system
- Provide 'view' through ground floor windows or interpretive panels of what you would see inside.
- No trespassing signs on fence

Action Items

- NVCA to develop RFP, circulate to Friends & Essa for review & circulation once approved. The objective is to have the work commence as soon as possible in the spring of 2024.
- NVCA to repair 5 mill windows over the winter & begin mill clean up (starting with lower floors).
- NVCA & Friends to investigate opportunities for additional funding (FedDev, Simcoe County Tourism).

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