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CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

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None.

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Nottawasaga Police Services Board

(serving Adjala-Tosorontio/Essa/New Tecumseth)

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July 6, 2020

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Attention: Mayor and Council

Dear Council:

Change in Security Check and Revenue Distribution Processes

The Nottawasaga Police Services Board met on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 and passed Resolution No. 2020-33 in response to a letter from the Municipal Policing Bureau of the Ontario Provincial Police dated June 8, 2020 regarding changes in security check revenue distribution. A copy of the letter is attached for your reference.

Resolution No. 2020-33

Moved by P. Whiteside

Seconded by J. Webster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Secretary be directed to write a letter to advise the respective Councils of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, Township of Essa and Town of New Tecumseth of the changes in security check revenue distribution processes as outlined in the letter dated June 8, 2020 from the Municipal Policing Bureau of the Ontario Provincial Police and the financial ramifications the changes will have on the Nottawasaga Police Services Board and the 2021 budget.

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This letter will provide some history on how fees were collected prior this change and the benefits Nottawasaga detachment has received. Prior to 2008, fees collected at the detachment for services provided to the public for criminal record checks, fingerprinting, etc. were paid to the municipalities. The Police Services Board would submit an annual budget for approval by the three municipalities. At the end of each year the three (3) municipalities would share either the revenue received in excess of expenditures for the year or the expenses incurred in excess of the revenue received.

On November 29, 2007 the Board passed Resolution #2007-71 to ask the municipal partners to approve establishing a Police Services Board Reserve Account where excess revenue over expenditures would be transferred at the end of each year. Similarly, excess expenditures over revenue would be paid from the reserve. The municipalities approved the request in 2008 and the reserve was established.

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Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
Township of Essa
Town of New Tecumseth
Re: Change in Security Check and Revenue Distribution.....July 6, 2020

Revenue has exceeded expenditures every year since the reserve was established and the Board has purchased equipment for the detachment to enhance the workplace as well as providing equipment that has resulted in increased visibility as officers were able to patrol without having to return to the detachment to return telephone calls or file a report. The reserve has also allowed the Board to financially support fundraising events hosted by the detachment to raise funds for local charities.

Mobile Work Stations were purchased for police vehicles when the Province was just beginning to release a small number of the units to selected detachments. Officers were provided cell phones that enabled them to return calls without the need for a landline. A recording device was purchased for officers to record details of a report that could then be transcribed by administration staff.

The Bicycle Patrol Unit was equipped by the Board. This has proven to be a valuable addition to the detachment to improve visibility in our urban communities. The Board continues to support this initiative annually with updated equipment and maintenance of the bicycles.

Heavy trucks travelling on country roads has been an ongoing issue. The Board purchased a scale that enables officers to check the weight of these vehicles and issue fines where weight is exceeded. Speed is another issue that continues to be raised. The Board purchased signs that flash the speed of oncoming traffic in an effort to slow down speeders. These units have now been turned over to the municipalities. A traffic counter was purchased that provides information on each vehicle that crosses over it. Day and time, type of vehicle and speed are all recorded. This equipment would be utilized in areas where there were numerous complaints received to assist in traffic enforcement. Officers would be deployed to enforce the speed limit at the optimum time of day. All of this equipment helps our officers in their efforts to keep our citizens safe.

The exercise equipment at the detachment was upgraded and is well used by officers. Furniture in the interview room was worn and in need of replacement. The Board purchased new furniture. The most recent enhancement is the new community trailer. This piece of equipment will be displayed with pride at community events and is equipped to be used as a command post when needed.

All of these initiatives were at no cost to the municipalities. In 2018, the Province replaced the 1,000 Officers Partnership Program with a grant that was paid to the Police Services Board to fund a program initiated by the Nottawasaga OPP. This change impacted the municipalities as the budgets were already set and the \$105,000.00 grant would no longer be available to offset a portion of the cost of policing. In June 2018, the Board transferred a total of \$105,000.00 from the Police Services Board Reserve Account to the Town of New Tecumseth to be distributed among the municipal partners in accordance with the cost sharing formula to offset the shortfall.

Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
Township of Essa
Town of New Tecumseth
Re: Change in Security Check and Revenue Distribution.....July 6, 2020

Revenues received in 2020 have been reduced due to COVID-19 and the closure of the detachment for public access. A total of \$26,361.37 has been received up to May 31, 2020 and there will be a small amount to add to this for the first few days of June. All revenue will now be paid directly to the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) of the provincial government. Revenue will be tracked to ensure funds are allocated to the municipality where applicants reside. Revenue will be credited back to municipal policing accounts quarterly.

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It is estimated that revenues would have exceeded \$100,000.00 in 2020 if things had remained status quo. Fees were increased in July 2019 which resulted in a substantial increase in annual revenues. To demonstrate the impact, a total of 2,451 security checks were paid for in 2019. The fee is \$41.00 per application which would result in \$100,491.00. Many of these applications were filed by non-resident applicants and under the new program the fee will be paid to the municipality in which the applicant resides. It is difficult to estimate exactly what the financial impact will be. The detachment has yet to determine if applications for non-residents will continue to be processed at the detachment.

The Police Services Board Reserve Account will support the balance of the 2020 budget as approved and may be sufficient to support 2021 expenditures. The Nottawasaga Police Services Board will submit 2021 estimates to the municipalities for their approval. Funding source will be identified as the Police Services Reserve Account for as long as there are funds remaining in the account. Once the reserve account is depleted, the Board will be reliant on the municipalities to approve and fund Board expenditures as it did prior to 2008.

In summary, the detachment will be impacted as the Board will no longer be in a position to purchase equipment to enhance the detachment. The municipalities will be impacted as the amount of revenue is almost certain to be substantially reduced and may or may not offset the Board operating budget in years to come. In any event, the future is uncertain.

The Board wanted to give the municipalities some insight on how this change will impact all parties. It is anticipated that further discussion will be required during 2021 budget preparation this fall.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy as we work our way through this dreadful pandemic. We are all in it together and together we will thrive.

Best regards,



Nancy Rugman
Secretary

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June 8, 2020

Dear Mayor / Worship,

Re: Change in security check and revenue distribution processes

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is doing our part to help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 by restricting access to detachments across the province. We have already taken the step of limiting the processing of routine security checks (criminal record checks/vulnerable sector checks) by detachment staff. We are committed to processing security checks deemed to be necessary, or for emergency circumstances, and mitigating any potential COVID-19 related health risks, as much as possible.

Effective immediately the OPP has adopted a new procedure for processing emergent security checks that reduces the risk to applicants and improves on the efficiency of the process by:

- Moving the security check application form to an online submission, reducing applicants' detachment visits to one visit in most circumstances; a visit to pick up the completed security check.
- Centralizing the vetting of applications for emergent needs and oversight of the process.
- Providing applicants access to a paperless payment method to a provincial Point of Sale terminal over the phone, further reducing the risk of potential exposure to a COVID-19 transmission vector.

Under the new process, applicants will make their payment over the telephone to detachments that currently have provincial Point of Sale (POS) machines. The funds will be deposited directly to the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) of the provincial government in accordance with the Financial Administration Act, RSO 1990. Security check revenue is tracked to ensure these funds are allocated to the municipality where applicants reside. Municipal owned POS terminals that transfer money directly to municipal banking accounts will no longer be used at OPP detachments.

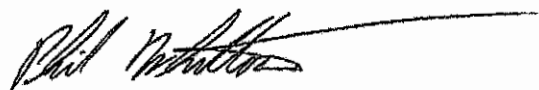
Revenue will be credited back to municipal policing accounts quarterly throughout the year. The credit will be provided to municipalities approximately two months after the end of the quarter (May, August, November, and February). The credit process for 2020 is impacted by the in-year implementation of the new process and details on the timing of the credit will be provided to municipalities in future correspondence.

All revenue collected by OPP detachments for security checks, finger prints and reports provided to the public for a fee will follow this process to ensure compliance with the FAA.

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Should you have any further questions regarding this process please email OPP.MPB.Financial.Services.Unit@opp.ca. Members of the public can find the most up-to-date information on obtaining a record check by visiting www.OPP.ca.

Yours truly,



Phil Whitton
Superintendent
Bureau Commander
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- c. CAO / Treasurer / Clerk
PSB chair

From: Minister, MECP (MECP) <Minister.MECP@ontario.ca>

Sent: July 8, 2020 7:09 PM

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Subject: Letter from the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding Environmental Assessment modernization

Good evening,

I am writing to inform you about the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks next steps in our government's Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan commitment to build an environmental assessment (EA) program that ensures strong environmental oversight and a strong economy.

The current process for environmental assessments is slow and ineffective. It can take up to six years for some projects, slowing down important infrastructure projects that help Ontario communities, such as installing electricity infrastructure. Even projects subject to a streamlined process, such as new roads and bridges, can be further delayed by administrative burden, impacting the timely construction of basic infrastructure.

That's why, last year our government released a discussion paper (<https://prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2019-04/EA%20Discussion%20Paper.pdf>) outlining the challenges with our current framework and introducing our vision for a modernized EA program, as the first step in our plan to update the nearly 50-year-old *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA).

As we committed in our Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan, we want to improve the environmental assessment program by eliminating duplication and reducing delays on projects that matter most to Ontario communities. To start, we amended the EAA through the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* to exempt low-impact projects, such as constructing roadside parks and adding bike lanes from requiring an environmental assessment. Projects like these are routine activities that have benefits to communities but little to no environmental impacts.

As part of our government's proposed COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, we are now proposing to move forward with the next phase of environmental assessment modernization, to further reduce delays and focus our resources on projects with a higher potential for environmental impacts so that we can help communities get important infrastructure projects built faster, while maintaining strong environmental oversight.

Building infrastructure projects faster, including transit and highways, will help boost Ontario's economic recovery, create thousands of jobs, put more opportunities within the reach of businesses, create more affordable housing, and ensure a higher standard of living in every community across the province.

The proposal includes the items outlined below:

Proposed amendments to the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA)

Through the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, our government has proposed amendments to the EAA, which allow us to move forward with our next phase of our modernization plans, while at the same time supporting the government economic recovery goals by making it possible for us to find efficiencies in the environmental assessment process of important public works.

The legislation would allow us, through subsequent regulations and proclamations, to allow online submissions, reduce the average time by half for the largest projects and match the potential environmental impact of a project to the level of study required.

The proposed changes are aimed at getting important infrastructure projects built faster, while maintaining strong environmental oversight by focusing on projects that have the most potential to impact the environment.

We posted an information notice on the environmental registry to provide information about the proposed legislative changes to the EAA that will be proceeding through the legislative process. Please refer to <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2051> for more information.

Amendments to Class Environmental Assessments (Class EAs)

My ministry is also seeking input on proposed amendments to 8 Class EAs. These proposed changes would support our modernization initiative as they would exempt low-impact projects from the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, eliminate duplication and find efficiencies in the planning process. This would speed up projects that are important to communities, such as erosion, repair, or remediation initiatives, or important upgrades to machinery such as waterpower generators.

My ministry is seeking input on these proposed amendments during a **45-day** comment period, closing on **August 22, 2020**. Details of this proposal may be found at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1712>.

Exempting Regulations

In addition, my ministry is also proposing regulatory exemptions from the *Environmental Assessment Act* to eliminate duplication and reduce delays for projects and activities related to Indigenous land claim settlements and other agreements with Indigenous communities dealing with land, projects within provincial parks and conservation reserves, and select highway projects being planned by the Ministry of Transportation. Some of these projects and activities are already subject to other legislation or planning processes that would provide the appropriate level of assessment and consultation.

Other projects may be exempted from the EAA but would still be subject to conditions such as requirements to post notifications or undertake technical studies as appropriate.

My ministry is seeking input on these proposed amendments during a **45-day** comment period, closing on **August 22, 2020**.

For details of the proposal regarding land claim settlement activities and other agreements with Indigenous communities dealing with land, please refer to <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1805>.

For details of the proposal regarding projects in provincial parks and conservation reserves please refer to <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1804>.

For details of the proposals for select Ministry of Transportation projects, please refer to <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1882> and <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1883>.

Information about the proposed Class EA amendments can be found on the environmental registry. We ask that you submit any comments that you may have through the instructions provided, and by the deadlines listed above.

Should you have questions about any of the proposals, you can contact us at EAmmodernization.MECP@ontario.ca.

We look forward to your suggestions and comments on our modernization initiatives.

Sincerely,

Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

VIA EMAIL

To: All Ontario Municipalities

RE: Long Term Care Home Improvements

At its meeting of July 13th, 2020, Council passed the following resolution for your consideration:

That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of the City of Sarnia's resolution regarding their request for long term care home improvements.

Enclosed is a copy of the City of Sarnia's resolution for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T. Fowkes'.

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June 24, 2020

To: All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Long Term Care Home Improvements

At its meeting held on June 22, 2020, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution submitted by Councillor Margaret Bird with respect to the conditions in Long Term Care homes exposed by the pandemic:

That due to the deplorable conditions exposed by the pandemic in LTC homes in the province, and because this is a time for action, not just continuous streams of investigations, commissions and committees, and because the problems have been clearly identified, that Sarnia City Council direct staff to send this motion to the 444 Ontario Municipalities, asking them to urge Premier Ford to start implementing the required resolutions immediately, as follows:

- 1. increasing hours for all part-time and casual labour***
- 2. since the government provides funding for privately-operated homes, they have an obligation to inspect these homes and see that they are being properly run, and that funds are being used for the benefit of the residents and not the huge profitability of the operators, and***
- 3. to end the neglect and unacceptable conditions being experienced, each day, by our vulnerable seniors.***

Sarnia City Council respectfully seeks your endorsement of this resolution. If your municipal council endorses this resolution, we would request that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the following:

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Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; and

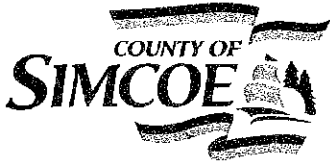
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Gould-Brown".

Dianne Gould-Brown
City Clerk

cc: AMO



COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Mandatory Face Coverings in Indoor Public Settings

On July 7, 2020, Dr. Charles Gardner, Simcoe and Muskoka's medical officer of health, issued a letter to the Councils and the CAOs of the municipalities in the County of Simcoe, the District of Muskoka, and the Cities of Orillia and Barrie, drawing upon regulation O. Reg 263/20 s.4(2) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act R.S.O. 1990, to instruct the businesses and organizations within the municipalities serviced by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, requiring persons within publicly accessible indoor locations, including public transit systems, to wear a face covering (i.e. a non-medical mask).

As the County begins to experience a large and increasing number of visitors from parts of the province with a much higher incidence of COVID-19, Council voted last week in favour of issuing a letter from Warden George Cornell, in support of Dr. Gardner's guidance, which is based on emerging evidence suggesting that COVID-19 transmission rates can be reduced with a high level of population compliance of face covering/non-medical mask use. Council opted not to adopt a by-law that would apply to all lower tier municipalities in Simcoe County.



Early Learning and Child Care System Update

On March 25, 2020, the Province directed the County as a Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) to consider which licensed child care facilities might be able to open for the purpose of emergency care provision for children with parents working within select sectors. As a result, three centres were reopened, operating under strict guidelines provided by Public Health. While the demand for spaces significantly exceeded availability, these three sites collectively served a total of 110 children, with no resulting cases of COVID-19.

On June 9, 2020, the Province announced that licensed child care operators would be permitted to reopen effective June 12, as part of the provincial 'Phase 2 reopening of Ontario'. The announcement also established June 26 as the date for closure of emergency child care.

On July 14, Council received an update on the early learning and child care system, which outlined the significant challenges for families, operators and CMSMs as a result of the closure of licensed child care centres in March 2020, as well as the difficulties in reopening.



2021 High level Budget Direction

The potential economic effects on the County of Simcoe's services due to declining global markets, possible disruption in supply chains, and measures being introduced at various levels of government to curtail the spread of the virus, are significant. Staff continue to monitor this situation as it develops and provide the 2021 draft budget based on the most current information. As a regional service provider, the County provides significant services to vulnerable residents; with demand for these services increasing in times of need.

At the last session, Council provided initial direction to staff in support of developing assumptions for the 2021 budget that will be presented to County Council in the Fall, traditionally followed by approval in November, allowing the County to begin issuing tenders for the following year. Council directed that the draft 2021 County of Simcoe property tax levy be based on a 0% increase.

LINX Transit Update

Simcoe County LINX entered Phase 2 of the implementation plan in August 2019, successfully launching Route 2 - Wasaga Beach, Stayner, Angus and Barrie, Route 3 - Orillia, Oro-Medonte and Barrie, and assuming Route 4 - Wasaga Beach to Collingwood. The LINX Transit system observed strong ridership performance for the remainder of 2019, as it immediately gained traction within the new communities that it serves. LINX ridership continued to grow into 2020, with 14,957 rides in January - 85% over budgeted figures - and February, with 13,505 trips - 87% over budgeted figures.

Though Transit service levels have been reduced as ridership has decreased due to COVID-19, Transit staff are monitoring ridership levels and restoring standard service hours as required. Additional sanitization measures and Public Health guidelines due to the coronavirus remain in effect.

On July 14, Council received a LINX Transit update, including plans to roll out Route 5, Alliston to Bradford on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 with free service for the first month. Route 6 Penetanguishene/Midland - Tay - Severn - Oro-Medonte - Orillia will have a later start date due to the delay of bus deliveries as a result of COVID-19.



Temporary Pandemic Pay- Shelters and Supportive Housing Sector

On April 25, 2020, the Province announced its COVID-19: Temporary Pandemic Pay Initiative, aimed at helping frontline staff working under stressful conditions and at heightened risk during the pandemic. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will provide the related funding to CMSMSs for subsequent allocation to eligible staff working in shelters and supportive housing settings.

Last week, Council received a report on the Temporary Pandemic Pay, which will provide an additional \$4.00 per hour for eligible frontline workers in Shelters and Supportive Housing settings, effective for 16 weeks from April 24, 2020 to August 13, 2020. Eligible workers who work at least 100 hours in a designated four-week period will also receive an additional lump sum payment of \$250 per each four-week period, for a possible total of \$1000 over 16 weeks.

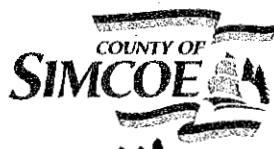
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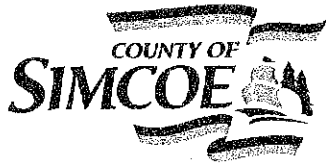
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George Cornell, Warden
Mark Aitken, Chief Administrative Officer

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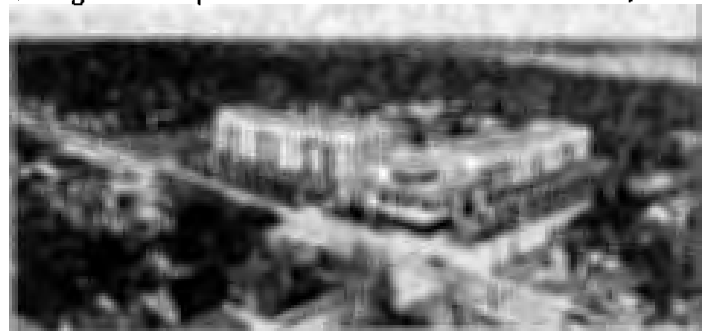
COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

County Orillia Campus Development – Further Information

Across the region, the demand for affordable housing has been identified in the County's 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy. The Strategy's goal is to achieve 2,685 affordable housing units by 2024. As of December 31, 2019, approximately 1,900 affordable housing units have been created county-wide.

At the last session, Council approved plans to move forward on the significant \$79-million development of the new County Orillia Campus at the former Orillia District Collegiate and Vocational Institute (ODCVI) site, purchased by the County in 2018. The County's Orillia Campus development will be a multi-generational, mixed-use hub containing affordable housing, community services, and County supportive services. The new affordable units will count towards the 10-year target for the City of Orillia, and the Townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara and Severn of 392 new units by 2024.

The campus approach provides efficiencies and economies of scale through the inclusion of affordable housing units (rent based on 80 per cent of average market rates), combined with significant commercial/office space for rent/lease. This campus rent/lease formula combined with asset management strategies, results in an estimated annual net benefit of approximately \$800,000 in annual reserve contributions. In addition, the campus' operational sustainability includes the combination of quality building materials and practices, as well as accounting for the necessary capital reserve, ensuring that the building will not require additional investment for the next 50 years.



Clothing and Electronics Collection (Cancellation)

On June 23, 2020, Council voted to postpone clothing collection from its original June date. In consultation with our contracted processor, the County has now been informed that they still do not have the required capacity at this time, as they continue to adapt service levels due to COVID-19. As a result, on August 11, Council approved the decision to cancel both the Clothing Collection and the Electronics Collection.

Residents are reminded to donate usable clothing and apparel whenever possible. Despite local donation programs, approximately 85 per cent of unwanted textiles end up in County Waste Management sites. Electronics are accepted at North Simcoe, West Gwillimbury, Tosorontio, Oro and Nottawasaga Waste Facilities free of charge. Waste Facility locations and hours of operation are available on our Simcoe County Collects app, which can be downloaded for free through the AppStore or GooglePlay. Details on all County services that have been impacted by COVID-19 are available at simcoe.ca/covid19.

NOTE: ITEM 9.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT DATED JULY 7, 2020 WAS DEFERRED TO A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO FOLLOW THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Memo - Proposed Health Accord

On August 11, a City of Barrie memo before Committee of the Whole reviewed the background, rationale, and intended next steps for a proposed Health Accord, intended to provide a framework and a first step toward investment in alternative service delivery models that address the root causes of emergency calls, transports, and treatment. The Accord seeks potential collaboration on future planning to start shifting investment in health care upstream, to address the root causes of population health conditions that are driving demand for emergency services and emergency treatment.

At the last session, Council voted to approve the language of the Health Accord with amendments to tackle social determinants of health, such as housing, employment, and access to treatment, and shift our focus from a reactive environment to a proactive one in a way that is efficient and sustainable.

Barrie Simcoe Emergency Services Campus Update

The Barrie Simcoe Emergency Service Campus, a facility shared by County of Simcoe Paramedics and City of Barrie Police, was approved to proceed in 2015. The project was planned, designed, and constructed from 2015 to February 2020, with County and City construction project management staff, as well as Paramedic and Police operational staff working closely together, using the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) model.

IPD is an alternative concept in construction contracting that requires key members of the project team (owners, designers, general contractor, project manager and major trade partners) to sign a multi-party agreement and work closely, both physically (in the Big Room on site) and through highly interactive team based communications, to complete the project. Using tools and concepts such as LEAN and a focus on design efficiency and sharing space, as well as best practices in construction to reduce waste in material and labour, IPD goals are to build a high quality facility, with all operational requirements met, complete the project on time, and maintain costs on or below budget.

On August 11, as landscaping and final site work are currently underway and the BSESC is projected to be complete in the fall of 2020, Council received a report on the construction costs, which indicated that the County's portion is expected to come in at approximately \$300,000 under the approved budget of \$24.936 million.

Schedule Change for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Machine Purchase

County of Simcoe Paramedic Services (CSPS) was approved via 2019 and 2020 budgets to procure automated Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) machines as part of a multi-year roll out plan. However, the advent of COVID-19 has prompted staff to review opportunities to bring these machines into operation sooner due to their value in infection control and staff safety.

These machines support higher quality CPR during patient movement, which enhances patient survival. This also improves the safety of transporting paramedics and other responders who are unrestrained while performing CPR in moving vehicles under current practices.

On August 11, Council approved the bulk purchase of 50 CPR machines at a total cost of \$689,000. The City of Barrie requirement is \$177,000 and the City of Orillia requirement is \$37,000 leaving \$475,000 as the County of Simcoe contribution. This includes a discount for purchasing all the devices at once, rather than in a phased approach as previously approved by Council.

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Subject: SWIFT Monthly Project Update - June 2020
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 at 2:25:47 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Barry Field
To: DG-SWIFT Board, DG-WOWC CAOs, DG Contributing CAOs
CC: Deb Fawcett, Melissa O'Brien
Attachments: image001.png, image002.png, image003.png, Monthly Dashboard - June 2020.pdf

SWIFT Board Members and CAOs,

Please see the attached monthly project update for June 2020. Any information in this report is not deemed confidential and can be shared with your respective municipalities as you see fit.



Monthly Project Update June 2020

Phase 2 Status

- Procurement
 - 12 contracts executed; implementation is underway.
- Implementation
 - Implementation underway and progressing well with minor delays reported based on COVID-19 issues
 - LAM_EXEC_09 (Kettle and Stony Point) experiencing major delays due to issues obtaining INAC permit
 - See attached Monthly Dashboard for details for each project.

Phase 3 Status

- Procurement
 - Phase 3 procurements are progressing well; SWIFT anticipates that the procurement process will be completed by the end of 2020 in all Phase 3 regions.
 - RFPs issued and announced in Brant, Bruce, Caledon, Dufferin, Essex, Grey, Huron, Niagara, Oxford, Perth, Simcoe, Waterloo, London, Windsor and Chatham-Kent. Province will announce future procurements in turn.
 - Dufferin County
 - Procurement closed on 29-May-20 / PAC approval has been received / contract negotiations underway
 - Caledon
 - Procurement closed 12-Jun-20 / evaluation complete / PAC meeting scheduled for 06-Aug-20
 - Oxford County
 - Procurement closed 19-Jun-20 / evaluation in progress / PAC meeting scheduled for 06-Aug-20
 - Grey County
 - Procurement closes 10-Jul-20 / PAC meeting scheduled for 20-Aug-20
 - Implementation
 - Project details including implementation schedules will be known once the procurements are closed and contracts have been executed.
 - SWIFT currently anticipates that implementation will start towards the end of 2020 and beginning of 2021.
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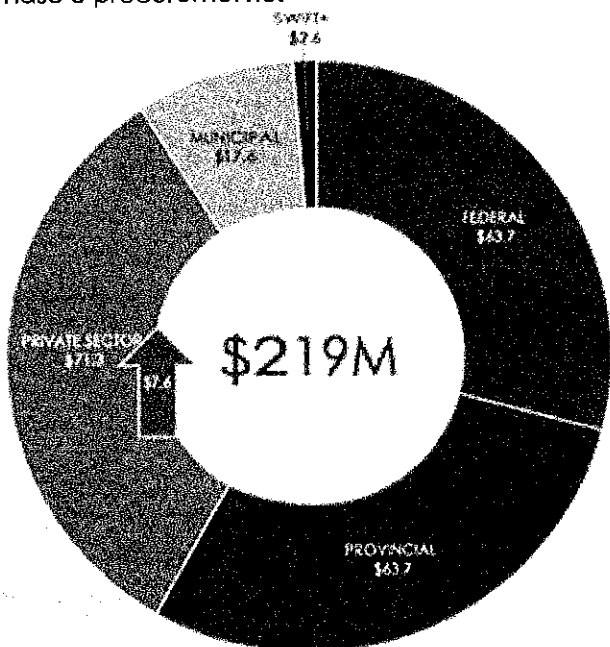
Non-SCF Projects Status

- Procurement
 - RFPs issued for Windsor, London and Chatham-Kent
 - Windsor procurement scheduled to close 31-Jul-20
 - London procurement scheduled to close 06-Nov-20
 - Chatham-Kent procurement scheduled to close 13-Nov-20
 - Implementation
 - Project details including implementation schedules will be known once the procurements are closed and contracts have been executed.
 - SWIFT currently anticipates that implementation will start towards the end of 2020 and beginning of 2021.
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Financial/Spending Update

- Private Sector contributions have increased by \$7.7M due to results of Phase 2.
- Lambton County provided \$2.6M SWIFT+ contribution in order to facilitate the award of an additional project in the county.

- Total project funding increased from \$209M to \$219M as a result.
- Note: Federal and Provincial contribution are 'up to' amounts and will depend on the results of the Phase 3 procurements.



CA3 Status

- All key items have now been negotiated.
- CA3 approved by SWIFT board
- Awaiting execution.

Issues and Risks

- Municipal Loan Guarantee
 - \$27.5M short-term bridge financing required in order to fund gap between SWIFT's requirement to pay ISPs per the Construction Act and anticipated reimbursement of claims.
 - SWIFT's current Phase 2 financing agreement with TD Bank will be extended to cover Phase 3.
 - Municipal guarantees are required to guarantee the overall loan and 100% participation is required or else there will be a shortfall the overall loan available.
 - LOs for guarantees received from all 14 municipalities
- COVID-19
 - Major risks have subsided now that construction has resumed.
 - Need to keep an eye on supply issues and possible second outbreak.

Communications Update

- All SCF related announcements are to come from the province as per SWIFT's agreement in the

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CAs. Once provincial direction is provided, SWIFT and the municipalities are free to communicate the relevant information.

- As a result, following information can be communicated publicly at this time:
 - Phase 3 has been approved (as of 05-Mar-20) and SWIFT is currently negotiating a contribution agreement with the province.
 - ~\$134M worth of Phase 3 SCF eligible RFPs have been announced
 - Oxford County (\$8.2M)
 - Dufferin County (\$7.2M)
 - Caledon (\$5.2M)
 - Grey (\$16M)
 - Niagara Region (\$13.3 M)
 - Waterloo Region (\$11.9 M)
 - Brant (\$4.8 M)
 - Bruce (\$13.6M)
 - Essex (\$12.8M)
 - Perth (\$5.5M)
 - Huron (\$7.2M)
 - Simcoe (\$28M)
 - \$14.8M worth of Phase 3 Non-SCF eligible RFPs have been announced.
 - Chatham-Kent(\$11.4M)
 - London (\$2.8M)
 - Windsor (\$1M)
 - SWIFT is on track targeting the close all Phase 3 RFPs before the end of 2020.
 - It is expected that contract awards will start in July 2020 with 90% of contracts awarded by the end of 2020 and 100% awarded by January 2021.
 - SWIFT anticipates that most of the proposed projects will target construction in 2021 and 2022.
 - Selected and approved projects will be announced once SWIFT has completed its evaluation assessment and has executed contracts with ISPs.
 - Recent announcement: SWIFT Broadband Expansion Plans Underway in Norfolk County
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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Barry Field
Executive Director



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SWIFT 2.0 Recommendations

Recommendation

That the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus report, be received; and

That the County of Simcoe sign the letters for Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) and the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED).

Purpose

This report is to present the details of the special meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus called on Thursday, June 4, 2020.

Background

At its meeting held on Thursday, June 4, 2020, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus reviewed a set of recommendations for the future of the WOWC's investments in high-speed fibre. David Mayberry, Chair, SWIFT Board of Directors and Barry Field, Executive Director, SWIFT provided an update on the current SWIFT program and presented recommendations on how SWIFT 2.0 should be structured and funded. Accompanying this report is the presentation that was provided to the members of the WOWC.

The attached minutes detail the meeting, including the six recommendations that were approved.

In addition to the decision to support SWIFT 2.0, the WOWC must have a plan to advocate for our region's fair share of CRTC's \$750M Broadband Fund. WOWC and our Member Counties and local municipalities should be advocating for 10% (or \$75M) of the funding as the region represents 10% of the population of Canada. WOWC must also advocate for the region's fair share of Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) \$1.7B Universal Broadband Fund. Applications are opening this year and WOWC should once again be advocating for 10% (or \$170M) for Southwestern Ontario based on population.

This advocacy is above and beyond any SWIFT 2.0 funding request, Southwestern Ontario was left out of the last round of Connect to Innovate (CTI) funding and this cannot happen again. In order to ensure that the region, fifteen Member Counties and local municipalities receive the fair share of funding, this advocacy will take the form of a letter writing campaign by the WOWC, Member Counties and local municipalities. Two letters are attached to this report, one to the CEO of CRTC and the other to the Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry. This advocacy is above and beyond any SWIFT 2.0 funding request, Southwestern Ontario was left out of the last round of Connect to Innovate

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Conclusion

Increased funding from both the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada is urgently needed to address our region's large connectivity gaps, so that we can close the digital divide and restart our economies. The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the funding of existing shovel ready, municipally led models that will connect our rural economies at an accelerated pace. We support SWIFT as Southwestern Ontario's funding mechanism to advance the expansion of critical broadband infrastructure across the region. The model works, it delivers results and can be immediately leveraged to upgrade networks and coverage in our region's underserved areas.

Families and business in our rural areas have been shut out of the economy and society as a result of the pandemic. COVID -19 has underscored the need in urgency to address gaps in broadband services across our region.

Respectfully Submitted,

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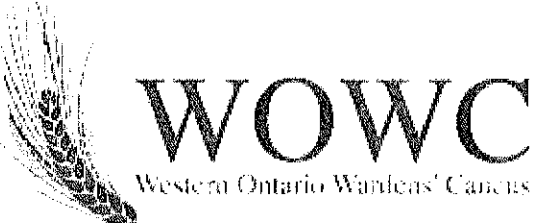
Attachments:

Attachment 1: Draft mins - WOWC (Electronic) - June 4, 2020

Attachment 2: SWIFT 2.0 Presentation June 4 2020

Attachment 3: CRTC Letter

Attachment 4: ISED Letter

	<p>SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Thursday, June 4, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Electronic Meeting via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83550747460</p>
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ATTENDANCE:

Members: J. Ginn(Chair), D. Canniff, D. White, D. Mennill, P. McQueen, G. McNamara, G. Cornell, B. Weber, K. Chopp, K. Linton, J. Aitcheson.

Regrets: D. Bailey, L. Martin, M. Twolan, C. Burghardt-Jesson

CAOs/Staff: M. Wark (Secretary), D. Shropshire, S. Pritchard, K. Wingrove, B. Rayburn, S. Datars Bare, M. Aitken J. Gonyou, R. Maisonville, R. Van Horne, L. McCabe, S. Wilson, K. Burns, C. Gravlev

Regrets: M. Bradley, L. Wolfe, J. Burgess

Guests: D. Mayberry, B. Field

1:10 p.m. – meeting commenced

1. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – WOWC
Chair Jim Ginn
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Moved by G. McNamara, seconded by P. McQueen: “That the agenda be approved as presented.” - CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. Don Shropshire WOWC-SWIFT Liaison,
The purpose of this meeting is to present a recommendation for the future of the WOWC's investments in high-speed fibre. David Mayberry, Chair, SWIFT Board of Directors and Barry Field, Executive Director, SWIFT will provide an update on the current SWIFT program and present recommendations on how SWIFT 2.0 should be structured and funded.

The attached PPT includes six recommendations that WOWC will be asked to endorse to provide direction for the future of the program.

Barry Field provided the detailed slide presentation provided with the agenda, then responded to questions, and discussion among the members took place with regard to:

- Pelee Island, 200 houses, rely on tourism, have struggled, 100 per cent funding makes sense, Internet is critical, many children need to leave the island to go to school.
- Makes sense to speak with a single voice, with SWIFT and the Western Wardens
- Have received letter from Minister Clark to Minister Bains and others with regard to extra funding – timing good – Western Wardens should support Minister Clark's ask, funding needs to be expanded quickly.
- Letter of support from Chair Ginn in support of broadband dollars for southern Ontario
- Warden McNamara noted his desire to move the recommendation.

Moved by G. McNamara, seconded by D. White:

“That the SWIFT presentation from Don Shropshire WOWC-SWIFT Liaison, David Mayberry, SWIFT Board Chair and Barry Field, Chief Operating Officer, SWIFT Inc. be received as information; and

That the following recommendations contained therein be endorsed and pursued by the WOWC as follows:

Recommendation 1:

Moved by G. McNamara, seconded by D. White:

- **'Target medium density outcomes through:**
 - **Upper limit on premises passed / km of fibre (allow municipal input to target more or less dense areas).**
 - **Increase maximum subsidy available (~83% in SWIFT 2.0 vs 67% in SWIFT 1.0). This relies on Federal contribution amount and ability of municipalities to contribute.**
 - **Majority of points based on km of fibre installed.' - Carried**

Recommendation 2:

Moved by G. Cornell, seconded by D. Canniff:

- **'Seek immediate funding of \$44M to implement 'shovel ready' residual SWIFT 1.0 projects**
- **Seek funding in line with targeting a total project budget of \$500M with additional admin and overhead fees of \$10M***
 - **Federal Contribution (40%)* - \$200M**
 - **Provincial Contribution (33.3%) - \$167M**
 - **Municipal Contribution (min10%) - \$50M + \$10M admin/overhead**
 - **ISP Contribution (17%) - \$83M**
- **Seek \$63M dedicated funding to address all remaining first nations and isolated communities (Peelee Island)' – Carried)**

Recommendation 3:**Moved by K. Linton, seconded by G. McNamara:**

- **'Municipalities contribute (collectively) a minimum of 10% of the overall project funding plus 100% of admin and overhead costs (see recommendation 4)**
- **If a municipality can't contribution their 'maximum' amount, the shortfall should be distributed amongst the rest**
- **Municipal contributions be split (contribution to project / contribution to admin and overheads)**
- **Contribution to admin and overheads should be weighted based on a split between pure overheads and functional overheads' – Carried**

Recommendation 4:**Moved by D. White, seconded by B. Weber:**

- **'Administration costs be funded 100% by municipal contributions**
- **100% of federal/provincial funding goes to projects**
- **No federal/provincial angst over admin and overheads**
- **Any savings to overheads goes back to municipalities' – Carried)**

Recommendation 5:

Moved by P. McQueen, seconded by G. Cornell

- 'All WOWC municipalities participate
- Niagara, Caledon and Waterloo are invited to participate
- London and Windsor are not invited to participate. If the WOWC does want to consider, then they should only be invited if funding vehicle allows for funding of them (SWIFT 1.0 -> municipal contributions carried them)
- Haldimand and Muskoka are invited to participate
- Pelee Island invited to participate but separate/dedicated funding be sought for 100% of project (much like First Nations)' – Carried

Recommendation 6:

Moved by J. Aitcheson, seconded by B. Weber:

- 'Where possible, let municipalities decide if they want to allow wireless proposals in their region.' - – Carried"
- CARRIED

David Mayberry offered thanks and expressed the need to keep pushing, and to have the proposal ready expeditiously – there is no time to waist. The SWIFT Board fully supports all of these recommendations. The Caucus has given the SWIFT Executive much to do, but there is also much work for the Caucus to do, and it is encouraged to reach out to SWIFT for assistance as may be required.

Warden White offered thanks to David Mayberry and Barry Field for their efforts and presentations today, and asked if this information could now be shared.

Barry Field – yes, but without SWIFT branding.

Don Shropshire – the faster the information can get out the better.

Warden McNamara – question as to when OMAFRA may release Phase 3, as some will be asking for more when have yet to receive first round. There is a need to be able to close the chapter on one to get to the next, if could give a nudge.

Warden Cornell –WOWC name could go on the presentation, and that is what is shared.

Warden McQueen – go to our lower-tiers first?

Chair Ginn – need two letters from WOWC, one in support of Minister Clark’s request, and a second to upper, lower and single tiers, with the recommendations passed. Press will pick up on the communications from their agendas.

Meighan Wark – can have a full package with template report, presentation, press release can all be prepared and ready by next week.

Moved by B. Weber, seconded by G. McNamara:

“That a communication of strong support for the request made by Minister Clark for additional broadband funding for south-western Ontario be issued from Chair Ginn on behalf of the Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus.”

- CARRIED

Barry Field enquired if Warden Cornell and Mark Aitken would assist with communications with Muskoka; Mayor Chopp will assist with Haldimand; and Warden McNamara will assist with Pelee Island.

Letter of communication re 10 per cent. – Meighan Wark will liaise with Barry Field to prepare and issue.

Meighan Wark and Kate Burns will provide advocacy communication packages early next week.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETINGS

- a. WOWC CAOs – Monday June 8, 2020, 3:00 p.m., (Electronic - Zoom)
- b. WOWC Regular Meeting (Full Caucus) – Friday, June 12, 2020, 11:00 a.m., (Electronic - Zoom)

5. MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT

Moved by G. McNamara, seconded by P. McQueen: “That the meeting be adjourned.” - CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 2:47 p.m.

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SWIFT 2.0 WOWC CAUCUS PRESENTATION
Video Conference

June 4, 2020

SWIFT 1.0 STATUS



- Phase 2

- 11 Phase 2 projects awarded / work under way / projects to be completed by e
- Additional SWIFT+ contract being negotiated with Brooketel in Lambton (compl 2022)
- Surpassed KPIs (ISP Contribution/Premises Passed/KMs of Fibre) based on targets Case

- Phase 3

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- Remaining 17 RFPs issued in March
- RFPs close between 29-May-20 and 04-Dec-20
- Contract awards start in July / 90% complete by end of year / 100% in January
- Provincial announcements have started
- All projects need to complete construction by middle of 2023 (SCF funding requ
- Requirement to secure \$27.5M gap financing being addressed via municipal gu

BROADBAND FUNDING OPTIONS?

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Option	Description	Pros	Cons
1. Do Nothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once SWIFT 1.0 is complete, the WOWC drops rural broadband from it's mandate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost avoidance for municipalities (market will determine winners and losers in quality of connectivity) Might force upper levels to increase funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All WOWC municipalities in their served areas Increases digital divide in urban areas
2. WOWC Members Pursue Funding on Their Own	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WOWC municipalities work individually to get federal and provincial funding in their regions. Municipalities design and manage their own programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher level of control and direction by municipalities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feds/province may require municipalities to meet program requirements resulting for SWO Loss of technical expertise programs (from SWO) Loss of economies of scale admin/overheads
3. WOWC Pursues Funding / Members Execute Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WOWC Pursues Funding Collectively and WOWC Members Manage Projects on Their Own 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher level of control and direction by municipalities Some municipalities feel they can achieve more individually than they can via SWIFT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feds/province may require separate CAs Diminishes collective bargaining power in SWO see no collective bargaining Loss of economies of scale admin/overheads Loss of SWIFT staff/

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NOTE: SWIFT can't raise conflicts

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WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

Option	Description	Pros	Cons
4. SWIFT 2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WOWC pursues a strategy for funding and execution of projects under SWIFT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More likely to get additional funding (above and beyond CRTC and UBF) as a collective Economies of scale for admin/overheads Retain centralized technical expertise SWIFT program has gained traction with the province as a desirable solution for SWO Continues to fulfill the WOWC mandate of improving broadband for our region through cooperative/collaborative action Success of SWIFT 1 will create potential openness for larger second round of funding SWIFT has the best background data (re service levels) of anyone due to our NDA with ISPs, therefore best view of current situation SWIFT has expertise available for un-bias evaluation, execution and oversight of projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less ability to customize Municipal contribution required
5. Adopt EORN Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design a solution to a specific technical problem and have ISPs bid on that specific solution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOI may prefer, as it would align WOWC with EOWC more closely Might be simpler in one larger project with only larger ISPs able to bid (Bell, Rogers) May be able to utilize CIB loans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WOWC would need specific goal they limit the variety of Participation limited Would need to de larger ISPs in mind

ADVOCACY REGARDLESS OF SWIFT 2.0?


- Regardless of the decision with respect to SWIFT 2.0, the WOWC must have a plan to
 - Fair share of CTRCs \$750M Broadband Fund
 - Applications are due 01-Jun-20
 - SWIFT should be advocating for 10% (or \$75M) for SWO based on population
 - Fair share of ISEDs \$1.7B Universal Broadband Fund
 - Applications opening this year
 - SWIFT should be advocating for 10% (or \$170M) for SWO based on population
- This advocacy is above and beyond any SWIFT 2.0 funding request
- SWO was left out of the last round of CTI funding and this cannot happen again

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HOW MUCH MONEY DO WE NEED?

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Item	Amount	Notes
Total need in SWO after SWIFT 1.0	\$2,490,644,551	Fibre based solution
CRTC Funding	\$(75,000,000)	Need WOWC lobby to ensure c
UBF Funding	\$(170,000,000)	Need WOWC lobby to ensure c
ISP Investment	\$(498,128,910)	Assume ISPs will resolve 20% on
 First Nations Funding	\$(47,970,000)	Separate request
Remaining SWO Need	\$1.7B +	

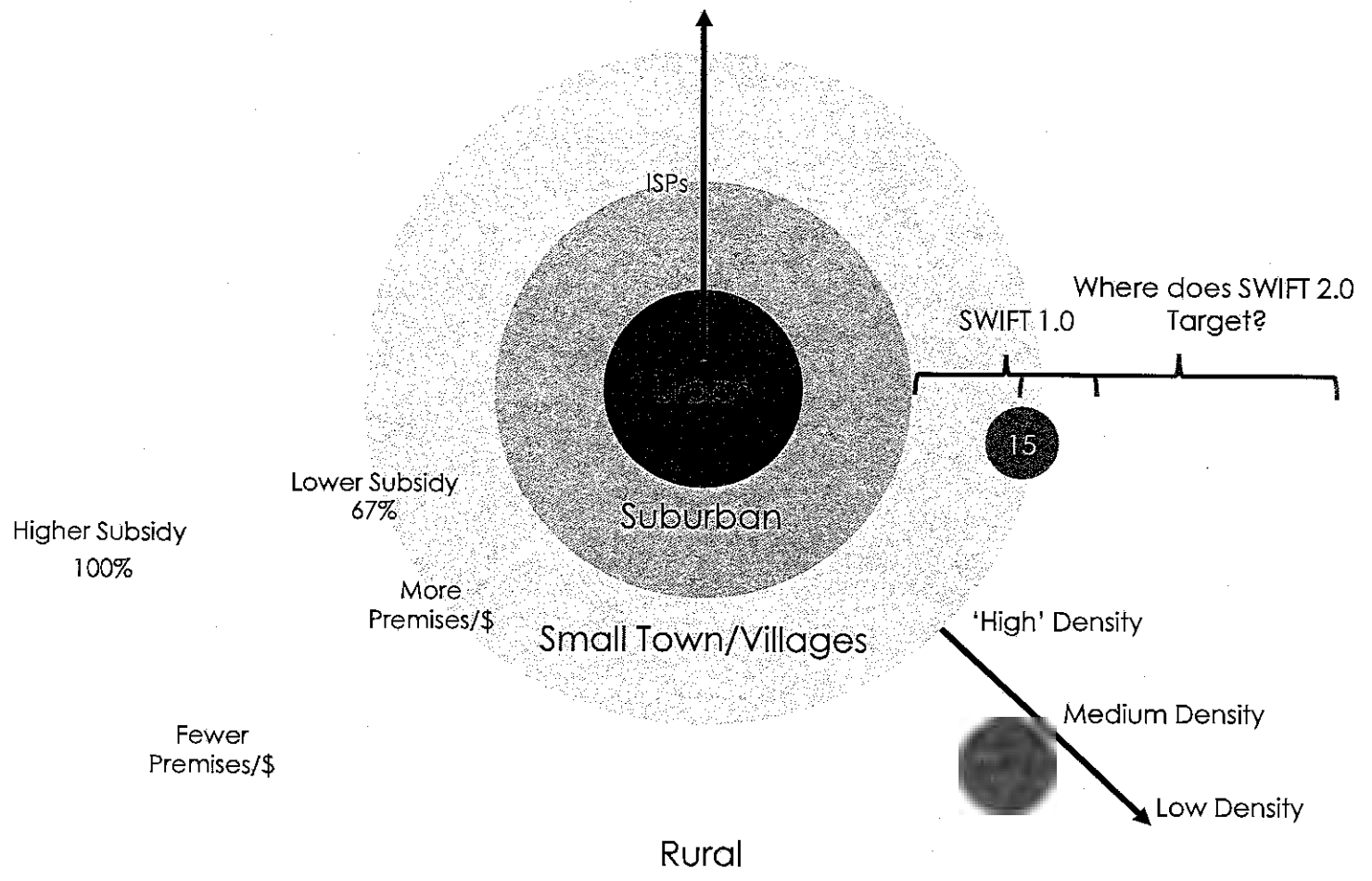
- Even with these levels of potential investment, there is still a need for more funding
- Wireless could help to reduce these costs in some areas

GOALS OF SWIFT 2.0

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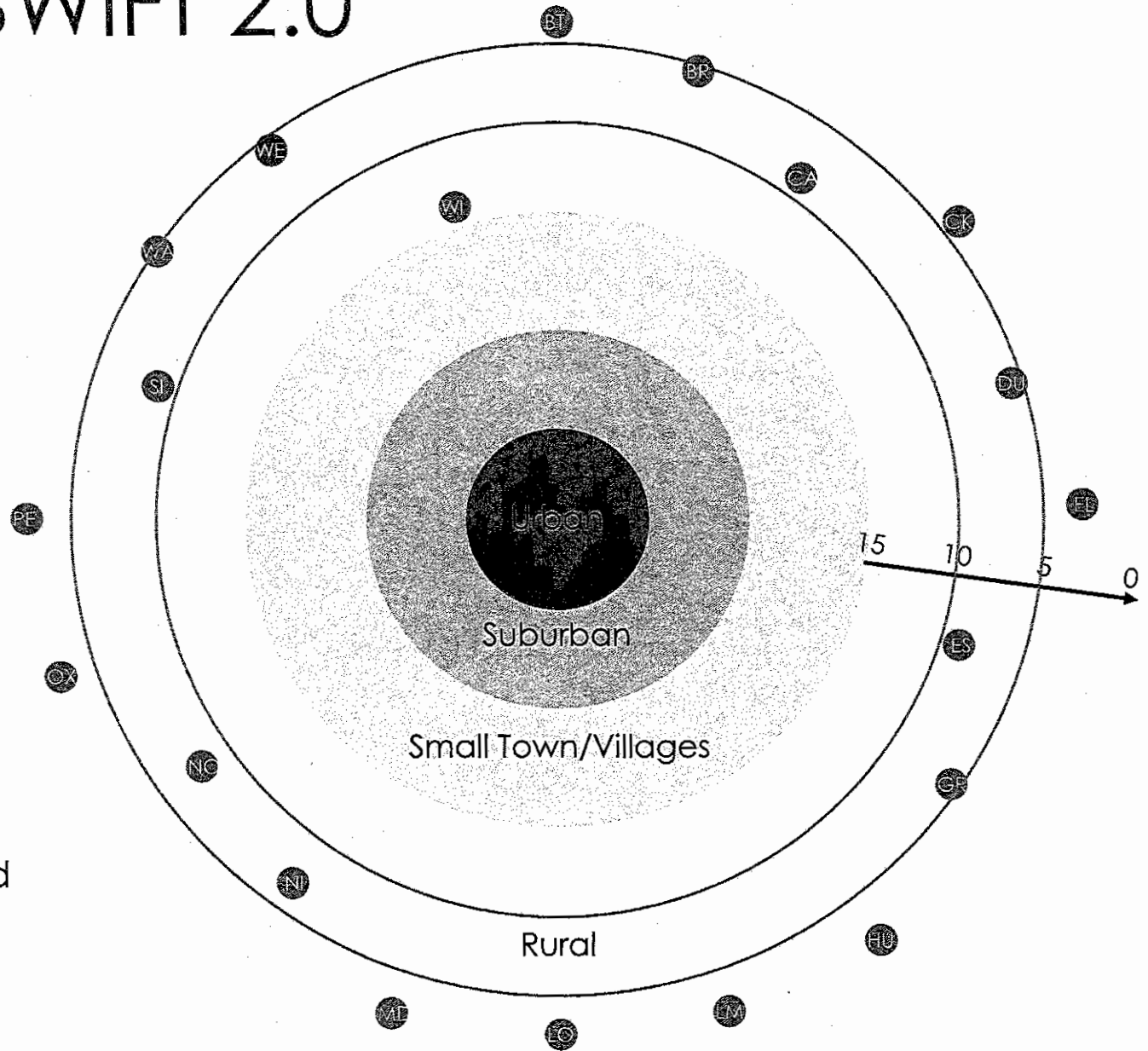
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GOALS OF SWIFT 2.0

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Remaining average
density of underserved
premises per km of
underserved roads

RECOMMENDATION 1

SWIFT 2.0 GOALS

Question:

What do we want to achieve with SWIFT 2.0?

Recommendation:

Target medium density outcomes through...

- Upper limit on premises passed / km of fibre (allow municipal input to target dense areas).
- Increase maximum subsidy available (~83% in SWIFT 2.0 vs 67% in SWIFT 1.0). Federal contribution amount and ability of municipalities to contribute.
- Majority of points based on km of fibre installed

Issues/Risks:

- Premises Passed target will not be as high as SWIFT 1.0 (per \$)
- Will our goals match those of the province/feds?

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RECOMMENDATION 2

FUNDING REQUEST

Question:

How much funding do we seek?

Recommendations:

1. Seek immediate funding of \$44M to implement 'shovel ready' residual SWIFT 1.0
2. Seek funding in line with targeting a total project budget of \$500M with addition overhead fees of \$10M*
 - Federal Contribution (40%)* \$200M
 - Provincial Contribution (33.3%) \$167M
 - Municipal Contribution (min10%) \$50M + \$10M admin/overhead
 - ISP Contribution (17%) \$83M
3. Seek \$63M dedicated funding to address all remaining first nations and isolated (Pelee Island)

Issues/Risks:

- Province and Feds may be looking to fund their own programs and not regic
- Total ask may be beyond available funds
- Some municipalities may not be able to contribute significantly (CIB discussic

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RECOMMENDATION 2 (CONT.)

RESIDUAL SWIFT 1.0 PROJECTS

Municipality	Funding Req'd	Project Value
Brant County	\$ 1,165,513	\$ 1,748,270
Bruce County	\$ 3,334,924	\$ 5,002,385
Caledon	\$ 1,276,596	\$ 1,914,894
Dufferin County	\$ 1,754,615	\$ 2,631,922
Elgin County	\$ 1,495,880	\$ 2,243,821
Essex County	\$ 3,130,624	\$ 4,695,937
Grey County	\$ 3,915,894	\$ 5,873,841
Huron County	\$ 1,765,967	\$ 2,648,951
Middlesex County	\$ 2,596,707	\$ 3,895,060
Niagara Region	\$ 3,260,635	\$ 4,890,952
Oxford County	\$ 2,002,437	\$ 3,003,655
Perth County	\$ 1,353,705	\$ 2,030,558
Simcoe County	\$ 6,836,062	\$ 10,254,093
Waterloo Region	\$ 2,912,612	\$ 4,368,918
Chatham-Kent	\$ 2,722,605	\$ 4,083,907
Wellington	\$ 2,345,802	\$ 3,554,245
Norfolk	\$ 1,756,113	\$ 2,684,178
TOTAL	\$ 43,626,691	\$ 65,525,586

Seek immediate funding of \$44M to improve 'ready' residual SWIFT 1.0 projects

- Analysis based on remaining Phase 3 (residual projects) that would have been completed if we had additional money
- Wellington/Norfolk projects are still in progress (\$6.2M)
- No residual projects remain in Leamington
- Phase 3 projects estimated based on current analysis
- These projects could be awarded to private sector
- No additional municipal contribution required

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RECOMMENDATION 2 (CONT.)

SWIFT 2.0 MAIN PROJECT

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Funding	%	Amount
Federal	40%	\$ 200,000,000
Provincial	33%	\$ 166,666,667
Municipal	10%	\$ 50,000,000
ISP	17%	\$ 83,333,333
Total	100%	\$ 500,000,000

Seek funding in line with targeting a total budget of \$500M with additional admin a fees of \$10M

- Assumes 40/33 Fed/Prov split
- Assumes municipalities contribute c
- ISPs required to contribute residual
- Note: Figures can be adjusted but i medium density areas for SWIFT 2.0, subsidy available to ISPs has to be r 2/3s from SWIFT 1.0

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RECOMMENDATION 2 (CONT.)

FIRST NATIONS AND ISOLATED COMMUNITIES FUNDING

Procurement Area	First Nation / Isolated Community	Road KMs*	Estimated Cost
Brant	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	31	\$ 2,015,000
Brant	Six Nations of the Grand River	173	\$ 11,245,000
Bruce	Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation	67	\$ 4,355,000
Bruce	Saugeen First Nation	54	\$ 3,510,000
Chatham-Kent	Delaware Nation Moravian of the Thames	15	\$ 975,000
Essex	Caldwell First Nation	3	\$ 195,000
Lambton	Bkejwanong Walpole Island First Nation	178	\$ 11,570,000
Middlesex	Chippewas of the Thames First Nation	66	\$ 4,290,000
Middlesex	Munsee-Delaware Nation	1	\$ 65,000
Middlesex	Oneida Nation of the Thames	35	\$ 2,275,000
Simcoe	Beausoleil First Nation	45	\$ 2,925,000
Simcoe	Beausoleil First Nation Sub-Sea Fibre	TBD	\$ 3,000,000
Simcoe	Chippewas of Rama First Nation	26	\$ 1,690,000
Pelee	Pelee Island	TBD	\$ 15,000,000
TOTAL		694	\$ 63,110,000

Seek \$63M dedicated funding to address first nations and isolated communities (P

- This is a very liberal estimate
- Assumes fibre to every road in every first nation (even those without previous fibre)
- Detailed analysis to be complete in the direction received from WOWC
- Road KMs include the KMs required to the closest POI and excludes already serviced with fibre
- Sub-Sea fibre required for Christic estimated at \$3M
- Pelee Island estimated at \$15M
- Average cost/KM = \$65,000
- Assumes these projects are 100% ISP or first nation contribution

RECOMMENDATION 3

MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS



Question:

How much are the municipalities willing to contribute?

Recommendations:

1. Municipalities contribute (collectively) a minimum of 10% of the overall project for admin and overhead costs (see recommendation 4)
2. If a municipality can't contribute their 'maximum' amount, the shortfall should be amongst the rest
3. Municipal contributions be split (contribution to project / contribution to admin and overheads)
4. Contribution to admin and overheads should be weighted based on a split between overheads and functional overheads

Issues/Risks:

- Few issues/risk, this is a more equitable and transparent approach

RECOMMENDATION 3 (CONT.)

MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Municipality	Population (2016)	% of Total	Capital Contributions	Contribution to SWIFT	Total Contributions	Asset Funding	Multiple	Asset Value
Bruce	2,965	7.9%	\$ 3,927,950	\$ 671,354	\$ 4,599,304	\$ 39,279,502	8.5	595
Caledon	650	1.7%	\$ 860,635	\$ 303,276	\$ 1,163,912	\$ 8,606,354	7.4	130
Chatham-Kent	3,022	8.0%	\$ 4,003,627	\$ 680,435	\$ 4,684,063	\$ 40,036,274	8.5	607
Dufferin	976	2.6%	\$ 1,293,326	\$ 355,199	\$ 1,648,525	\$ 12,933,258	7.8	196
Elgin	1,764	4.7%	\$ 2,337,122	\$ 480,455	\$ 2,817,576	\$ 23,371,216	8.3	354
Essex	1,427	3.8%	\$ 1,891,217	\$ 426,946	\$ 2,318,163	\$ 18,912,171	8.2	287
Grey	2,734	7.2%	\$ 3,622,826	\$ 634,739	\$ 4,257,565	\$ 36,228,263	8.5	549
Huron	1,942	5.1%	\$ 2,572,828	\$ 508,739	\$ 3,081,568	\$ 25,728,284	8.3	390
Lambton	2,577	6.8%	\$ 3,414,627	\$ 609,755	\$ 4,024,382	\$ 34,146,271	8.5	517
London	324	0.9%	\$ 429,119	\$ 251,494	\$ 680,613	\$ 4,291,190	6.3	65
Middlesex	2,852	7.6%	\$ 3,779,214	\$ 653,506	\$ 4,432,720	\$ 37,792,144	8.5	573
Niagara	2,576	6.8%	\$ 3,413,124	\$ 609,575	\$ 4,022,699	\$ 34,131,243	8.5	517
Norfolk	1,620	4.3%	\$ 2,145,984	\$ 457,518	\$ 2,603,502	\$ 21,459,840	8.2	325
Oxford	1,989	5.3%	\$ 2,634,933	\$ 516,192	\$ 3,151,125	\$ 26,349,333	8.4	399
Perth	1,341	3.6%	\$ 1,777,053	\$ 413,246	\$ 2,190,300	\$ 17,770,532	8.1	269
Simcoe	4,458	11.8%	\$ 5,906,167	\$ 908,740	\$ 6,814,907	\$ 59,061,669	8.7	895
Waterloo	950	2.5%	\$ 1,259,322	\$ 351,119	\$ 1,610,440	\$ 12,593,218	7.8	191
Wellington	2,298	6.1%	\$ 3,045,411	\$ 565,449	\$ 3,610,860	\$ 30,454,108	8.4	461
Windsor	101	0.3%	\$ 133,650	\$ 216,038	\$ 349,688	\$ 1,336,496	3.8	20
Total	37,737	100.0%	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 60,000,000	\$ 500,000,000	8.3	7576

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Note: Current contributions to SWIFT end in 2020 for all but Waterloo (2021) and Middlesex (2021)

Municipalities (collectively) of the overall plus 100% of a overhead cos

- Need base underserve after concl
- Each munic based on it
- Higher over contribution 2.0 to attra density area
- If a municip contribution amount, the be distribut rest

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RECOMMENDATION 3 (CONT.)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OVERHEADS

Municipality	Pure Admin	Functional	Total
Brant	\$ 200,000	\$ 186,224	\$ 386,224
Bruce	\$ 200,000	\$ 471,354	\$ 671,354
Caledon	\$ 200,000	\$ 103,276	\$ 303,276
Chatham-Kent	\$ 200,000	\$ 480,435	\$ 680,435
Dufferin	\$ 200,000	\$ 155,199	\$ 355,199
Elgin	\$ 200,000	\$ 280,455	\$ 480,455
Essex	\$ 200,000	\$ 226,946	\$ 426,946
Grey	\$ 200,000	\$ 434,739	\$ 634,739
Huron	\$ 200,000	\$ 308,739	\$ 508,739
Lambton	\$ 200,000	\$ 409,755	\$ 609,755
London	\$ 200,000	\$ 51,494	\$ 251,494
Middlesex	\$ 200,000	\$ 453,506	\$ 653,506
Niagara	\$ 200,000	\$ 409,575	\$ 609,575
Norfolk	\$ 200,000	\$ 257,518	\$ 457,518
Oxford	\$ 200,000	\$ 316,192	\$ 516,192
Perth	\$ 200,000	\$ 213,246	\$ 413,246
Simcoe	\$ 200,000	\$ 708,740	\$ 908,740
Waterloo	\$ 200,000	\$ 151,119	\$ 351,119
Wellington	\$ 200,000	\$ 365,449	\$ 565,449
Windsor	\$ 200,000	\$ 16,038	\$ 216,038
TOTAL	\$4,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$10,000,000

Contribution to admin should be weighted

1. Pure Admin (40%) – Split equally by municipalities
2. Functional Costs (60%) – Based on of total need

RECOMMENDATION 4

FUNDING OF ADMIN

Question:

Do we fund all admin costs internally (municipal funding)?

Recommendation:

Admin costs be funded 100% by municipal contributions

- 100% of fed/prov funding goes to projects
- No fed/prov angst over admin and overheads
- Any savings to overheads goes back to municipalities

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Issues/Risks:

- Overall municipal contribution is higher (but funded project amount is also hi

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RECOMMENDATION 5

SWIFT 2.0 PARTICIPATION

Question:

What municipalities participate in SWIFT 2.0?

Recommendation:

- All WOWC municipalities participate
- Niagara, Caledon and Waterloo are invited to participate
- London and Windsor are not invited to participate. If the WOWC does want to co-fund them they should only be invited if funding vehicle allows for funding of them (SWIFT 1.0 contributions carried them)
- Halton and Muskoka are invited to participate
- Pelee Island invited to participate but separate/dedicated funding be sought for (much like First Nations)

Issues/Risks:

- Requires agreement of all parties
- London/Windsor may object



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RECOMMENDATION 6

WIRELESS

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Question:

What role should wireless play in SWIFT 2.0?

Recommendation:

- Where possible, let municipalities decide if they want to allow wireless proposals in

Issues/Risks:

- Federal and provincial funders are likely to focus on 50/10 and may not allow discriminate against wireless providers

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SWIFT 2.0 SCHEDULE

Activity	2020				2021				2022				2023				2024		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Funding Application			■	■															
Contribution Agreement					■														
Procurement						■	■	■											
Implementation							■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Closeout																			

- 4 year implementation / construction window
- Overlap with SWIFT 1.0 (ends mid-2023)
- Completes well before federal gov't 2030 mandate
- Resource Risk – Competing with all other programs for resources

NEXT STEPS

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Item	Who
Present recommendations to WOWC caucus	SWIFT
Approve SWIFT 2.0 Recommendations (with recommendations)	WOWC
Advocate for SWO share of CRTC and ISED BB funding (letter campaign)	WOWC
Confirm participation intent with Caledon, Waterloo and Niagara	SWIFT
Outreach to Haldimand, Muskoka and Pelee Island	SWIFT Board
5 Finalize SWIFT 2.0 funding request package <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="199 917 787 966">• Detailed financial plan<li data-bbox="199 974 1060 1023">• Detailed First Nations requirements<li data-bbox="199 1031 1050 1079">• Detailed overhead cost estimates<li data-bbox="199 1088 1417 1136">• Inclusion of Haldimand, Muskoka and Pelee Island	SWIFT
SWIFT 2.0 funding advocacy campaign package development	WOWC
SWIFT 2.0 funding advocacy campaign kick-off	WOWC

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NEXT STEPS (CONT.)



SWIFT 2.0 Funding Request Package (5-10 pages max)

- Problem description
- Funding asks (3 asks)
- Why this is a better option than putting more funds into fed/prov programs
- Description of model and how it will address the problem description (benefits
 - Results of SWIFT 1.0)
- Complete financial model with detailed cost estimates and funding breakdown
- Description of targeted outcomes
- Schedule (2025)



SWIFT 2.0 funding advocacy campaign package

- **Who** do we target (provincial and federal)
- **Who** are the best representatives of the WOWC
- **How** do we present request (letter campaign, delegations, etc.)
- **What** do we present
- **When** do we start the campaign

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation #1:

- Target medium density outcomes through...
 - Upper limit on premises passed / km of fibre (allow municipal input to target m dense areas).
 - Increase maximum subsidy available (~83% in SWIFT 2.0 vs 67% in SWIFT 1.0). Th Federal contribution amount and ability of municipalities to contribute.
 - Majority of points based on km of fibre installed

Recommendation #2:

- Seek immediate funding of \$44M to implement 'shovel ready' residual SWIFT 1.0 p
- Seek funding in line with targeting a total project budget of \$500M with additional overhead fees of \$10M*
 - Federal Contribution (40%)* \$200M
 - Provincial Contribution (33.3%) \$167M
 - Municipal Contribution (min10%) \$50M + \$10M admin/overhead
 - ISP Contribution (17%) \$83M
- Seek \$63M dedicated funding to address all remaining first nations and isolated c (Pelee Island)

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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Recommendation #3:

- Municipalities contribute (collectively) a minimum of 10% of the overall project fund of admin and overhead costs (see recommendation 4)
 - If a municipality can't contribute their 'maximum' amount, the shortfall should be distributed amongst the rest
 - Municipal contributions be split (contribution to project / contribution to admin overheads)
 - Contribution to admin and overheads should be weighted based on a split between overheads and functional overheads

Recommendation #4:

- Admin costs be funded 100% by municipal contributions
 - 100% of fed/prov funding goes to projects
 - No fed/prov angst over admin and overheads
 - Any savings to overheads goes back to municipalities

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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Recommendation #5:

- All WOWC municipalities participate
- Niagara, Caledon and Waterloo are invited to participate
- London and Windsor are not invited to participate. If the WOWC does want to co they should only be invited if funding vehicle allows for funding of them (SWIFT 1.0 - contributions carried them)
- Haldimand and Muskoka are invited to participate
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Recommendation #6:

- Where possible, let municipalities decide if they want to allow wireless proposals in

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WESTERN ONTARIO
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WOWC Appeals to the CRTC for Equitable Broadband Funding for Southwestern Ontario

Currently more than half a million residents are lacking access to high-speed broadband across Southwestern Ontario.

In the past funding for broadband in Southwestern Ontario has been undervalued and overlooked.

To ensure fair and equitable funding is allocated to support broadband infrastructure projects in rural Southwestern Ontario, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, has issued a letter to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to advocate for the region's fair share of funding to support Southwestern Ontario broadband infrastructure projects.

Your advocacy efforts are greatly needed, and we would encourage you to write to Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, to ensure that the residents living in our underserved communities do not go unnoticed and that adequate and equitable funding for the region is required.

Attached is a template letter of support for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Ginn
Chair
Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

[PLACE ON LETTERHEAD]

June XX, 2020

Ian Scott
Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission
[email address]

Re: Fair and equitable funding to support broadband infrastructure projects in Southwestern Ontario

Dear Mr. Scott,

As the [INSERT TITLE] I am writing to you today to request the allocation of fair and equitable funding to support broadband infrastructure projects in rural Southwestern Ontario, including in underserved areas of [INSERT MUNICIPALITY].

Southwestern Ontario broadband funding can not be undervalued. It has been estimated that it would cost approximately \$2.5 billion to provide a fibre-based solution to address all Southwestern Ontario's underserved areas, including in areas of [INSERT MUNICIPALITY]. – wireless could help to reduce these costs in some areas.

The region which is 90% rural and represents 10% of the Canadian population has been overlooked in the past for funding.

Connectivity is key to the social and economic success of our communities – we need to ensure that the residents living in our underserved communities do not go unnoticed.

Adequate and equitable funding for the region is required to ensure that broadband, an essential utility, is accessible for all.

The COVID-19 outbreak has laid bare the challenges our underserved communities in [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] and across Southwestern Ontario are facing.

In today's unprecedented times, where children are required to attend school remotely, online ordering is the new norm and virtual meetings are now a workplace requirement, broadband is not a luxury, it is essential.

On behalf of [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] we are respectfully asking the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to support Southwestern Ontario broadband infrastructure projects.

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME/TITLE]

[INSERT MUNICIPALITY]

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cc.

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault
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Your local MP ([click here to find your MP using your postal code](#)).

The Honourable Laurie Scott
Minister of Infrastructure, Ontario

Heads of Municipal Council (Western Ontario)

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WESTERN ONTARIO
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WOWC Calls on Government for Increased Broadband Funding

The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus today issued a letter to the federal government to seek immediate and increased funding to support the expansion of broadband infrastructure in our underserved communities across Southwestern Ontario.

The Caucus is urging the Canadian government to solve a fundamental issue and provide a basic need to all residents currently living without access to reliable high-speed internet.

Your support is greatly needed, and we would encourage you to write to The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry to urge that the government make a substantial investment to ensure that broadband, an essential utility, is accessible and available for all.

Attached is a template letter of support for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Ginn
Chair
Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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June XX, 2020

The Honourable Navdeep Bains
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
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The Honourable Catherine McKenna
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Catherine.McKenna@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Maryam Monsef
Minister of Rural Economic Development
Minister for Women and Gender Equality
Maryam.Monsef@parl.gc.ca

Re: Urgent and immediate funding request to support the expansion of broadband infrastructure in Southwestern Ontario

Dear Ministers,

As the [INSERT TITLE], I am writing you today to seek urgent and immediate funding to support the expansion of critical broadband infrastructure across Southwestern Ontario, including in underserved areas of [INSERT MUNICIPALITY].

Efforts at the local, federal and provincial level have been underway to provide all Ontarians, no matter where they live, with access to high-speed internet. This is not an overnight process; however, the COVID-19 outbreak has laid bare the challenges our underserved communities in [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] and across Southwestern Ontario are facing.

In today's unprecedented times, where children are required to attend school remotely, online ordering is the new norm and virtual meetings are now a workplace requirement, broadband is not a luxury, it is essential.

Connectivity is key to the social and economic success of our communities – we need to invest in the future of our communities. Increased funding is urgently needed to boost the pace and scale of broadband deployment efforts to address gaps in service and provide digital equality for all in Canada.

It has been estimated that it would cost approximately \$2.5 billion to provide a fibre-based solution to address all Southwestern Ontario's underserved areas – wireless could help to reduce these costs in some areas. Adequate funding is required to ensure that broadband, an essential utility, is accessible for all.

The message to you is clear. **Southwestern Ontario broadband funding can not be undervalued.** The region represents 10% of the Canadian population and 25% of the

population of Ontario. Adequate and equitable funding for all underserved municipalities within the region is required to ensure that broadband, an essential utility, is accessible for all.

On behalf of the [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] we are urging the federal government to solve a fundamental issue and provide a basic need to all our residents currently living without access to reliable high-speed internet. The longer our communities are left without, the greater the people and businesses of Southwestern Ontario and [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] will suffer from social and economic inequalities.

We are asking the Canadian government to take immediate action and make a substantial investment in high-speed connectivity.

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME/TITLE]

[INSERT MUNICIPALITY]

cc. The Honourable Laurie Scott
Minister of Infrastructure, Ontario

Your local MP ([click here to find your MP using your postal code](#)).

Heads of Municipal Council (Western Ontario)

July 21, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Re: Emancipation Day Resolution

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on July 20, 2020 passed the following resolution:

That Chatham-Kent Council acknowledges and supports the following Private Members Bill put forward by Majid Jowhari; M-36, *Emancipation Day*, 43rd Parliament, 1st Session that reads as follows:

That the House recognizes that:

- a) The British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Empire as of August 1, 1834
- b) Slavery existed in the British North America prior to its abolition in 1834
- c) Abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1, as Emancipation Day
- d) The Government of Canada announced on January 30, 2018 that it would officially recognize the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent to highlight the important contributions that people of African Descent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for confronting anti-black racism; and
- e) The heritage of Canada's people of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada; and that in the opinion of the House, the government should designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada

That support for this motion is sent to our Member of Parliament and all House of Commons representatives. And that support for this motion be sent to all Municipalities."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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All House of Commons Representatives
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Majid Jowhari, MP

Hon Wanda Thomas Bernard
Senator- Nova Scotia (East Preston)

Lianne Rood, MP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex

Dave Epp MP Chatham-Kent –Leamington

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DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Region

Media Release

New Source Protection Committee Members Appointed

Utopia, Ontario (July 23, 2020) – Most of us in southern Ontario take safe and plentiful drinking water for granted, but that supply is being protected through the actions of numerous legislative provisions, one of which is a local stakeholder group called the Source Protection Committee, created under the Clean Water Act of 2006.

The Source Protection Committee for this region (South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe) began meeting in 2007 and continues its important role to this day. Earlier this year, the Committee undertook a significant refresh in its membership. After a thorough search and application review, six new members have been appointed to the Committee. The Committee consists of 21 members, plus the Chair, plus a First Nations representative from Rama First Nation.

These new members will join the existing members to review and update the local Source Protection Plan and Assessment Reports, as well as oversee the implementation of existing plan policies.

The new members are:

- Geoff Allen, Public Sector Representative
- Andy Campbell, Municipal Representative
- David Greenwood, Public Sector Representative
- Jeff Hamelin, Municipal Representative
- Brandon Powers, Economic/Development Representative
- Cate Root, Public Sector Representative

Lynn Dollin, Mayor of Innisfil, who's chaired the Source Protection Committee since its inception in 2007, says she is "looking forward to continuing the important work of the Source Protection Committee and is confident that our region will be well served with a mix of returning members that have valuable experience and some fresh eyes to bring new perspectives and ideas to the group. It is an honour to chair such an impressive group."

Stan Wells, a member re-appointed to represent the Nottawasaga Valley Watershed, says he "cannot imagine a life without access to a safe and secure water supply, but sadly that reality already exists in many parts of the world. Source water protection is designed to protect our water supplies, of which I'm pleased to play a small part."

New Source Protection Committee member Cate Root is excited about the opportunity. "I believe water to be one of our most precious resources and we cannot take it for granted. I am very proud to be able to be involved in this work and I know I will learn a lot along the way."

For the complete list of Source Protection Committee members please visit ourwatershed.ca.

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Krista Pascoe

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To: Krista Pascoe
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July 20, 2020

AMO Policy Update – Stage 3 Re-Openings

Stage 3 Re-Openings

The Province has announced that the Regions/Counties of Durham, Halton, Niagara, Haldimand-Norfolk, Lambton, and York as well as the City of Hamilton will be permitted to begin Stage 3 on Friday, July 24th. These regions will join the 24 public health regions that entered into Stage 3 on Friday, July 17, 2020. Further information on these Stages can be found here.

Given current public health considerations, it has been determined that the City of Toronto, Peel Region, and the Windsor-Essex region will be continued in Stage 2 for at least another week.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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July 22, 2020

AMO Policy Update – Ontario Legislature Recessed, Standing Committee Now Looking at Infrastructure, Stage 3 Openings Information

Ontario Legislature on Summer Recess

The Ontario Legislature had many late evening debates yesterday. The following government bills are now passed (after being time-allocated and clearing second- and third-reading debate and receiving Royal Assent):

- Bill 184, *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act*
 - AMO’s letter and Bill 184 submission can be found here.
- Bill 195, *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act*
 - AMO’s update on Bill 195 can be found here.
- Bill 197, *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act*
 - Includes changes to the Development Charges (DCs)/Community Benefit Charge (CBC). AMO’s update and brief analysis of Bill 197 can be found here.

The Ontario Legislature will resume on Monday, September 14th.

Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs – Infrastructure Hearings

The Committee is holding public hearings on the Infrastructure sector by videoconference (Zoom) on Thursday, July 30, 2020, Tuesday, August 4, 2020; Wednesday, August 5, 2020; Thursday, August 6, 2020; Monday, August 10, 2020; and Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

AMB

If your municipality wants to be considered to make an oral presentation on the Infrastructure sector by videoconference or teleconference, you are required to register by 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, July 24, 2020. To simply provide a submission regarding infrastructure, the deadline is 6:00 p.m. (EDT) on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

To register or send a written submission, please visit the following link: ola.org/en/apply-committees.

Stage 3 Reopening Information and Assistance

We have followed up with the Province on some of the Stage 3 questions we have received from members and can provide you with additional information:

- If there are not any specific directions on how to reopen an activity or operations in the Ontario order O. Reg. 364/20, Rules for Areas in Stage 3, then municipalities and their staff are to follow the provincial and local, if provided, public health measures to prevent COVID-19 spread.
 - An example of this is playgrounds. There are no additional specific directions to follow for playgrounds, but they are allowed to open under Stage 3.
- The federal government also has many infection prevention resources that may be of assistance to municipalities to assist in reopening facilities safely during COVID-19.
 - Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces during COVID-19.
- If your municipality is experiencing significant challenges opening with restrictions in Stage 3, there is provincial assistance available to work with you. You can access this assistance by sending in a completed form available here.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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July 23, 2020

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- Simplify appointment scheduling for in-person services.
- Career with Simcoe County.

COVID-19 Resources

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources page](#) is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. It now has a section on on mandatory face masks bylaws/directives for information to municipal governments considering similar bylaws. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

Keep staff, visitors and facilities safe as you reopen with [SimpleTrack](#); a secure contact tracing platform from [eSolutionsGroup](#) to screen, track and report COVID-19 in the workplace.

Federal Matters

The [Enabling Accessibility Fund Youth Innovation Component](#) provides an opportunity for youth to have a direct impact in the lives of persons with disabilities. They do this by addressing accessibility barriers in public spaces or workplaces within their community. Organizations eligible for the funding include: Not-for-profit organizations; businesses; Indigenous organizations; municipal and territorial governments. Deadline to apply: October 30, 2020. Email [EAF](#) for more information

Eye on Events

Why should you attend the AMO 2020 Conference? [Here](#) are only 10 of the reasons. [Register today!](#)

This year, AMO's exhibit hall has gone virtual. Enjoy important networking opportunities,

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greater flexibility, extended trade show hours and multiple points of interaction. It makes sense to take advantage of this important opportunity and book your spot now. Just a few spaces left. [Book now!](#)

Back by popular demand, Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics is coming to you virtually. This training provides insight and tools to support your central role in implementing and managing the land use policy framework. [Registration details](#) can be found here.

Municipal Wire*

[Appointmentio](#) is an easy-to-setup online booking platform from [eSolutionsGroup](#) that lets the public book appointments for in-person services to help you manage physical distancing and return to work restrictions.

Careers

[Manager, Scheduling Services - County of Simcoe](#). Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time. Reference Code: 841. Closing Date: July 31, 2020. Location: Midhurst, Ontario. Reports to the Director, Performance Quality & Development. To view the job description and submit your application online, please see County of Simcoe [Career Opportunities](#).

About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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August 7, 2020

AMO Policy Update – Child Care Funding and Community Safety Initiatives

Child Care Funding under Federal Restart Agreement

The provincial and federal governments have reached an agreement to support Ontario's plan to safely reopen child care and early years programs to full capacity in September. Under the Safe Restart Agreement, a combined \$234.6 million in provincial and federal funding is available to keep children and staff safe in child care and early years settings. The funding will help support cleaning costs as well as health and safety requirements.

Proceeds of Crime Front-Line Policing Grant Funds 21 Community Safety Initiatives

The Ontario Government recently announced that \$6 million, over the next three years, will support 16 police services (including municipal, provincial and First Nations) who have partnered with at least two community organizations to implement 21 crime prevention and community safety initiatives across the province.

Full List of Recommended Grant Recipients

This funding is distributed through the Proceeds of Crime Front-Line Police (POC-FLP) Grant that uses monies forfeited to the provincial and federal governments during prosecutions and reinvests them to help police services support crime prevention and community safety initiatives around one of the following priority areas:

- gun and gang violence
- human trafficking
- sexual violence and harassment.

The POC-FLP grant program is a welcome investment in supporting specific community safety and well-being projects across Ontario.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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August 11, 2020

AMO Policy Update – Court Security Funding Review, CCTV Grant Program, Windsor-Essex Goes to Stage 3

Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program Under Review

Yesterday, the Ministry of the Solicitor General communicated to all Police Chiefs and Chairs of Police Services Boards that it will be retaining an independent consultant to undertake a program review of the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) program.

The CSPT program was the result of a negotiated agreement arising from the 2008 Ontario-AMO-City of Toronto Provincial-Municipal Service Delivery Review. It committed to fund up to \$125M a year for municipal governments to offset municipal costs associated with providing security to provincial courthouses and transporting prisoners to and from those facilities.

This review is expected to be completed before the end of the year and any changes will not affect the 2020 program. While municipal governments and other stakeholders are to be engaged, we currently have no details. AMO is concerned that any changes arising from this program review could result in reduced funding, increase municipal financial burden, and possibly undo or undermine a negotiated agreement between municipal governments and the provincial government.

Ontario CCTV Grant Program for 2020-21

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has announced that it will be accepting applications under the new Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant Program for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

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The \$6 million investment over three years is designed to support police services (one application per police service) in their efforts to enhance public safety as part of Ontario's Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy. The funding will cover 50% of each successful project to a maximum of \$200,000.

Windsor-Essex to go to Stage 3

Windsor-Essex Region will move into Stage 3 on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. This provincial decision was based on positive local trends of key public health indicators, including lower transmission of COVID-19, ongoing hospital capacity, public health capacity to conduct rapid case and contact management, and a significant increase in testing.

The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit region will join the rest of the Province's 33 public health regions that entered into Stage 3 on July 17, 24 and 31, 2020 respectively.

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August 12, 2020

AMO Policy Update – Municipal Emergency Fiscal Relief, Quarter 1 Fiscal and COVID-19 Action Plan Updates

1st Round of Municipal Emergency Funding Coming Soon – Safe Restart Agreement

The Province today announced how up to \$4 billion in federal-provincial financial assistance for municipalities and transit operations will be made available to municipalities. The Province is employing an immediate allocation-based distribution, followed by a distribution based on an assessment of COVID-19-related financial impacts.

“The Province has taken a commonsense approach to the distribution of financial assistance to municipalities”, said AMO President Jamie McGarvey. “A straightforward phase 1 allocation formula will ensure every municipality and municipal transit provider will benefit from immediate assistance, while a later assessment of actual costs will ensure those hardest hit by COVID-19 are able to fulfill their role in the economic recovery.”

\$2B in Operational Funding Assistance

New operational funding assistance of \$1.39 billion will be delivered in two equal phases, and an additional \$212 million will be invested in the \$350 million Social Assistance Relief Fund (SSRF):

Phase 1:

\$695 million will be distributed immediately on per household basis. All 444 municipalities will receive a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing setting out their Phase 1 allocation. Where there is a two-tier system, the allocation will be shared equally between the lower and upper tier.

Phase 2:

\$695 million will be available to all 444 municipalities but will require an assessment of actual COVID-19 related costs and losses.

In addition, **\$212 million** will be added to existing \$350 million Social Services Relief fund, which is available to the 47 Service Managers, i.e. municipalities and DSSABs delivering provincial health and social services programs.

The total new investment listed above is \$1.6 billion. This new funding is in addition to \$350 million already invested in the SSRF (announced March and July) and \$100 million already invested in municipal long-term care, bringing the total to more than \$2 billion.

\$2B Transit Funding Assistance:

Up to \$2 billion in financial assistance for transit costs and losses will be provided to transit operating municipalities through two separate investments.

1. An immediate distribution of more than \$660 million to 110 municipalities operating transit based on ridership data plus a base amount that ensures smaller transit operations will receive substantial funding.
2. A second distribution will be provided to municipal transit operators based on an assessment of actual COVID-19 fiscal pressures.

Ontario 2020-21 First Quarter Finances and Update on Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan

The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, has released Ontario's 2020-21 First Quarter Finances and provided an update to Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19.

The Minister outlined Ontario's direct support to the COVID-19 pandemic and noted a projected budget deficit of \$38.5B – an increase from his March update of \$20.5B. The increased deficit is accounted for through reduced provincial revenues, additional investments, and financial contingency planning.

Highlights from the Minister's update include:

- Total revenues fall to \$150.6 billion for 2020-21. This is \$5.7B lower than projected and expenses are projected to increase by \$13.1B higher than forecasted in March.
- In March, the government outlined a \$17B plan to support Ontario's response to COVID-19. Today, the Minister announced additional investments that will bring the government's COVID-19 response action plan to a projected \$30B. These additional investments include:
 - Increased support for health care from \$4.4B to \$7.7B. This will assist hospital capacity, manage COVID-19 in long-term care homes, increased testing, and procuring PPE and medical supplies.
 - Increased support from \$7.3B to \$11B for people and jobs, which includes temporary pandemic pay for eligible workers (\$1.5B), up to \$4B in targeted funding for municipalities and transit agencies, and temporary immediate relief for residential, farm, small business, industrial and commercial electricity consumers.

- The government is also extending provincial tax deferrals for businesses to October 1st, 2020. This additional cash flow is estimated to be \$7.5B over a six-month period.

Minister Phillips stressed that fiscal flexibility was prudent and necessary to help guard against potential impacts of a "second wave". To this end, he announced that the government is ensuring \$9.6 billion is available in reserves and several contingency funds.

The Province's next fiscal update will be a multi-year provincial Budget and will be delivered no later than November 15th, 2020.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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August 24, 2020

AMO Policy Update – Orders Extended, New Direction regarding Facilities

COVID-19 Emergency Orders Extended

The Province has extended its COVID-19 emergency orders for up to 30 more days. All orders under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (ROA) have been extended to September 22, 2020, with the following exceptions:

- the Education Sector order will end on August 31, 2020
- the Limitation Periods order will end and suspended time periods will resume running on September 14, 2020.

Additional Direction for Facilities

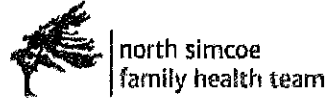
The Ontario government is easing restrictions for facilities that rent out professional meeting and event spaces. Beginning August 21, 2020, facilities can have up to 50 guests for each indoor meeting room or event space within the facility. The facility must follow a plan approved by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

The current indoor gathering limit will now apply on a per meeting room or event space basis at professional meeting and event facilities, including convention centres, hotels, motels, resorts, banquet halls and conference centres. Outdoor meeting and event facilities remain subject to the 100-person gathering limit for the entire outdoor area. Capacity limits exclude employees or event personnel.

In addition, new regulatory amendments have come into force requiring contact information for only one person in a party entering indoor or outdoor dining areas starting today, with exceptions. This is designed to reduce the administrative burden, while continuing to support case and contact tracing.

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NEWS RELEASE

North Simcoe Ontario Health Team receives approval to proceed with development

Immediate Release

August 4, 2020 - After over a year of collaboration, the proposed North Simcoe Ontario Health Team (NSOHT) was notified by the government on July 23 that its submission to form an Ontario Health Team (OHT) is one of 17 Ontario Health Teams (OHT) approved to proceed to the next phase of the development process.

The NSOHT consists of four formal alliance partners – Centre de santé Communautaire CHIGAMIK Community Health Centre (CSC Chigamik CHC), Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH), the North Simcoe Family Health Team and Wendat Community Programs. The partners, who represent primary care, acute care and mental health, have a long history of collaboration in the planning and delivery of health and social services in North Simcoe.

In early December, the NSOHT submitted a readiness self-assessment to the Ministry of Health. In this assessment, the partners explained the rationale of forming the OHT and outlined its initial plans to integrate care for their target population of complex and frail seniors. The goal of the NSOHT is organize seamless care for these seniors between primary care, acute care and mental health to the best outcomes.

"We are very pleased to be moving forward in forming the NSOHT," says Gail Hunt, president and CEO, GBGH. "This is a new approach to integrating care and we hope the seniors' population in our area can significantly benefit from this collaboration. All four partners bring unique and important specialties to the OHT, but among the things we have in common, there is a shared commitment. We all want to improve care and the patient experience through thoughtful service design and input from clients and patients."

The full application - due September 18 - requires detailed information about NSOHT's target population, team, transformation, collaboration, continuous learning, quality improvement, risk analysis, home & community care, digital health and COVID preparedness plans.

The four formal alliance partners continue to meet regularly and engage other key members of the community such as the North Simcoe Sub-Region Planning Table, elected officials, First Nation Métis Inuit (FNMI), nurse practitioners and physicians.

"This is an opportunity for health care providers in our region to re-imagine the best possible care of our community," says David Jeffery, executive director, CSC Chigamik CHC. "The new OHT model of care will allow us to improve the health of our community by ensuring patients' experiences are seamless across care providers and settings. This will help our target population connect with the care they need, when they need it."

Throughout the development of the NSOHT, more than 20 health and social service providers have come together to prioritize service needs and identify opportunities for improvement.



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Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

August 17, 2020

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Re: Copy of Resolution #485

Motion No. 485

Moved by: Don Murray Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss hereby support the Council of the Township of Mapleton in their request that: The Province of Ontario undertake a review of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program to determine:

- a. The appropriateness of the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program falling disproportionately amongst rural residential and business property owners when the benefit of an economically competitive agricultural industry and affordable food and agricultural products is a provincial objective that should be shared amongst all taxpayers in Ontario;
- b. The adequacy of funding being provided to rural municipalities to offset the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program;
- c. The differences between the amount of property taxes paid in rural and urban municipalities and the root causes of those differences;
- d. Economic competitiveness concerns with disproportionately higher average property taxes being paid in rural municipalities;
- e. Other methods of delivering the farm tax rebate program to farmland owners where the cost can be shared province wide

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Sincerely,



Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, MPP Randy Pettapiece, Honourable Ted Arnott, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

August 19, 2020

The Honourable Christine Elliott
Deputy Premier
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Hepburn Block
80 Grosvenor Street, 10th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister Elliott:

On behalf of the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit I commend the provincial government for its leadership in bringing COVID-19 under control throughout Ontario. Through the definitive leadership of the provincial government, and with the concerted action of local public health units, Ontario has achieved a cumulative incidence of disease that is less than half of our neighbouring states, and a daily incidence at present that is less than 10% of theirs. The rapid action of the province putting in place public health measures in March, and their careful withdrawal since that time have been essential to our success. Also essential has been the redirection of almost all the resources within local health units to enable the timely identification of cases and their contacts for home isolation, management of outbreaks in workplaces, Long Term-Care facilities and retirement homes, and the provision of guidance and direction to municipalities, businesses, organizations and the general public supporting physical distancing, hand hygiene, and face coverings. All of these actions have enabled our communities to flatten the curve without which we would have had the same experience as our neighbouring jurisdictions to the south.

Local public health units, with the leadership of their boards of health, are completely dedicated to the successful control of COVID-19 moving forward until our provision of mass vaccination and with it the hoped-for end to the pandemic. If necessary, we will continue this struggle for years.

In order to continue to be successful, additional resources are needed, and the promise of additional resources by the province has been very much appreciated. This includes the \$100 million to public health communicated earlier in the year (the *COVID-19 Extraordinary Expenses*), and recently the \$50 million (500 nurses) for the public health support to the recommencement of the schools (the *School-Focused Nurses*).

This additional funding will be essential to enable the success of the local public health response to the pandemic; however, its timely provision is also critical to our success. Through communication with Ministry of Health staff we have learned that the *COVID-19 Extraordinary Expenses* will be provided late in 2020 as reimbursement for extraordinary expenditures related to the pandemic response. This approach requires boards of health to take on these expenditures throughout the year without certainty as to the actual amount that they will be reimbursed. Some boards do not have reserve funds, and others have depleted their reserves

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already in their response (including our Board of Health). Without the provision of the funds at this time, these boards will not be able to maintain the level of their response needed to fully control COVID-19. In addition, the boards have been instructed to proceed with hiring the additional *School-Focused Nurses* without having the additional funding at this time required to do so; those boards that do not have remaining reserve funds will not be in a position to do so until they receive these additional funds.

Local public health has performed extraordinary work with the province to flatten the curve, and to enable the opening of the economy and soon the school system. This is a critical time for us all as we strive to maintain these achievements while avoiding a resurgence of cases that would threaten these gains. Therefore, the Board of Health urges the immediate provision of the funding allocations to local boards of health regarding the *COVID-19 Extraordinary Expenses* and for the *School-Focused Nurses* in order to enable a response by local public health units that is unobstructed by local financial shortfalls.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and for your exemplary leadership.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Anita Dubeau, Chair
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health

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cc. Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies
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**Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to raise its natural
gas rates effective January 1, 2021**

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, 2021, 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	\$ 1.99
Union South	\$ 8.91
Union North East	\$ 10.72
Union North West	\$ 10.40

Other customers may 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 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 **August 5, 2020** 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-2020-0095**. 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-2020-0095** 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 **August 5, 2020**.

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).



NEWS VIEWS

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2020 Membership renewals due

Membership in the Simcoe County Historical Association is open to everyone with a love of history. The annual fee is \$20 for individuals or organizations includes:

Speaker Series Presentations by leading historians who are knowledgeable and passionate about our fascinating past. *News and Views* newsletter A quarterly publication with engaging historical articles and features.

Invitations and notifications of special events and happenings to keep you informed of association activities and historical projects in Simcoe County and beyond.

Email your form to our membership chair and send your payment via PayPal to this address.

Or mail the completed form along with your cheque, to

Membership Chair, SCHA
P.O. Box 144, Barrie, ON L4M 4S9

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Business Meeting and Bylaw Ratification

Thanks to Covid 19, the SCHA will hold
a virtual AGM over Zoom on July 21 at 7 p.m.
Please watch your email for more details

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Preserving the Past,
in the Present,
for the Future.

The SCHA acknowledges the financial support of the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Culture.



President's Report by Ted Duncan

The last three months have been unique in our lifetime to say the least. Everything closed just before we, at SCHA, were about to have our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March. We were about to outline some new initiatives and those activities we want to continue such as the following:

1. SCHA planned to host a History Conference at the Simcoe County Museum in November. We planned to have great speaker, seminars and sharing of our County's history with our partner Historical Societies and members. Unfortunately we will have to delay this until next year.
2. SCHA planned to initiate a County (both Boards) High School Historical writing contest to encourage our

- young people to research and write stories about our history.
3. SCHA still plans to continue to recognize a long time County business with an award this fall. We have recognized Bertram Construction and Beattie Farms and Distillery in the last two years.
4. SCHA still plans to continue our Speakers Series when it is possible and hope to have a bank of speakers from all over the County that our member groups can call on to talk about County history.
5. SCHA still plans to have an AGM which was cancelled in March. We plan to have a virtual AGM in July and hope everyone can and will participate.

6. SCHA's Membership still needs to be renewed for 2020. We have been quiet for the last few months, but want to get back into the swing of things. We need your support or we will wither away. If you feel it is important to have a County voice for HISTORY in Simcoe, please pay your membership and join us on the Board.
7. SCHA is still hoping to have photographs taken of all the Barns in the County that are standing today. Many will not be there for long.

Please check out our website. We are hoping to be there to tell Simcoe County's story. We hope that you will be there with us. We can accomplish much together.

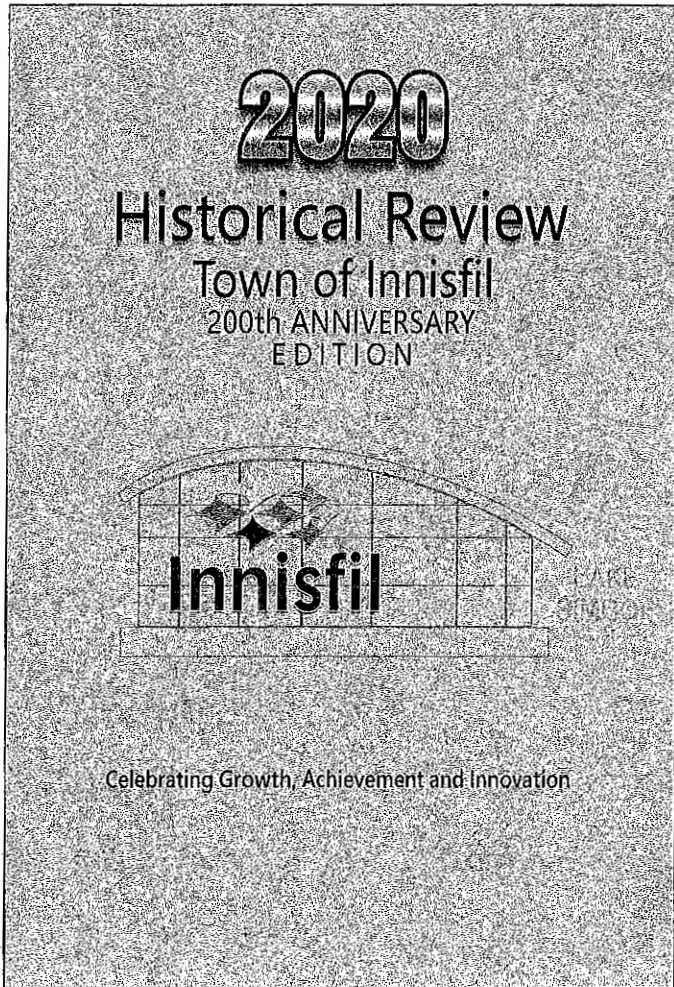
Pandemic Friendly Nostalgia by Billy Courtice, President, Barrie Historical Archive

While COVID-19 continues to re-shape our daily lives and redefine public interaction, the institutions where we once learned about our city's heritage are suffering. Museum hallways are empty, and library books are sitting, gathering dust. The events at which we might set up a table, arrange some photos and plant a seed for the support of our cause are simply not going to happen. But this year, while we're restricted from gathering at Centennial Beach, or riding the Ferris wheel at Kempenfest, or wading through the crowds at Promenade Days, we'll wax nostalgic about summers gone by. We'll lament the loss of old summertime haunts or swing sets at our favourite parks. And where will we turn to reignite those old memories? Our computers and our phones, of course. The beauty of the Barrie Historical Archive is that it meets our audience

where they enjoy spending their time. In the "new normal" we face in light of COVID-19, it seems they might spend even more time there. During the course of the pandemic, BHA social media content has been more popular than ever. Each post by our team, and every picture featured, seems to ignite new discussion about buildings, about city leaders, about greenspace, about old friends and neighbours. Over the past month, BHA posts have reached more than 20,000 Facebook users, while many of our constituents continue to share memories on the Facebook group, If You Grew Up in Barrie You Remember... There, they often find their way back to our site when someone shares a link to a BHA photo. I'm always thrilled when our site holds an image which corresponds with a poster's tale of days gone by. At the end of May, many Barrie resi-

dents might have gathered to pay tribute to victims of the tornado that tore through our city in 1985, but instead remained sheltered in place. Still, the BHA was able to share our many images of the tragic aftermath and invite survivors to share their stories and memories. Our posts garnered several hundred reactions on Facebook and generated a blog post filled with recollections of that fateful day 35 years past.

As we move forward, ever looking back – because that is, after all, what we do – we should all consider the opportunity we have to grow our audiences, find supporters and spread our love of local history online. Every one of us has a platform, and restricting our groups' outreach to a monthly meeting or a physical event is counter productive. Take the conversation and the content online. It's the future of our history.



2020 Historical Review

Celebrating the 200th Anniversary
of the Town of Innisfil

Monday July 9th is the official release and pickup date for this informative book which documents the most recent phase of Innisfil's long history.

If you pre-ordered, come to the Innisfil Town Hall on July 9th for curbside pickup from 1-6 pm.

July 11th from 9-12 at Knock School Heritage Site is another opportunity to get your copy for the economical price of \$25.

Need another pickup option, contact Donna at 705 436-2578 or email info@innisfilhistorical.ca

ZOOM!

Not just for business anymore! People are using the Zoom video platform for visiting with loved ones, to play online games with a group of friends and for virtual meeting and events, such as our upcoming AGM. If you are new to Zoom, here's what you need to know.

If you don't already have one, create a free Zoom account at <https://zoom.us>. To login, you can use your zoom account email and password, Google (Gmail), Facebook account, or login using SSO.

When you receive an invitation to a Zoom meeting, once you click the link, Zoom will begin launching the application. If you happen to join the meeting before the host, then Zoom will wait until the host joins before starting the meeting.

It's recommended that you logon to Zoom before your scheduled meeting to test your Video and Audio to ensure everything is functioning correctly. You can find the Settings tab in the main dialog box or in the meeting menu bar. From the settings tab, click on Audio to test, select and adjust your speakers and microphone. Once the sound has been tested, click on video to test and select your video camera.

There may be an option to join the audio via computer or phone. Computer is recommended but this can be by phone if necessary. You'll want to make sure you're in an area with a good internet connection as this will help limit the interference.

SCHA Member SocietiesAllandale Neighbourhood AssociationContact Cathy ColepatchAlliston Historical Society
Contact Jackie Baillie 705-435-5626

Meet at Museum on the Boyne 2 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Feb-June, Oct, Nov

Archives of Ontario Library
Contact Frank Van KalmthoutBarrie Historical ArchiveContact Deb ExelBradford/West Gwillimbury Historical Association
Contact Jan Blommaert, 705-456-1870
Meet at BWG Library 2 p.m. 4th Saturday Jan-May, Sept-NovColdwater Canadian Heritage MuseumCollingwood District Historical SocietyContact Joan Miller 705-445-1119
Meet at Leisure Time Club 7 p.m.Collingwood MuseumContact Susan Warner 705-445-4811The Cookstown Community Development Team
www.CooktownON.ca Deb Crawford contact at 705 791 2051 or EmailEssa Historical Society
Contact Olive Lee 705-458-9971

Meet at Thornton Library 1:30 4th Sat. Jan-June, Sept-Nov

Essa Public Library
ContactFriends of Fort WillowContact Bryan WessonHeritage Barrie
Contact Tomasz WierzbaHistoric Military Establishment of Upper Canada
Contact David BrunelleInnisfil Historical SocietyContact Donna Wice
Meet at Knock Comm Centre 2 p.m.Innisfil Public Library
ContactMuseum on the Boyne
Contact Katie Huddleston 705-435-4030 x. 1802

Orillia Museum of Art and History

Contact 705-326-2159

Oro-Medonte Heritage Committee
Contact Cathy KeanePenetanguishene Centennial Museum and ArchivesContact Nicole Jackson 705-549-2150Ramara Historical SocietyContact Cathy Westcott
Meet at Udney Community Centre 7 p.m. 3rd Thurs Jan-June, Sept, DecSimcoe County Branch, Genealogical SocietyContact Nancy Leveque
Meet at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 2 p.m.Simcoe County MuseumContact Kelly Swift-Jones 705-728-3721Stayner Heritage SocietyContact Tom Scholte 705-517-5171

Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society

Contact Janine Harris-Wheatley 905-936-6549
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Contact Pamela Zimmerman

Jun-20

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	82	152	\$8,769,284.00	\$15,981,754.00	\$104,203.96	\$189,102.37
Commercial	4	8	\$1,500.00	\$256,500.00	\$4,047.99	\$7,333.99
Industrial	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Institutional	0	1	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Utilities	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agricultural	1	4	\$25,000.00	\$520,000.00	\$243.20	\$1,008.11
TOTAL	87	165	\$8,795,784.00	\$ 16,858,254.00	\$108,495.15	

Y.O.Y.	39	150	\$1,428,950.00	\$ 11,369,822.00	\$13,387.37	\$ 96,294.39	105.04%
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

Dwelling Units Created

Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	36	62	\$7,813,000.00	\$13,320,000.00
Mult Res Bldgs	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg	0	0	\$ -	\$0.00
TOTAL	36	62	\$7,813,000.00	

Y.O.Y	1	21	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 6,839,200.00
	3500.00%	195.24%	1462.60%	94.76%

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Jul-20						
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	47	199	\$2,235,738.00	\$18,217,492.00	\$29,683.33	\$218,785.70
Commercial	4	12	\$202,800.00	\$459,300.00	\$1,580.30	\$8,914.29
Industrial	1	1	\$167,000.00	\$167,000.00	\$1,639.06	\$1,639.06
Institutional	2	3	\$30,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
Public Utilities	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agricultural	0	4	\$0.00	\$520,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,008.11
TOTAL	54	219	\$2,635,538.00	\$ 19,493,792.00	\$33,127.69	

Y.O.Y.	47	197	\$2,069,160.00	\$ 13,438,982.00	\$26,329.70	\$ 122,624.09	88.03%
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION				
Dwelling Units Created				
Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	6	68	\$1,250,000.00	\$14,570,000.00
Mult Res Bldgs	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg	0	0	\$ -	\$0.00
TOTAL	6	68	\$1,250,000.00	

Y.O.Y	3	24	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 7,589,200.00
	100.00%	183.33%	66.67%	91.98%

Consent Agenda