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CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

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B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None

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

None.

Sarah Corbett

From: Lisa Lehr
Sent: July 4, 2023 5:00 PM
To: Sarah Corbett
Subject: FW: County Council Decision – Letter from AMO dated March 27, 2023, regarding Municipal Codes of Conduct
Attachments: Letter from Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) dated March 27, 2023, regarding Municipal Codes of Conduct.pdf
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Next consent please

Kindest regards,

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 Manager of Legislative Services / Municipal Clerk
 Township of Essa
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SENT VIA EMAIL

Good morning,

On June 27, 2023, Simcoe County Council made the following decision:

That the letter from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) dated March 27, 2023, regarding Municipal Codes of Conduct be circulated to lower-tier municipalities for their information.

The letter is attached for your information.

Further information is available on the AMO website:

<https://www.amo.on.ca/advocacy/municipal-gov-finance/action-municipal-codes-conduct-summary-ending-homelessness-symposium>

Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence please contact Clerks@simcoe.ca

Regards,

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Sent via email to: premier@ontario.ca

March 27, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Municipal Codes of Conduct

Ethical behaviour and respectful civil discourse are fundamental to maintaining public respect for our democratic institutions. When the behaviour of elected representatives falls short, democracy suffers. That is why I am writing to you to urge introduction of legislation to update municipal Codes of Conduct and improve enforcement.

In recent years, incidents of disrespectful, uncivil, and egregious conduct by some municipal council members have occurred that have clearly concerned the public, municipal staff, and elected members of councils. Without adequate tools to enforce compliance with our Codes of Conduct and to discipline members found to have violated them, municipal councils have found themselves unable to meet public expectations.

Ontario's citizens deserve better. In 2021, AMO supplied strong [recommendations](#) to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark to enhance municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance by:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime that can be adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario


- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner

At its most recent meeting on March 24th, 2023, the AMO Board reaffirmed its recommendations and additionally recommended that a member removed through application to a judge be prohibited from sitting for election in the term removed and the subsequent term of office.

AMO believes that these changes will improve the working environment of municipal elected and staff officials and send a strong signal regarding the standard of conduct expected. They will also help to protect anyone that may be subject to egregious behaviour and help make municipal government more welcoming while helping residents continue to have the utmost confidence in their local elected officials and institutions. Enacting these changes in the near term will help to ensure our residents can continue to count on their local governments as their closest and most responsive public institutions.

AMO stands ready to work in partnership with your government. Together, we can take strong steps to preserve and improve public confidence in our democracy.

Sincerely,



Colin Best
 AMO President
 Halton Regional Councillor

cc The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Jun-23

Current

Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	30	147	\$2,263,560.00	\$26,142,147.00	\$40,184.00	\$322,125.29
Commercial		4		\$13,290,100.00		\$15,509.46
Industrial	3	4	\$1,530,000.00	\$2,730,000.00	\$31,095.00	\$35,725.63
Institutional	12	15	\$116,000.00	\$308,000.00	\$4,652.00	\$6,351.78
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural	1	4	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,450,000.00	\$20,666.80	\$25,628.15
TOTAL	46	174	\$5,109,560.00	\$ 43,920,247.00	\$96,597.80	\$ 405,340.31

Y.O.Y.	38	115	\$4,590,061.00	\$ 18,076,118.00	\$31,680.84	\$ 109,255.96	271.00%
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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	48	\$1,752,560.00	\$17,176,600.00
Mult Res Bldgs		0		\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg	1	2	\$ 160,000.00	\$250,577.00
TOTAL	7	50	\$1,912,560.00	\$17,427,177.00

Y.O.Y.	5	18	\$ 3,432,700.00	\$ 10,016,658.00
	40.00%	177.78%	-44.28%	73.98%

Reviewed by CBO Pedro Granes





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June 29, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 4620
99 Wellesley St. W.,
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Please be advised that at its meeting held on the 27th day of June 2023, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2023 – 143 – Notice of Motion – Short-Term Rentals

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor John Boyko –

Whereas the demand for alternative accommodations has resulted in an increased prominence of residential properties being advertised for short term accommodations through third party companies such as Airbnb and VRBO; a shift from the 'traditional' cottage rental historically managed by a property owner; and

Whereas over the past decade a flood of properties have been removed from the ownership and long-term rental market (*Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance at McGill University*) contributing to housing shortages, increased housing demands and increased housing costs resulting in housing affordability issues, including affordable rentals; and

Whereas short term rentals (STR) can be beneficial, when operated appropriately, by providing solutions for the accommodation industry that supports local tourism and small businesses as well as providing an opportunity for property owners to generate income from their residence (permanent or seasonal) using a convenient third-party system; and

Whereas STR's can create nuisances including noise, parking, high volumes of visitors attending a property, septic capacity and fire safety, for adjacent residential property owners who wish to experience quiet enjoyment of their property; and

Whereas research indicates that demand for STR's is increasing, in part due to vacationers choosing domestic travel options as well as the financial benefits to property owners, demonstrating that STR's are here to stay; and

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Whereas there are no Provincial regulations in place governing third party STR companies resulting in a variety of regulations/guidelines being implemented at the local municipal level which creates inconsistencies, confusion and frustrations for both consumers and residents across the Province;

That the Township of Selwyn request that the Province move forward as soon as possible to legislate that all third party Short Term Rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings and to compel compliance that the Province establish the requirement for STR companies to require each rental listing to be registered and to pay an appropriate annual fee and that STR company provide this registry along with the collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located which allows the municipality to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds for municipal expenses to enforce/respond to issues at a STR property; and further

That the Province require the STR company to de-list/remove the property from the company's listings so that the property cannot be rented where a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc...

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, local M.P.P. Dave Smith and M.P. Michelle Ferreri.

Carried.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Megin Hunter

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All Ontario Municipalities

From: [Colleen Healey](#)
To: [Sandie Macdonald](#); [Michael Smith](#); [Henry Sander](#); [Liana Maltby](#); [Pieter Kiezebrink](#); [Lisa Lehr](#); [Sarah Corbett](#)
Subject: Fwd: Governments of Canada and Ontario invest to bring high-speed internet to central Ontario / Les gouvernements du Canada et de l'Ontario investissent pour offrir un accès Internet haute vitesse aux résidents du centre de l'Ontario.
Date: July 12, 2023 1:18:38 PM

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From: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Strategy (MOI) <broadband@ontario.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 1:15:26 PM
To: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Strategy (MOI) <broadband@ontario.ca>
Subject: Governments of Canada and Ontario invest to bring high-speed internet to central Ontario / Les gouvernements du Canada et de l'Ontario investissent pour offrir un accès Internet haute vitesse aux résidents du centre de l'Ontario.

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Good Afternoon,

The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, has recently notified your Head of Council about recent high speed internet announcements.

These announcements relate to a [news release](#) and [backgrounder](#) from July 29, 2021, where Ontario and Canada announced their partnership to co-fund up to 58 high-speed internet projects across the province. The combined investment of \$1.2 billion would reach as many as 280,000 underserved homes and businesses.

We included the communities that would benefit from the investments and the number of homes and businesses that would receive high-speed internet access. Since then, we've made progress on firming up the project details with Canada and the lead applicants. The Ministry is now able to share additional information about these projects, including announcing the internet service providers that are leading the projects and the total funding commitment for each project.

We are notifying you about these additional announcements because one or more of the projects will occur within your municipality, providing homes and businesses that are currently underserved with high-speed internet access. Please see the news release ([English/French](#)) and the backgrounder ([English/French](#)) for the projects that will benefit your and other municipalities within your region.

The internet service providers will need to continue (or shortly begin) working with municipalities to obtain necessary permits and approvals to proceed with projects. To that end, we also continue our work with Infrastructure Ontario to support municipalities that may need to meet their obligations under the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021 (BBFA)* and *Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022*, that include clear timelines and expectations for municipalities and other sectors to support these efforts. Our supports to municipalities include a Technical Assistance Team (TAT), established by Infrastructure Ontario, to assist with technical and administrative assistance for work required to deploy provincially funded projects and improve communications and coordination. The Team may be reached at

TAT@infrastructureontario.ca.

Ontario has made significant progress on filling service gaps using a suite of initiatives. We are looking at all options on how best to bring faster service to all communities by the end of 2025.

Please contact broadband@ontario.ca if you have any questions about these projects.

Sincerely,

Jill

Jill Vienneau
Assistant Deputy Minister
Broadband Strategy Division
Ministry of Infrastructure

Bon Après-Midi,

L'honorable Kinga Surma, ministre de l'Infrastructure, a informé dernièrement votre chef du Conseil des récentes annonces concernant l'Internet haute vitesse.

Ces annonces font référence à un [communiqué de presse](#) et à un [document d'information](#) du 29 juillet 2021, dans lesquels les gouvernements de l'Ontario et du Canada annonçaient leur partenariat visant à financer conjointement jusqu'à 58 projets d'Internet haute vitesse dans la province. L'investissement combiné de 1,2 milliard de dollars concernerait jusqu'à 280 000 foyers et entreprises mal desservis.

Nous y avons inclus les noms des collectivités qui bénéficieraient des investissements et le nombre de foyers et d'entreprises qui auraient accès à Internet haute vitesse. Depuis, nous avons progressé dans la mise au point des détails du projet avec le gouvernement du Canada et les principaux demandeurs. Le ministère est maintenant en mesure de partager des renseignements supplémentaires sur ces projets, notamment en annonçant les fournisseurs de services Internet qui les dirigent et l'engagement financier total de chaque projet.

Nous vous informons de ces annonces supplémentaires parce qu'un ou plusieurs de ces projets se déploieront dans votre municipalité, offrant un accès à Internet haute vitesse aux foyers et aux entreprises actuellement mal desservis. Veuillez consulter le communiqué de presse ([anglais/français](#)) et le document d'information ([anglais/français](#)) afin de prendre connaissance des projets qui profiteront à votre municipalité ainsi qu'aux autres municipalités de votre région.

Les fournisseurs de services Internet devront continuer (ou commencer sous peu) à travailler avec les municipalités pour obtenir les permis et les autorisations nécessaires à la réalisation des projets. À cette fin, nous poursuivons également notre travail avec Infrastructure Ontario afin de soutenir les municipalités qui

pourraient avoir besoin de remplir leurs obligations en vertu de la *Loi de 2021 sur la réalisation accélérée de projets d'Internet à haut débit* et de la *Loi de 2022 pour un Ontario connecté*, ce qui comprend des échéances et des attentes claires pour les municipalités et d'autres secteurs afin de soutenir ces efforts. Le support que nous apportons aux municipalités passe notamment par une équipe de soutien technique, mise sur pied par Infrastructure Ontario, qui fournit une aide technique et administrative pour les travaux nécessaires au déploiement des projets financés par la province et travaille à l'amélioration des communications et de la coordination. On peut joindre cette équipe à l'adresse : TAT@infrastructureontario.ca.

Le gouvernement de l'Ontario a fait des progrès considérables pour combler les lacunes en matière de services grâce à une série d'initiatives. Nous examinons toutes les options pour trouver la meilleure façon d'offrir un service plus rapide à toutes les collectivités d'ici la fin de 2025.

Veillez communiquer avec broadband@ontario.ca si vous avez des questions sur ces projets.

Cordialement,

Jill

Jill Vienneau
Sous-ministre adjointe
Division des stratégies pour l'accès à large bande
Ministère de l'Infrastructure

[EXTERNAL]

Notice of the Adoption of an Official Plan

Official Plan for the Township of Springwater

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater passed **By-law 2023-075** to adopt a new Official Plan for the Township of Springwater, subject to approval by the County of Simcoe, on the 5th day of July 2023, pursuant to Section 17(22) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. This Notice of Adoption is issued pursuant to Section 17(23) of the Planning Act.

Prior to the adoption of the Official Plan, statutory Public Meetings were held on December 5, 2019 and March 8, 2023 and statutory Public Open Houses were held on November 14, 2019 and February 23, 2023, in accordance with the Planning Act.

Purpose and Effect

The new Official Plan is intended to manage and direct long-term growth and development throughout the Township of Springwater. The Official Plan achieves this by providing goals, objectives and policies related to: managing growth, improving transportation systems, facilitating economic development, protecting and enhancing natural heritage features and resources, and supporting and building on the strengths of the community. Further, the Official Plan contains policies that implement legislation, regulation and policies from the Provincial and County levels while reflecting the priorities of the Community.

The new Official Plan has been developed through the consideration of community and stakeholder input as well as the completion of background planning studies and reports.

Available for Review

A complete copy of the newly adopted Official Plan (By-law 2023-075) is available for inspection at the Township of Springwater Administration Centre between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday or on the Township of Springwater Website:
www.springwater.ca/opr.

Written and Oral Submissions

All statutory written and oral submissions made on the new Official Plan have been reviewed and suggestions incorporated, where appropriate; for further information, please refer to the Stakeholder Comment & Response Matrix document available on the Township's website at www.springwater.ca/opr.

Further Notice or Appeal of Official Plan

Under the provisions of Section 17(2) of the Planning Act, the County of Simcoe being the upper-tier municipality is the approval authority for a new lower-tier Official Plan adopted under Section 17(22) of the Planning Act. As such, the Adopted Official Plan has been forwarded to the County of Simcoe for review, as required by Section 17(31) of the Planning Act.

Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority with respect to the new Official Plan, if a written request (including the person's or public body's address, fax number or email address) to be notified of the decision is made to the approval authority is made to:

County of Simcoe
Planning Department
1110 Highway 26
Midhurst, ON L9X 1N6

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Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the County regarding the new Official Plan to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

Dated at the Township of Springwater on the 13th day of July 2023.

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July 19, 2023

Greetings,

Thank you for submitting your proposal for the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board framework. Your patience has been greatly appreciated while all proposals went through a thorough review process.

At this time, I am pleased to confirm that the Nottawasaga OPP detachment board proposal has been approved by the Solicitor General to the next step in finalizing the board compositions, which is posting the composition on the Ontario Regulatory Registry (ORR). The ministry is currently working on drafting the regulation, which is expected to be available on the Ontario Regulatory Registry (ORR) for public comment in the summer or fall. Posting of the regulation is one of the last steps before the regulation can be finalized in advance of bringing the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) into force in early 2024.

The following board composition(s) have been approved for posting.

Board	Communities Serviced	Council Seats	Community Representative Seat(s)	Provincial Appointment Seat(s)	Total Seat(s)
1	Adjala-Tosorontio Township, Essa Township, Town	3	1	1	5

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	of New Tecumseth				
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On behalf of the Ministry of the Solicitor General, I would like to express my appreciation to all the communities involved in the proposal development process. I acknowledge and value the significant efforts undertaken to create a proposal for a detachment board that addresses the unique needs of each community that receives OPP policing services in your detachment. As the proposal lead, I kindly request that you disseminate this correspondence to all communities serviced by the proposed detachment board.

The ministry is planning to share more guidance as soon as possible on next steps, with the understanding that municipalities and First Nations require time to plan for the implementation of OPP detachment boards before the CSPA comes into force.

If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please contact Devendra Sukhdeo, Senior Policy Advisor, Public Safety and Policing Policy Unit (PSPPU), Strategic Policy Division, at Devendra.Sukhdeo@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Sarah Caldwell
Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Division
Ministry of the Solicitor General



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

Becoming a Film-Friendly Vendor in Simcoe County



14 Sept 2023
 Simcoe Street Theatre, Collingwood
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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

This workshop will empower entrepreneurs and businesses to become film-friendly vendors in Simcoe County.

Learn the knowledge and skills required to engage effectively with film and television productions from industry experts.
Free event!

Register:

filmfriendly.eventbrite.ca



Calling all local businesses in Simcoe County! Are you ready to unlock the potential of the film industry and transform your business? This workshop series is designed to equip you with the essential knowledge and insights to thrive as a vendor in location-based film production.

- Date: Sept 14, 2023
- Time: 10 AM - 12 PM
- Location: @Simcoe Street Theatre, Collingwood

on local businesses.

- ✓ Discover the essential products and services required by film and television productions.
- ✓ Explore the opportunities and challenges of becoming a vendor in the film industry.
- ✓ Learn what film producers look for when selecting filming locations.
- ✓ Identify collaboration and synergy opportunities among local businesses and vendors.
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Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn from industry experts and position your business as a preferred vendor for film productions. Register now and take your business to new heights in Simcoe County's thriving film community!

Visit filmfriendly.eventbrite.ca or contact for more information and registration.



Program Mandate & Goals

Launched in March 2022, the Government of Canada created the CDAP as part of its effort to support economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic, with the goal of closing the digitization gap between Canadian businesses and their global competitors.


Objectives

- Increase small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) productivity and competitiveness.

guidance from subject matter experts.

Details

- **Grants to cover 90%** (max \$15,000) for advisory services to develop a digital adoption plan.
- Access to approved and vetted Canadian Digital Advisors including White Tuque.
- Access to up to \$100,000 at 0% interest from the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) to execute and implement the developed action plan.



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By joining or starting a Circle, you may be eligible for a small business grant/ loan through PARO Peer Lending Circle Program


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- Business Plan Development
- Networking, Peer Support, mentoring and encouragement
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Peer Lending Circles are small groups of like-minded women who meet regularly to share their experiences, offer advice to each other, and expand their individual networks of contacts and share them. The Circles are small groups of 4 to 7 women, aged over 18, and who all run their own business, want to start one, or who believe that women can help women. PARO Lending Circles help women connect and network with other women of companies

For more information please email ced@nottawasaga.com

Ontario Trillium Foundation
Project Grant
South Simcoe Streams
Connecting Communities and
Creeks 2020-2023



A snapshot of river restoration at work made possible in part from funding by the Ontario Trillium Foundation to Nottawasaga Futures, South Simcoe Streams Network Program

The three-year Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant (OTF) of \$521,100 to Nottawasaga Futures for the South Simcoe Streams Connecting Communities and Creeks Project has come to an end.

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A dedicated thank you to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their key contribution which enabled the planning and completion of targeted

Network.

Joint efforts with OTF support helped us surpass the overall goal of 2.62 km and .12 square km of river restoration over 3 years. The keystone area of the Upper Nottawasaga River culminated in 1.75 km of fully restored shoreline.

In all, partner municipalities, multiple landowners, more than 1500 volunteers and over 10 community groups were involved with planting and instream bank stabilization. Their participation complemented heavy machinery used to stabilize eroding banks and create more floodplain capacity as well as enrich native plant diversity and fish habitat.

We could not have achieved so much without the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Thank You!

Financial Support and Resources

- [Nottawasaga Futures Community Investment Fund](#)
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- [Canada Business App](#)
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(Sent by Email)

July 25, 2023

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: Planning and Housing Committee Item 4.8
City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (Ward All)**

City Council on June 14 and 15, 2023, considered Item PH4.8, and a copy is attached for your information or appropriate action.

for City Clerk

S. Przewdziecki/wg

Attachment

Sent to: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Province of Ontario
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Leader, Official Opposition, Province of Ontario
Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities
Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

c. City Manager

Planning and Housing Committee

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Origin

(May 17, 2023) Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning

Summary

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The proposed repeal of the Growth Plan now treats the region generally the same as any other part of the Province despite it being home to 70% of Ontarians. While some Growth Plan policies are found in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, virtually all the foundational ones have been eliminated and the overall policy intent of establishing a regional plan to lay out and coordinate planning, resource and infrastructure management efforts has been abandoned. Absent a comprehensive and coordinated regional growth management framework, potential unintended consequences may include, loss of agricultural land and associated worsening food insecurity, degradation of the natural heritage system and it's ability to mitigate the impacts of climate change, impacts on water quality, uncoordinated infrastructure planning that increases costs for local and regional governments, uncoordinated and unsustainable development patterns that encourage car dependency, and the loss and removal of employment lands needed to support a diverse economic base.

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The Province has provided stakeholders 60 days to review the proposed document and comments are due no later than June 5, 2023. Staff will submit the recommendations from Planning and Housing Committee to the provincial ERO posting and will submit additional comments received at City Council's meeting on June 14-16, 2023 as supplementary information to the recommendations contained in this report.

This report outlines staff comments on the proposed Provincial Planning Statement as itemized in Attachment 1. The recommendations contained in this report address concerns raised by City staff intended to inform the Ministry of the City's comments and suggested revisions to the proposed Provincial Planning Statement. Staff from City Planning, Engineering & Construction Services, Economic Development & Culture, the Housing Secretariat, Toronto Water, Parks,

Forestry & Recreation, Corporate Finance and Legal Services reviewed and provided comments organized in the following six themes:

- 1. Regional Planning;
- 2. Housing;
- 3. Employment Lands Planning;
- 4. Environment;
- 5. Infrastructure; and
- 6. Implementation

Background Information (Committee)

(May 17, 2023) Report and Attachments 1 and 3 from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/bgrd/backgroundfile-236614.pdf>)
 Attachment 2 - Provincial Planning Statement 2023: Impact on Film Production Industry (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/bgrd/backgroundfile-236776.pdf>)

Communications (Committee)

(May 29, 2023) Letter from Geoff Kettel and Cathie Macdonald, Co-Chairs, Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (PH.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-169993.pdf>)
 (May 31, 2023) Letter from Craig McLuckie, President, Toronto Industry Network (PH.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170052.pdf>)
 (May 31, 2023) Letter from Victoria Harding, Executive Director, DGC Ontario (PH.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170104.pdf>)
 (May 31, 2023) Letter from Issac Tang, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, on behalf of PT Studios Inc. (PH.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170105.pdf>)
 (May 31, 2023) Letter from Peggy Kyriakidou, President, and Jayson Mosek, Business Agent, NABET 700-M UNIFOR (PH.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170106.pdf>)

Communications (City Council)

(June 14, 2023) Letter from Les Veszlenyi and Angela Barnes, Co-Chairs of the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network (CC.Supp) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-170401.pdf>)
 (May 31, 2023) Letter from Ian Carmichael and John Caliendo, Co-Chairs, ABC Residents Association (CC.New) (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-170438.pdf>)

Speakers

Victoria Harding, Directors Guild of Canada - Ontario
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Legislative Services

July 26, 2023

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Controls on Airbnb, VRBO and Others Which Affect Municipal Rentals

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of July 24, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Whereas global technology platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO were created to improve global access to rental opportunities, particularly those available for vacation or shorter-term business purposes, and

Whereas the impact of these “disruptive technologies” on rental markets has raised the following concerns in the past decade:

- Concentration of ownership and proliferation of landlord corporations with minimal interest in or accountability to local communities
- Removal of housing stock from long-term rental markets with resulting increases in rents
- Lack of control over occupancy (e.g. families vs large groups of partygoers)
- Incidence of nuisance infractions (noise, garbage, parking), and

Whereas any reduction in the availability of long-term housing stock runs counter to the Province of Ontario’s goal of 1.5 million additional homes in the next 10 years, and

Whereas growth in short-term rental markets may also have a negative impact on housing affordability for the seasonal workers who service tourist destinations or farming communities, and

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Whereas implementing local/municipal restrictions through municipal law enforcement tools (licensing) and municipal planning tools (zoning by-law restrictions) may push demand to other communities, and

Whereas some platforms (e.g. Airbnb) are already working toward providing notice to owners about municipal regulations and licensing through a license number field, and

Whereas some jurisdictions (e.g. Quebec, Scotland) have acknowledged the limitations of local authorities/municipalities in controlling the impact of global technologies and have developed comprehensive regulatory frameworks, and

Whereas a comprehensive, consistent regulatory approach is likely to prove more effective in Ontario,

Now, therefore, be it resolved,

That: Council requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations, and
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality, and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials and further

That: The Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long-term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties and further

That: A copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter, AMP
Deputy Clerk

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TOWNSHIP OF SIOUX NARROWS - NESTOR FALLS

Moved by *Matthew Rydberg* Resolution No. 89 - 23
 Seconded by *[Signature]* Date August 1st, 2023

Whereas global technology platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO were created to improve global access to rental opportunities, particularly those available for vacation or shorter-term business purposes, and

Whereas the impact of these "disruptive technologies" on rental markets has raised the following concerns in the past decade:

- Concentration of ownership and proliferation of landlord corporations with minimal interest in or accountability to local communities
- Removal of housing stock from long-term rental markets with resulting increases in rents
- Lack of control over occupancy (e.g. families vs large groups of partygoers)
- Incidence of nuisance infractions (noise, garbage, parking), and

Whereas any reduction in the availability of long-term housing stock runs counter to the Province of Ontario's goal of 1.5 million additional homes in the next 10 years, and

Whereas growth in short-term rental markets may also have a negative impact on housing affordability for the seasonal workers who service tourist destinations or farming communities, and

Whereas implementing local/municipal restrictions through municipal law enforcement tools (licensing) and municipal planning tools (zoning by-law restrictions) may push demand to other communities, and

Whereas some platforms (e.g. Airbnb) are already working toward providing notice to owners about municipal regulations and licensing through a license number field, and

Whereas some jurisdictions (e.g. Quebec, Scotland) have acknowledged the limitations of local authorities/municipalities in controlling the impact of global technologies and have developed comprehensive regulatory frameworks, and

Whereas a comprehensive, consistent regulatory approach is likely to prove more effective in Ontario,

Now, therefore, be it resolved,

That: Council requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations, and
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality, and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials and further.

That: The Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long-term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties and further;

That: A copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

DIVISION OF VOTES			CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Member	Yea	Nay	
Mayor Gale Black			
At Large Matthew Rydberg			
At Large Steve Salvador			DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTION (check one)
Ward 1 Douglas Brothwell			
Ward 2 Holly Chant			Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/>
TOTALS			

MAYOR *Gale Black*
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August 9, 2023

Greetings,

Today, I am writing to provide you with an update on recent decisions made by the province to modernize Ontario's environmental assessment (EA) program.

Moving to a Project List under the *Environmental Assessment Act*

A key element of the EA modernization initiative is identifying projects that should be subject to EA requirements in a regulation. The move to a project list approach is a shift from the current framework where environmental assessment requirements are based mainly on who is undertaking the project.

In November 2021, the ministry began consultation on a proposal for the projects that would require a comprehensive EA and related actions, and the ministry is now proceeding with certain policy elements from the 2021 proposal. Specifically, the ministry has made amendments to three regulations and updated two related guides, as further described below. The changes will simplify processes and provide new exemptions. The remaining elements of comprehensive EA projects regulation proposal and related actions are under consideration.

In March 2023, the ministry updated the Moving to a Project List Environmental Registry posting with a revised proposal. The revisions to the proposal do not relate to the policy elements discussed within this update.

Amendments to Certain Regulations under the *Environmental Assessment Act*

Amendments to three regulations under the *Environmental Assessment Act* have been approved, and related actions have been taken, implementing certain policy elements of the proposal Moving to a project list approach under the Environmental Assessment Act:

- The Waste Management Projects Regulation (Ontario Regulation 101/07) was amended to change the environmental assessment requirements for certain landfill expansion projects and to make the minister the decision-maker for a request to elevate a waste management project following the streamlined environmental assessment process to an individual environmental assessment

- The Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings (Ontario Regulation 231/08) was amended to authorize the minister to amend or revoke conditions previously imposed in a notice given by the minister to allow the proponent to proceed with a transit project.
- The General Regulation (Ontario Regulation 334) was amended to expand the current exemption for Crown undertakings (activities) related to land claim settlements to include those Crown undertakings related to any settlement of the Algonquins of Ontario Land Claim.
 - The Algonquin Land Claim Declaration Order was also amended to align with the exemption in the regulation.

Updated Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Waste Management Projects

The Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Waste Management Projects ([Waste Guide](#)) has been updated to reflect amendments to the environmental assessment requirements set out in Ontario Regulation 101/07, and to make other administrative updates. The changes include:

- Updating the EA requirements for certain landfill expansion projects.
- Making the minister the decision-maker in relation to elevation requests.
- Updating the regulatory terminology and description of EA requirements in light of recent amendments to the Regulation related to thermal treatment, to include advanced recycling and the resulting recovery of materials, and identifying information to be included when undertaking the Environmental Screening Process for an advanced recycling (thermal treatment) project.
- Administrative updates recognizing the Guide was last updated in 2007.

Updated Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects

The Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects ([Electricity Guide](#)) has been updated to change the decision-making authority for elevation requests for electricity projects and make other administrative updates to reflect changes since the guide was last updated. The changes include:

- Adding information to Section A.6.2.3 (Consultation with Indigenous Communities) of the guide to align with the Waste Guide, including in relation to the Crown's duty to consult, contacting the ministry for a list of Indigenous communities for consultation, and documenting the consultation process.
- Updating the ministry's name to "Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks".
- Updating the thresholds for transmission line projects that determine the type of environmental assessment process required.

The regulations were filed and came into force on August 8, 2023 and the updated guides are in effect (posted to the Environmental Registry website on August 8, 2023).

Further details of the amendments to the three regulations and related actions and copies of the updated guides are available on the Environmental Registry of Ontario ([ERO 019-4219](#)). Details about the regulatory amendments made with respect to advanced recycling are available here ([ERO 019-4867](#)). More information on our other efforts to modernize the EA program can also be found at: [Modernizing Ontario's environmental assessment program](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact my team at EAModernization.mecp@ontario.ca if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,



Annamaria Cross
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August 11, 2023

Climate Emergency Unit
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Dear Erin Blondeau, Director of Communications

Re: Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT)

Please be advised that the Council for the Township of Severn received correspondence respecting the Just Transition Transfer (JTT) at their recent August 9th, 2023 Council meeting.

Following discussion Motion C2023-042 was passed:

Moved by Councillor - Ward 3 Phil Brennan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Judith Cox

WHEREAS Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are slowly starting to trend downward, but the reduction trajectory remains incongruent with what science and justice demands;

WHEREAS Canada must spend what it takes to confront the climate emergency, and there is an urgent need for Canada to spend more on climate infrastructure that would drive down GHGs and hasten the transition off fossil fuels;

WHEREAS Canada needs to make an audacious and hopeful offer to those workers and communities whose employment and economic security is currently tied to the fossil fuel industry (and to a lesser extent the auto, steel, concrete, and agriculture industries, etc., all of which face substantial transition challenges), and to Indigenous communities on the frontlines of fossil fuel extraction;

WHEREAS the federal government has introduced a *Sustainable Jobs Act*, but this Act needs to be paired with and backed-up by a substantial investment in the jobs of the future;

WHEREAS much of the climate infrastructure needed will come under provincial, municipal and Indigenous jurisdiction (renewable energy, grid upgrades, public transit, zero-emission housing, etc.), and training comes under provincial jurisdiction, but it is the federal government that has the greatest capacity to pay;

WHEREAS a new federal Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT) specifically linked to funding climate infrastructure projects that would create hundreds of thousands of jobs, along with training and apprenticeships programs for workers and those leaving the oil and gas industry -- would be a transformative program that signals that Canada is indeed entering emergency mode;

WHEREAS the JTT would be an annual transfer of approximately \$25 billion from the federal government to provincial/territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments, purpose-built to meet the climate emergency imperative to decarbonize our society, ensuring communities can fund the infrastructure and training needed to transition off fossil fuels, while creating thousands of sustainable jobs in a way that is specific to their needs and locale;

WHEREAS the JTT's distribution would be based on a formula linked to recent GHG emissions in each province (but fixed from that point onward, so as not to perversely incentivize continued high GHGs), recognizing that some jurisdictions face a more challenging task to transition their local economies;

WHEREAS the JTT would transfer federal funds to newly established just transition agencies in each province and territory -- jointly governed by the federal government, provincial/territorial governments, municipal governments, and local Indigenous nations -- and in some case directly to Indigenous nations, ensuring the transfer money is not simply absorbed into provincial or municipal budgets or used to displace other infrastructure or

training funds, but rather, ensuring the money is used for its intended purpose, and that funds are allocated in a manner sensitive to local climate action plans, the unique GHG profiles of each region, and to local labour market/training needs;

WHEREAS a JTT could provide significant, stable, multi-year funding for the climate infrastructure and training/employment needs of municipalities, Indigenous communities, energy utilities, public transit authorities and public housing authorities;

WHEREAS the federal government is welcome to title such a new transfer as they see fit (e.g. a Sustainable Jobs Transfer or a Climate Infrastructure Transfer);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Severn formally endorses the call for a new Just Transition Transfer; and

THAT the Township of Severn urges the federal government to establish a new Just Transition Transfer, starting with a major financial commitment in the next federal budget; and will write to the federal ministers concerned expressing this support;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (705) 325-2315 x 232 or by email at agray@severn.ca

Regards,

Alison Gray

Alison Gray, BAH, CMO, AOMC
Clerk

Cc Ontario Municipalities

Township of Springwater Transportation Master Plan

Notice of Study Commencement

The Study: The Township of Springwater (Township) has initiated a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) study to set a long-term transportation vision and strategy for the Township to address mobility needs to 2041.

The Process: The TMP will be completed in accordance with Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process (Municipal Engineers Association, March 2023).

The study will evaluate alternative solutions and recommend preferred solutions in consultation with the public, Indigenous communities and agencies. At the conclusion of the Study, the process will be documented in a study report, prepared for public review.

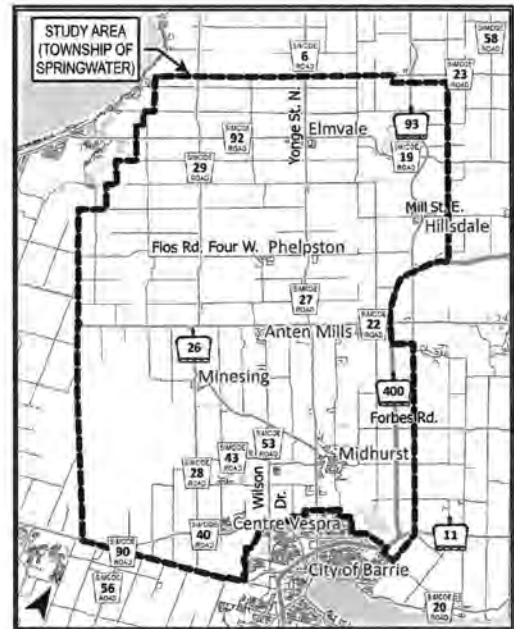
Your Input is Important! The public is invited to provide comments to help identify transportation related opportunities, issues and improvements. Public Information Centres are planned for future stages of the study to inform the public about the steps involved in this work and to gather feedback on the alternative solutions being considered. Information about future Public Information Centres will be posted on www.Springwater.ca/TransportationMasterPlan and the Township's newsletter, Facebook and Twitter channels.

The Township welcomes your input throughout the study and is seeking community members to form a Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) consisting of resident, business and special interest group representatives. The Study will rely on the input and feedback from the SAC and will meet at key project milestones to provide feedback to the study team. To apply to be a community Stakeholder Advisory Committee member, please contact the project team below with your expressed interest.

To submit a comment or question, or if you would like to be added to the Project Contact List to receive future project notices, please contact:

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Personal information submitted is being collected pursuant to Section 8 and 11 of the Municipal Act and will be used to update the Township's Transportation Master Plan. The study is being conducted in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (March 2023). Personal information submitted (e.g., name, address, and phone number) will become part of the public record that is available to the general public unless it is requested that the personal information remain confidential. Questions regarding the collection of this information and how it is used may be directed to Infrastructure and Operational Services Department, Township of Springwater, 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON L9X 1A8, (705) 428 - 4784. This document will be available in alternate format or with communication support upon request. This notice was first issued August 16, 2023.

Sarah Corbett

From: Colleen Healey
Sent: August 21, 2023 8:39 AM
To: Doug Burgin
Cc: Gary McNamara; Lori Dedora; Sarah Corbett
Subject: Re: Tanker Shuttle Accreditation

This is super news! I will share with Council here shortly at AMO. They will be proud and appreciative of our firefighter's dedication and accomplishment for Essa. This as well should go on our Consent agenda.

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From: Doug Burgin <dburgin@essatownship.on.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 8:27:24 AM
To: Colleen Healey <chealey@essatownship.on.ca>
Cc: Gary McNamara <gmcnamara@essatownship.on.ca>; Lori Dedora <ldedora@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Tanker Shuttle Accreditation

Good morning Colleen

It is with great pleasure that I send you this email. On Saturday August 19th, Essa Fire completed the certification testing with Fire Protection Survey Services for our tanker shuttle re-accreditation. I am happy to advise that we passed this testing and are now certified for another five years. We maintained the level from our last certification with a slight increase in water delivery values. The credit for this successful test goes to all the firefighters who were part of the drill/test. They all performed their tasks and duties flawlessly to allow for our success. Job well done by all.

For your information and a positive start to the week.

Respectfully

Doug

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NEWS RELEASE

To Build More Homes, Ontario Launching Building Faster Fund and Expanding Strong Mayor Powers

Three-year, \$1.2 billion fund will reward municipalities that deliver on housing targets

August 21, 2023

[Office of the Premier](#)

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

LONDON — To reward municipalities that build homes, the Ontario government is launching the Building Faster Fund, a new three-year, \$1.2 billion program that provides significant new funding based on performance against provincial housing targets. To ensure more municipalities have the tools needed to build homes and to expand eligibility for the Building Faster Fund, the province is also expanding strong mayor powers to municipalities projected to have populations of 50,000 or larger by 2031 that commit to meeting their provincial targets.

“With these new measures, we’re supporting municipalities and giving them the tools they need to build more homes faster to tackle the affordability crisis that’s pricing too many people, especially young families and newcomers, out of the dream of home ownership,” said Premier Doug Ford. “We have two choices: We can sit back and ignore the crisis, or we can build more homes. Our government is choosing to build homes.”

The Building Faster Fund will provide \$400 million in new annual funding for three years to municipalities that are on target to meet provincial housing targets by 2031. Municipalities that reach 80 per cent of their annual target each year will become eligible for funding based on their share of the overall goal of 1.5 million homes. Municipalities that exceed their target will receive a bonus on top of their allocation.

Funding from the Building Faster Fund can be directed toward housing-enabling infrastructure and other related costs that support community growth. Eligible expenses will be determined following consultations between the province, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the City of Toronto and the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team. A portion of the overall funding will also be

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allocated to single and lower tier municipalities that have not been assigned a housing target, including small, rural and northern communities, in order to address their unique needs, following municipal consultations.

Ontario is also expanding strong mayor powers to 21 more municipalities that are projected to have populations of 50,000 by 2031 and whose heads of council are committed to a provincially assigned housing target. The expansion of strong mayor powers will take effect on October 31, 2023. The expansion is in addition to the [28 municipalities that already have strong mayor powers](#), having committed to targets through municipal housing pledges. Once a housing pledge is received from the head of council, these municipalities will also become eligible for and will have access to the Building Faster Fund.

“There is an urgent need to get more homes built quickly across Ontario,” said Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark. “By providing additional financial resources to our municipal partners as well as strong mayor powers to help speed up the approvals process, our government is acting decisively to tackle Ontario’s housing supply crisis and build the homes our residents need and deserve.”

Quick Facts

- The 29 municipalities assigned housing targets in 2022 and the 21 municipalities with newly assigned housing targets represent more than 88 per cent of the provincial target of 1.5 million homes.
- Municipal housing pledges identify the tools and strategies that municipalities intend to use to achieve their housing targets as part of the ongoing work to increase housing supply. Municipalities with housing targets must submit a pledge to access the Building Faster Fund.
- An eligible municipality would receive no funding if it is below 80 per cent of its annual assigned target. However, it would receive up to 100 per cent of allocated funding if it is on track to meet its target and could receive potential bonus funding if it exceeds that.
- In 2022, Ontario saw the [second-highest number of housing starts since 1988](#), with just over 96,000 new homes. Ontario also broke ground on nearly 15,000 new purpose-built rentals, the highest number ever on record.

Additional Resources

- BACKGROUND: [Ontario Providing New Tools to Municipalities to Build More Homes Sooner](#)

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August 22, 2023

Dear Head of Council,

Subject: Building Faster Fund

The housing supply crisis affects all of Ontario – from rural communities to large, urban centres. Our government is committed to building at least 1.5 million homes by 2031, with municipalities across the province as our key partners.

On August 21, 2023, Premier Ford announced the new Building Faster Fund, a new three-year-\$1.2 billion program to help municipalities meet or exceed their share of the province’s 1.5 million homes goal.

As announced by Premier Ford, 10% of the overall funding will be set aside for small, rural and northern communities that have not been assigned a housing target by the province, in order to address their unique needs in supporting growth in housing supply.

Ontario will be consulting with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team on program design details of the Building Faster Fund, including how the funds can best support small, rural and northern communities, and I look forward to sharing more information with you in the future. As Ontario grows, we need to build more homes. I look forward to your support in ensuring that everyone – newcomers, young families and seniors – can afford a place to call home.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark
Minister

- c: Hon. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Housing
- Ryan Amato, Chief of Staff, Minister’s Office
- Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
- Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market Housing Division
- Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Growth Division
- Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Making Progress on Work to Build at Least 1.5 Million Homes

Province announces next steps in its plan to increase the supply of homes of all types

August 22, 2023

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

LONDON — Today, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, addressed delegates at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference. He spoke about the progress the government is making on its plan to get at least 1.5 million homes built by 2031 as well as the next steps it is taking to tackle the housing supply crisis in communities across Ontario.

Minister Clark announced that the province intends to appoint regional facilitators in Durham, Halton, Niagara, Waterloo, York and Simcoe County by September 11, 2023. These facilitators will be tasked with assessing local governance structures in these communities to ensure they are prepared to support future growth and meet the needs of their residents, particularly when it comes to building homes and housing-enabling infrastructure.

Minister Clark also announced the next steps in the province's work to update the provincial definition of affordable housing, which will support the government's efforts to lower the cost of building affordable homes. The government intends to introduce changes to the *Development Charges Act* that would, if passed, incorporate income factors in addition to market factors in this definition. To ensure low- and moderate-income Ontarians in all parts of the province can find a truly affordable home, affordable homes that meet the province's definition would be eligible for discounts and exemptions on development-related fees, to help lower the cost of building, purchasing and renting affordable homes across the province.

"Our government remains intently focused on helping Ontarians find the homes they need and deserve," said Minister Clark. "We are working closely with our municipal partners to ensure they have the tools they need to meet their housing targets and will keep fighting to reach our goal of 1.5 million homes by 2031."

The government will continue to work with other levels of government, industry and non-profit partners in order to achieve shared housing goals. To that end, a provincially hosted Housing Forum in November 2023 will bring together stakeholders and municipal representatives to discuss how Ontario can best continue increasing the supply of homes.

Through its recent Housing Supply Action Plans, the government has strengthened protections for renters and homebuyers, streamlined local development approval processes, and made it faster and easier to build homes under the Building Code, with the next edition of the Code expected to be released later this year.

In 2022, housing starts in the province surpassed 96,000 – the second-highest number since 1988 and 30 per cent higher than the annual average for the past 20 years. Rental housing construction improved as well, with 2022 setting a new record of nearly 15,000 starts. The trend continues in 2023, with a seven per cent increase in starts over the first seven months vs. 2022 and a 44 per cent increase in rental starts.

Quick Facts

- The government intends to support municipal efforts to tackle the housing supply crisis by creating a new [Building Faster Fund](#), which will provide up to \$1.2 billion over three years to municipalities across Ontario that meet or exceed their housing targets.
- The province is expanding strong mayor powers to 21 additional municipalities, provided heads of council adopt a municipal housing pledge based on a target provided by the province.
- A majority of the province's population growth over the next 30 years is expected to occur in southern Ontario.
- Ontario municipalities follow either a single-tier or two-tier system of government. In a two-tier system, municipal responsibilities set out under the *Municipal Act* and other provincial legislation are split between an upper-tier and several lower-tier municipalities. In a single-tier system, they are the responsibility of a single-tier municipality.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)
- [Ontario's Housing Innovation](#)

**Nottawasaga Police Services Board
(Serving New Tecumseth/Essa/Adjala-Tosorontio)**

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 John Dance, Director

Simcoe County District School Board Trustees and Director John Dance
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Dear Chair Lloyd and Simcoe County School Board Trustees
 CC - Director Dance,

August 22, 2023

There are differing viewpoints regarding the role of Student Resource Officers in schools, and it is imperative that we engage in open and informed discussions about their effectiveness and impact on students. The Nottawasaga Police Services Board (PSB) is deeply committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community, including our youth.

It is necessary to gather evidence-based intelligence in order to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the situation and make informed decisions moving forward.

To achieve this, the PSB proposes initiating discussions with faculty, parents/guardians, and taxpayers. These discussions should involve input from all stakeholders and should focus on gathering and analyzing data to accurately represent the facts. It is critical that we collaborate with Education Directors and Trustees to ensure that the perspectives and concerns of the individuals we represent are heard and taken into consideration.

By prioritizing safety, understanding, and collaboration, we can all work together to create a safe and nurturing environment for our students. Together, we can build lasting relationships based on trust and understanding and ensure that the well-being of our youth remains at the forefront of our collective efforts.

In general, there is significant engagement and discussion surrounding the policy initiative, with various stakeholders expressing their concerns and conducting research to gain a better understanding of the issue. Parent groups have raised concerns about potential trauma experienced by BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) students due to police presence in schools, which provides valuable input for decision-making. Additionally, a research study funded by the University of Waterloo is currently underway, which involves a media scrape, an OPP (Ontario Provincial Police) member survey, virtual Town Halls, and targeted engagement with BIPOC individuals and marginalized students. The goal of this study is to provide evidence-based and regionally-focused information to guide future actions.

However, there seems to be some discrepancy regarding the involvement of Trustees in setting the direction of the policy. Although they have been informed that this is an operational decision, many Trustees are seeking out the opinions of community and educational leaders, as they believe they should be involved in the policy-making process. It is important to note that the implementation of the policy falls under the jurisdiction of staff, while the consideration and approval of the policy itself rest with the Trustees.

The inclusion of school resource officers within the school environment offers numerous advantages, such as:

- ✓ Acting as a deterrent against potential threats or criminal activity, thereby making students feel safer.
- ✓ Building a sense of security and comfort within our school community, allowing students to focus on their education without worry.
- ✓ Facilitating positive and non-confrontational interactions with Police officers, which can help break down stereotypes and biases, fostering trust and understanding.
- ✓ Serving as role models and mentors, providing guidance and support to students in making good choices and avoiding negative influences.
- ✓ Creating a sense of unity and partnership between students and law enforcement, promoting a safer and more harmonious school environment.
- ✓ Addressing and preventing bullying or harassment, providing a safe space for students to report incidents and seek assistance.
- ✓ Enhancing accessibility to Police officers, making it easier for students to seek help or report potential dangers.
- ✓ Humanizing Police officers through positive interactions with students, breaking down barriers and fostering empathy and understanding.
- ✓ Providing our youth with exposure to Police officers and perhaps encouraging our youth to consider a career in policing.

In June, the Boards of Education and Police Services representatives in Simcoe County had an initial meeting to update the 2018 Police/School Protocol. This protocol serves as a Memorandum of Understanding, outlining the relationship between the police and schools. The development of this protocol is mandated by legislation and aims to establish consistent and effective responses in dealing with various situations involving police in schools. The Protocol will be presented to the Police Services Board for discussion, marking the first time they will have an opportunity to review it. In Nottawasaga, we are particularly interested in reviewing the comprehensive evidence and the involvement of students and faculty that have influenced the various components of this protocol.

To summarize, the existence of various disjointed and intertwined activities related to this issue emphasizes the need for enhanced cooperation and research. Undertaking these measures is essential to establish effective public policy. We recommend adopting a comprehensive approach before endorsing any policy decisions of this nature. Here is a proposed plan to achieve this:

- ✓ Description of the current situation: Provide a summary of the presence and history of Police Resource Officers in schools, including documented observations.
- ✓ Advantages and challenges associated with the policy of granting full access to SROs in schools.
- ✓ Evidence-based data: Include crime statistics in schools before and after the decision to limit access to Police Services in schools, as well as the results of the School Climate survey.
- ✓ Public engagement: Conduct focus groups with marginalized and underrepresented groups, as well as a third-party survey of faculty and staff.
- ✓ Summary of research and best practices from other areas.
- ✓ Community forums and focus groups: Present a summary of the current findings, considering all representative perspectives.
- ✓ Development of policy options: Collaboratively develop options, either as a collective effort or through an Oversight Steering Committee, taking into account the local community's support for SROs as a key factor. Evaluate these options through a lens of diversity and equity.
- ✓ Recommended approach and impact on resources: Present the recommended approach for Trustee consideration, as they are the governance leaders on this matter.

The recent tragic events that have occurred in schools in the USA and certain Canadian cities are deeply concerning. It is paramount for us to address this issue collaboratively by developing and endorsing proactive policies and measures focused on community safety. To achieve this, it is crucial that our policy direction is guided by solid evidence and incorporates the perspectives of both students and faculty.

We have a responsibility to work together in tackling this critical issue, and therefore, we urge School Board Trustees to take the lead in establishing the appropriate direction for staff. This requires considering all inputs, including those from the community, and ultimately approving an approach that promotes governance based on community-driven principles.

Let us join forces in prioritizing the safety and well-being of everyone within our school communities. By implementing effective preventative measures and inclusive decision-making processes, we can create a safer and more secure environment for our students and staff.

Stronger Together,

Richard Norcross – Mayor, Town of New Tecumseth and PSB Chair

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RE: Streamlining of Approvals under the Aggregate Resources Act and Supporting Policy

Greetings,

Further to my letter dated May 29th, I am writing to inform you that after reviewing and considering the feedback received in response to the ministry's proposal (ERO # 019-6767), a decision has been made to move forward with the expanded list of changes that can be made to existing pit or quarry site plans in Ontario without ministry approval (provided specific conditions and eligibility criteria are met).

These changes will add five additional activities to the existing list of routine site plan amendments that may be self-filed by authorized pit and quarry operators in Ontario. It's important to note that only those site plan amendments which satisfy all conditions and criteria set out in the updated regulation are eligible for submission under the self-filing process. All other amendments will continue to be subject to review and authorization by the ministry under the formal amendment process.

For complete details of these changes please refer to amended section 7.2 of Ontario Regulation 244/97.

In addition to these changes, we have made administrative updates to the Technical Reports and Information Standards document, as well as the Amendment Without Approval and Objection forms. You can access the latest versions of these documents through our website, at ontario.ca/aggregates.

No decision has been made yet with respect to the proposed amendments policy that was consulted on as part of the same proposal. The ministry continues to review and consider the feedback received in response to the proposed policy and will communicate the outcome once a decision has been reached, including a decision notice on Environmental Registry.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about these changes or should you require a French version of this letter, please contact us by email at aggregates@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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PETER BETHLENFALVY

Dear Head of Council:

As you know, since 2021 the federal government has chosen to not make payments-in-lieu of taxes (PILT) on federal properties to Ontario municipalities at the regulated education tax rate.

As a result, some municipalities have been forced to reduce services, increase municipal taxes, use operational reserves on a temporary basis, or borrow money and incur debt to address this issue. This has resulted in revenue loss for municipalities and cost savings for the federal government.

In recognition of the impact this federal decision has had, the Ontario government will provide \$50 million in one-time funding to eligible municipalities. Specifically, the province will provide temporary mitigation funding in recognition of revenue implications for eligible municipalities for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 tax years, where impacts represent more than 0.25 per cent of own-source revenue in 2021.

Your community has been identified as potentially having experienced a significant financial impact from the federal government's decision based on the Ministry of Finance's eligibility criteria. The Ministry of Finance's Provincial-Local Finance Division will be providing your municipal treasurers and clerk-treasurers with further details on the one-time municipal PILT mitigation payment in the coming weeks, including the required attestation process.

While Ontario will provide this one-time PILT support, this remains a federal responsibility and we expect the federal government to meet its obligation and develop a longer-term solution. The federal government's decision to not find a solution for impacted Ontario municipalities is simply not acceptable.

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Ontario will continue to raise the need for the federal government to make these payments at the regulated rate, or to ensure the windfall received by the federal government is returned to municipalities to help fund critical services within their communities. I hope to have your continued support and collaboration in this advocacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Bethlenfalvy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance

- c. The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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NEWS RELEASE

Working with Municipalities to Build Ontario

Province announces new investments and tools for municipalities at 2023 AMO conference

August 23, 2023

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

LONDON — The Ontario government is working in partnership with municipalities to get shovels in the ground on priority projects and connect more people to jobs and homes, while enhancing critical public services to better serve the province's growing population.

At the 2023 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in London, Premier Ford announced that Ontario is introducing a new Building Faster Fund that will provide up to \$1.2 billion over three years for municipalities that meet or exceed the housing targets they have pledged to achieve by 2031. This funding will help municipalities pay for housing-enabling infrastructure and related costs that support community growth. In recognition of their unique needs, 10 per cent of the funding will be reserved for small, northern and rural municipalities that have not been assigned a housing target, following municipal consultations.

Premier Ford also announced that Ontario will expand strong mayor powers to 21 additional municipalities, provided their heads of council commit to a municipal housing target as part of the province's work to build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031. Strong mayor powers offer municipalities tools to help cut red tape and speed up the delivery of key shared municipal-provincial priorities such as housing, transit and infrastructure.

As part of the government's work to support the construction of a range of housing types, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, announced that the province will be moving forward with a proposed definition of affordable housing for the purpose of development charge discounts and exemptions. This definition would take local incomes into account in determining which units should be eligible for development charge discounts and exemptions. This approach will reflect the ability of local households to pay for housing and recognizing the variety of housing markets across the province.

Minister Clark also announced that the province will be naming regional facilitators in Durham, Halton, Niagara, Simcoe County, Waterloo and York no later than September 11, 2023. The regional facilitators will make recommendations to the province on what locally-supported governance models would best support Ontario's fastest growing municipalities in moving forward on shared priorities to help municipalities meet their housing targets and build housing-enabling infrastructure.

The government will also host a Housing Forum in Toronto in November 2023 to engage municipal partners and other key stakeholders on the province's Housing Supply Action Plan and next steps in our work to tackle the housing supply crisis. As Ontario works towards that goal, the government continues to look to its partners for their advice on the implementation of our Housing Supply Action Plans and insights on potential opportunities to get more homes built.

"Municipalities are critical partners for our government and we're absolutely committed to making sure they have the tools they need to succeed," said Minister Clark. "We have made substantial progress in our work to get more homes built faster across Ontario and I look forward to working together to build the homes Ontarians need and deserve."

The government is also taking an important step forward to deliver on [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#) by increasing provincial funding for public health agencies to build a robust public health sector that has the support and resources needed to connect people to care in their communities. Starting January 1, 2024, the province will restore provincial annual base funding for public health units to \$47 million, which is the level previously provided under the 75 per cent provincial / 25 per cent municipal cost-share ratio and will provide local public health units an annual one per cent funding increase over the next three years so they can more effectively plan ahead and prepare.

The province will also clarify the roles of local public health units, to reduce overlap of services and focus resources on improving access to services close to home. One-time funding, resources and supports will be offered to local public health agencies that voluntarily merge to streamline and reinvest back into expanding programs and services.

To connect people to emergency care faster and increase the availability of paramedics and ambulances in communities, Ontario is increasing land ambulance funding to municipalities by an average of six per cent, bringing the province's total investment this year to over \$811 million. The province is also investing an

additional \$51 million into the Dedicated Offload Nurses Program over the next three years which helps reduce delays paramedics encounter dropping off patients at a hospital and allows them to get back out into the community faster. This investment will help 30 municipalities cover around 800,000 dedicated hours to support offloading ambulance patients in the emergency department.

“Building a stronger public health system, with more convenient and consistent access to public health services, is one more way our government is connecting people in Ontario to health care closer to home,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “The pandemic showed that we need a stronger public health system and this increased funding will help to create a more connected public health system that will support Ontario communities for years to come.”

“Since day one, our government has listened to and worked closely with its municipal partners to build the critical infrastructure our growing communities need to thrive,” said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. “From building new highways, to public transit, we are getting shovels in the ground on much-needed projects right across the province and supporting our shared goal of a stronger Ontario today and in the future.”

“For Ontario to succeed and serve the public well, all governments need to work together to address difficult challenges,” said Colin Best, AMO President and Councillor for the Town of Milton and Region of Halton. “We welcome the Ontario government’s support to build infrastructure, increase housing and to make housing more affordable for all.”

“This announcement is another tangible example of our government’s commitment to building Ontario,” said Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Housing. “We know first-hand that municipalities across the province must be equal players in helping us achieve our goal of building 1.5 million homes by 2031. These new measures will help create more opportunities for municipalities and the province to work together, increase housing supply, and deliver for Ontarians.”

Quick Facts

- The government's fourth housing supply action plan – [Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants](#) – contains a suite of new measures to make life easier for renters, help homebuyers and streamline policies to build more homes.
- Strong mayor powers are already available to [28 large and fast-growing municipalities](#) that have committed to a housing target.

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- Ontario is investing an [additional \\$202 million annually](#) through the Homelessness Prevention Program and Indigenous Supportive Housing Program - bringing the province's annual investment in these programs to close to \$700 million.
- The province is providing up to \$50 million in temporary support to assist municipalities most significantly impacted by the federal decision not to make payments-in-lieu of taxes (PILT) on federal properties at the provincially regulated rate. Ontario continues to urge the federal government to make these payments and encourages the province's municipal partners to join in this effort, as this is a federal responsibility.
- Ministers, Associate Ministers and Parliamentary Assistants held about 600 meetings with municipalities and municipal organizations from across Ontario at the 2023 AMO conference. They discussed key priorities including skilled trades, public health, housing and homelessness supports, and transportation infrastructure.

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Hi Sarah,
Here is another document for Consent and printing. Thanks

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Good afternoon,

Recently Minister Kinga Surma sent a letter to your Mayor/Head of Council to advise that the government is investing an additional \$1.2 million to broaden the availability of the AMP it Up 3.0 program to additional municipalities. The program provides tools and supports to assist municipalities in developing asset management plans that meet requirements under the Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure regulation (O.Reg. 588/17).

The government understands that the development of asset management plans may be challenging for some municipalities. With this additional funding, the Ministry of Infrastructure, in partnership with the Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MFOA), will continue to provide municipalities with asset management tools and supports, including one-on-one coaching for municipalities with a population

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of fewer than 5,000, detailed workshops on regulatory topics, and communities of practice to enhance collaboration amongst municipalities with similar infrastructure needs.

Asset management plans are important tools to help prioritize infrastructure investments using an evidence-based decision-making process. The data from these asset management plans can also be used to help target provincial investments and better address local infrastructure needs.

A brief reminder that the next regulatory deadline is July 1, 2024, for municipal asset management plans to include all municipal assets, as well as current levels of service and costs to maintain those service levels. Municipalities should begin work now to ensure the upcoming regulatory deadline is met.

To learn more about the AMP it Up 3.0 program, your municipality's eligibility and contact information, please refer to the [MFOA website](#).

Trevor Fleck
Director
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Ministry of Infrastructure



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Post-Enumeration Report

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In 2022, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) delivered a Preliminary List of Electors (PLE) to every municipality, District Social Services Administration Board and electing school board in Ontario, which was used to create the final Voters' List.

While MPAC works to implement legislated changes that will transfer responsibility for the PLE to Elections Ontario in 2024, we remain committed to utilizing sources available to us to ensure our data is as current and accurate as possible.

With a focus on ensuring that as many eligible voters as possible were on the final Voters' List, we implemented strategies to support the 2022 enumeration process, which included leveraging technology such as our online portal voterlookup.ca, collaborating with our partners and providing awareness through a comprehensive educational campaign.

2022 Enumeration Highlights

Preliminary List of Electors (PLE)	2022	2018
Total number of eligible electors included in the PLE	10,601,433	9,407,285
Voter turnout	36.3%	38.29%
Total number of revisions processed	1,018,659	1,043,772
PLE accuracy for owners	92.61%	92.76%
PLE accuracy for non-owners	87.28%	82.83%

We are pleased to report that through our efforts and the efforts of municipalities and other stakeholders, the size of the 2022 PLE grew by almost **1.2 million** electors. Over 684,000 of these additions were gathered from Elections Ontario following the June provincial elections. The remainder of these additions came from voterlookup.ca, Elections Canada and updates to MPAC's assessment database.

We also found that the gap between accuracy rates for owners and non-owners continued to close, with non-owner accuracy improving by almost five per cent compared to 2018. Also of note, we received over 25,000 fewer revisions following the 2022 elections than were received following the 2018 event.

This report provides a review of our 2022 enumeration campaign results as well as an overview of some of the tactics undertaken to achieve them. We also share our path forward as we transition responsibility for the PLE to Elections Ontario in 2024.

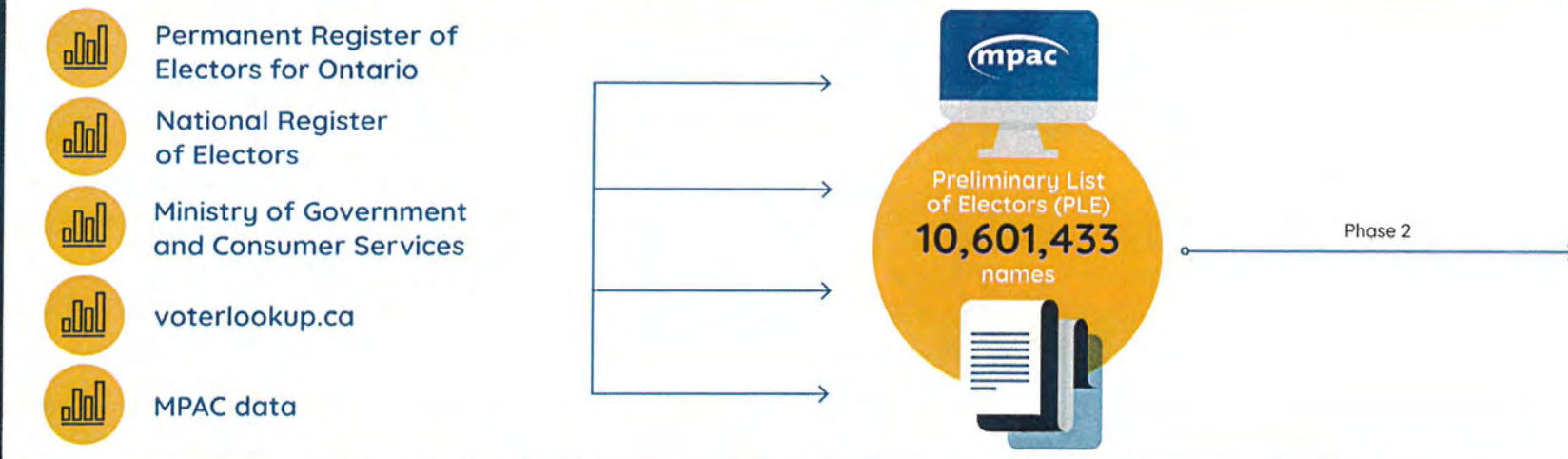
The Enumeration and Voters' List Process

Our Shared Accountability

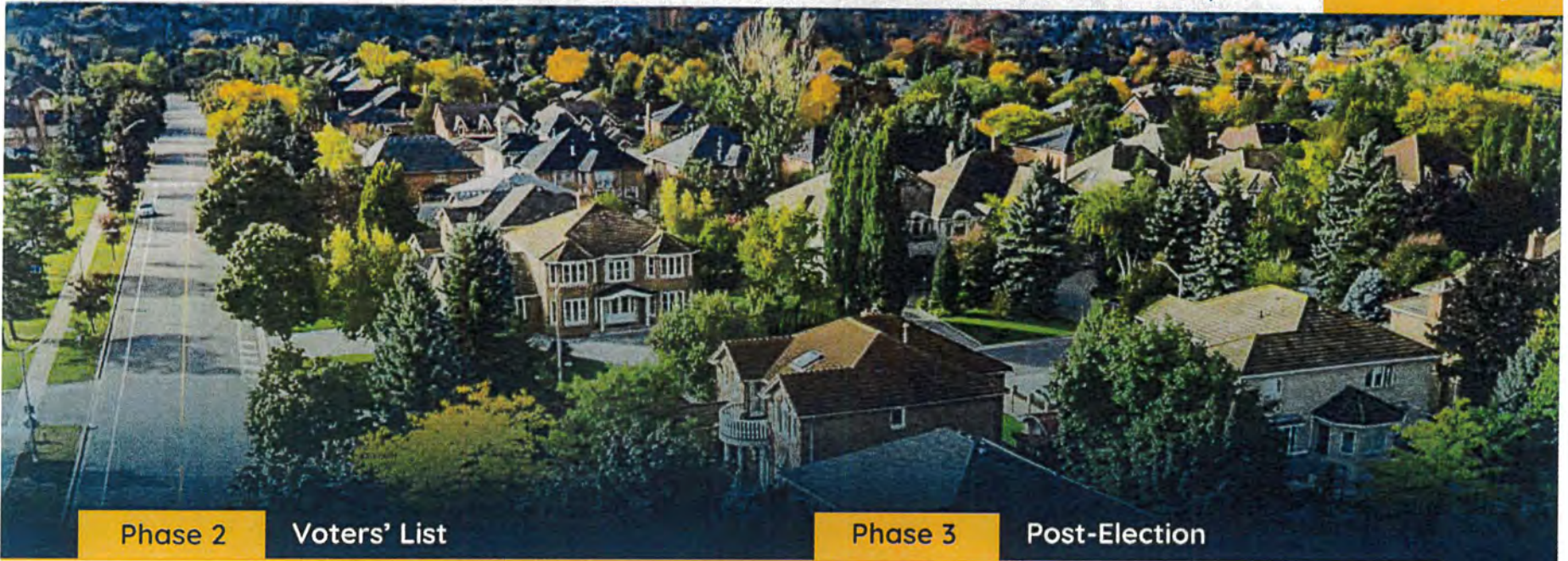
Below is an illustration outlining the key role that each partner plays in the preparation of the Municipal Voters' List.

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Phase 1 Data and Preliminary List of Electors



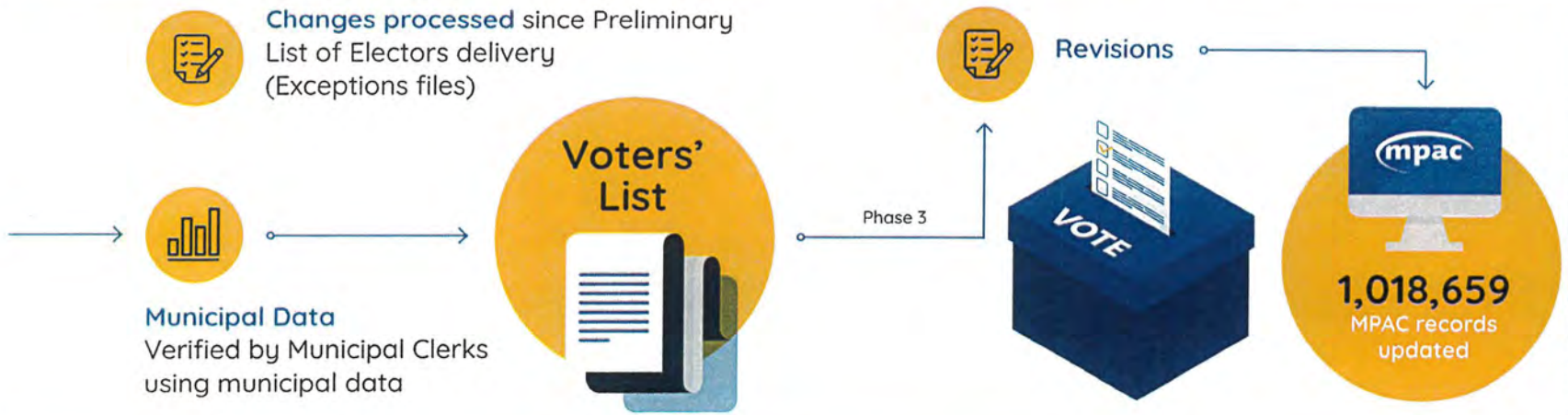
- June to October 2021**
Canvass for Ward/Poll changes
- September 2021**
Launch of Elections Working Group
- December 31, 2021**
Deadline for Council to approve Ward changes
- February 15, 2022**
Provide Population of Electoral Groups (PEG) Report
- March 31, 2022**
Deadline for Ward Poll Changes



Phase 2 Voters' List

Phase 3 Post-Election

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May/June 2022
Product Canvassing

August 2 or 22, 2022
Produce and deliver Electoral
Products (e.g. PLE)

September 9, 2022
Produce and deliver
Exception Files

October 24, 2022
Election Day

November 24, 2022
Voter List Revisions due

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Voterlookup.ca

Taking into account key learnings from previous campaigns, we implemented a 2022 enumeration strategy that focused on three important areas: technology, partnerships and education.

Available year-round, voterlookup.ca provides electors with an easy way to confirm and update their information, add a name to an address or change their school support for electoral purposes.

To support the promotion and use of voterlookup.ca, MPAC created a comprehensive toolkit designed to help municipalities and school boards easily share information across a variety of platforms. The toolkit included key messages, newsletter, website and social media content, an educational video and buck slips. Feedback from municipalities led to the development of additional supports, including an embedded link button and a QR code.



Social Media Activity Between December 2021 and August 2022

MPAC promoted voterlookup.ca through an extensive educational and media outreach campaign. Digital ads in both English and French were launched as part of a paid social media push and our Property Inspectors shared promotional materials during field visits. Property Assessment Changes Notices included buck slips as well.



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social posts

We shared **25 posts** across **Twitter, Facebook** and **LinkedIn**.



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languages

A Facebook and Instagram paid ad campaign featured content in both **French** and **English**.



28.9
million views

Our social media campaign content was seen over **28.9 million** times.

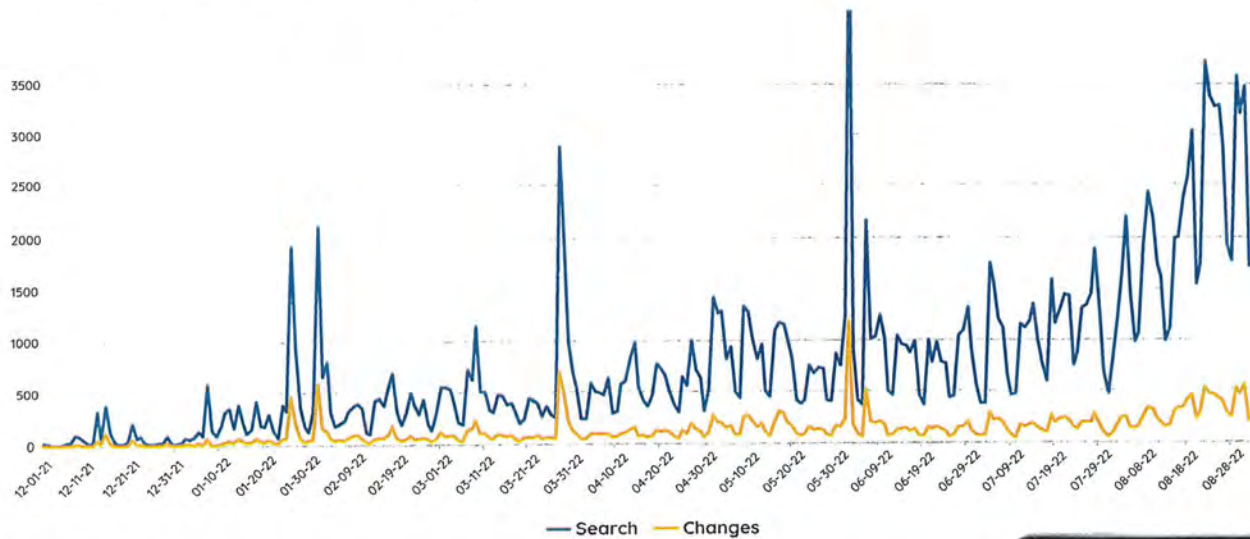
5 minutes online
can save a whole
lot of time.



To increase awareness and use of voterlookup.ca amongst new voters, tenants and boarders, we looked to renter, landlord and ratepayer organizations, as well as organizations with strong ties to post-secondary students to help share key messages.

With widespread promotional support from municipalities, our campaign efforts resulted in over **218,000** voterlookup visits. The graph below shows the overall number of portal visits in comparison to the number of revisions and additions made. It also shows a strong correlation between the activity level and our promotional efforts.

Overall Voterlookup Activity



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Over 218,000
voterlookup searches
between December 2021 and August 2022



Data Impacting the PLE

MPAC makes use of all available data sources to ensure our database that produces the PLE is up-to-date and accurate. This includes:

- Regular updates from the National Register of Electors
- Updates from Elections Ontario and the Permanent Register of Electors
- Updates from the Ministry of Government Services on deceased persons
- Ongoing updates of data from MPAC's property assessment system
- Information collected through voterlookup.ca
- Application for Direction of School Support Forms
- Occupancy updates completed by MPAC's Customer Contact Centre

We also leveraged Elections Ontario data from the June 2, 2022 Provincial Election to add more than **684,000 electors** to our Names Database (and hence to the PLE). In addition, we captured more than 72,000 address corrections and updated the records of almost **14,000 individuals** with unconfirmed citizenship status to confirmed Canadian status.



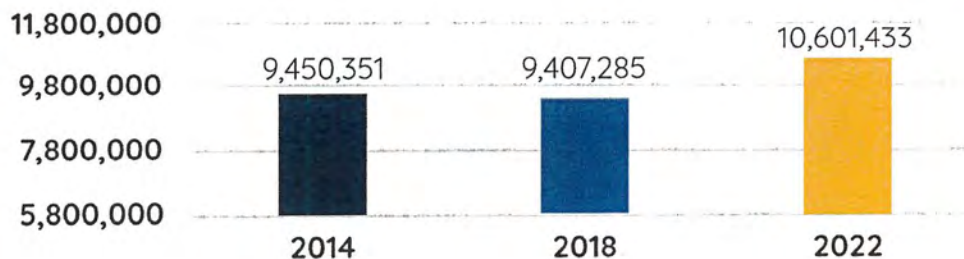
The Bottom Line More People Data

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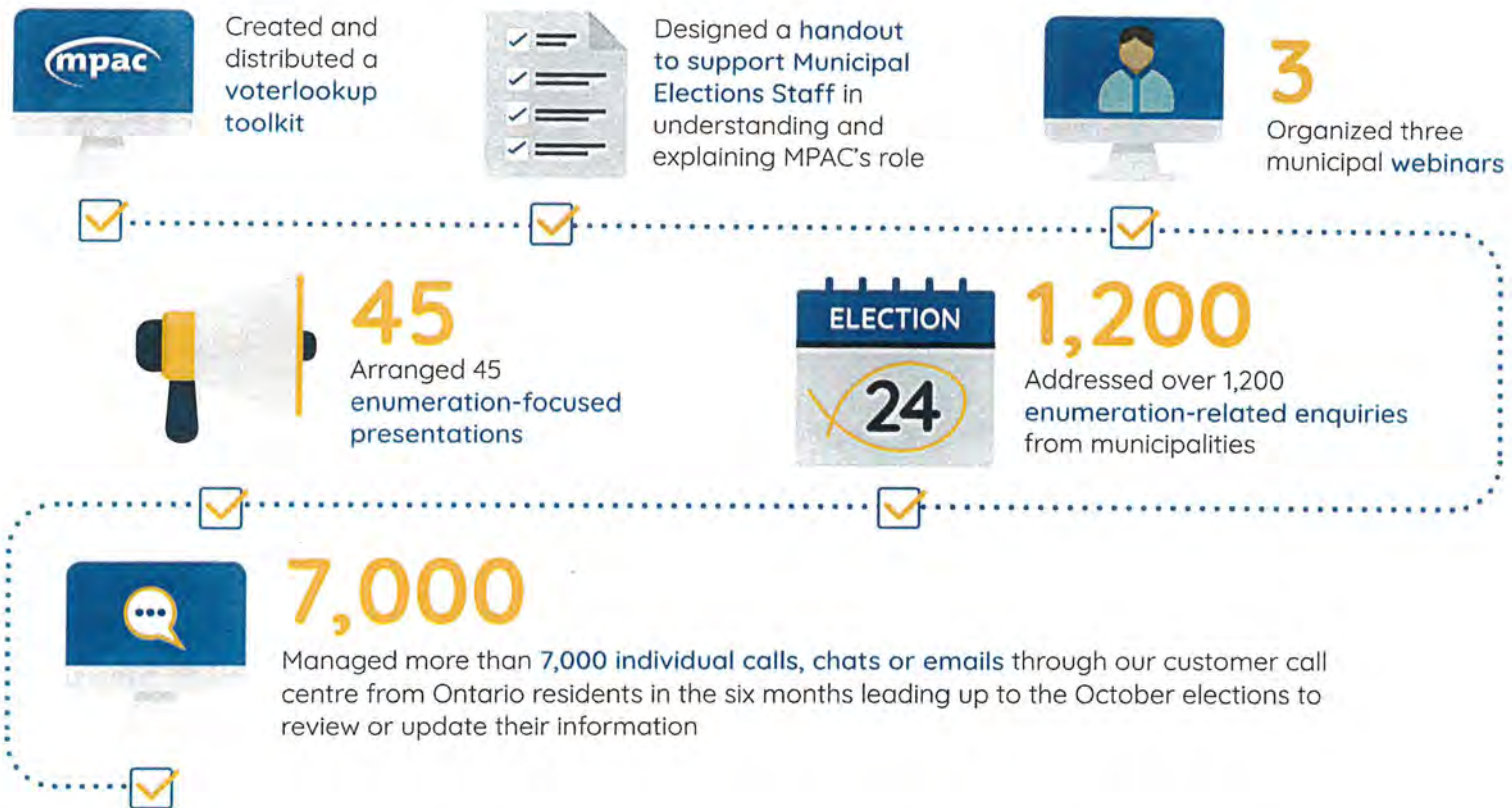
Average growth in municipal PLE size for municipalities in 2022 compared to 2018

Province-wide PLE Count



Support to Our Municipalities

During the 2022 enumeration process, MPAC supported municipalities with the following:



Our support continued into 2023 with the processing of post-election revisions related to moves, deletions, and changes. As a result, we processed **46,240** school support changes and added **221,000** individuals to our MPAC database of people data.

Transition to Elections Ontario

Responsibility for the PLE will transfer to Elections Ontario effective January 1, 2024. MPAC will retain responsibility for ongoing School Support Data Collection and delivery of the Population of Electoral Group reports to municipalities and school boards in 2026.

MPAC is committed to providing support to Elections Ontario during and after this transition. While voterlookup.ca will be discontinued by the end of 2023, Elections Ontario is currently making enhancements to its e-registration system in preparation for the next enumeration event.

PLE

January 1, 2024

The responsibility for the PLE will move to Elections Ontario on January 1, 2024.

School Support

January 1, 2024

The collection of school support information will remain MPAC's responsibility after January 1, 2024.

Modernization of School Support Data Collection

As part of our ongoing modernization efforts and in consultation with municipalities and school boards, we have improved our process for collecting school support information by launching an online School Support Portal. The portal enables residential property owners to update their school support designation information through AboutMyProperty™. Tenants registered with MPAC will follow a different path in the portal, similar to voterlookup.ca, to add or update their school support designation information.

A user guide in both English and French is available to assist users with step-by-step instructions on how to change or update their school support designation.

MPAC will also accept completed Application for Direction of School Support (ADSS) forms and has created a new electronic ADSS form based on feedback from school boards.





MPAC delivered a Preliminary List of Electors (PLE) to every Ontario municipality and electing school board in August 2022, ahead of schedule to support added time for municipal and school board review.

Leading up to these dates, the combined efforts of municipalities, Elections Ontario and MPAC resulted in the largest and most accurate PLEs to date. Thank you to our partners for a successful collaboration.

We would like to extend our appreciation to our Elections Working Group members for their continued support and sharing of insights and recommendations on how we could make the process valuable and engaging for the municipal sector. We are grateful for their participation, contributions and expertise.

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Festival at Fort Willow looking for historic demonstrations

UTOPIA, Ontario (August 17, 2023) – The Festival at Fort Willow is returning to Utopia! With an education day on Friday, September 29, and a public event on Saturday, September 30, the festival is a two-day celebration of the history of Fort Willow and the surrounding area. Visitors will have the opportunity to experience the past through engaging demonstrations, displays, and performances. The festival aims to bring history to life and foster a deeper appreciation for the region's history.

The Festival at Fort Willow is on the lookout for talented individuals and groups to join our vibrant community of demonstrators. Share your expertise, demonstrate your craft, and be a part of an immersive experience that brings the past to life. Whether you're well-versed in pre-European contact lifestyles, the Fur Trade era, or the War of 1812, you are invited to apply and become a part of this historical showcase.

"The Festival at Fort Willow is a remarkable opportunity to connect with history in a truly immersive way," said Kyra Howes, Director of Conservation Services at NVCA. "We are looking to emphasize what life was like for regular people around the turn of the 19th century. Military demonstrations will be part of the festival, these have always been a staple of the festival."

Festival organizers are also hoping to recruit volunteers that want to help make the event a success. Volunteers will have the chance to experience the festival while engaging with visitors and helping to create unforgettable experiences.

The Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area was used for centuries by Indigenous Peoples, during the Fur Trade and by French explorers as part of a major transportation route known as the Nine Mile Portage. It was also strategically located as a supply depot during the War of 1812. Both Fort Willow and the Nine Mile Portage are provincial and national historic sites.

To register or for more information, contact Elise Barr-Klouman, Event Facilitator at NVCA at ebarr-klouman@nvca.on.ca or (705) 424-1479 ext. 236.

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Sarah Corbett

From: Samuel Haniff
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Attachments: Draft 2024 planning fees v2.pdf

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Hi Sarah,

Can we add the attached document (NVCA increase in Planning Fees 2024) to the next Consent Agenda?

Thanks
 Sam

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Subject: 2024 Planning and Permitting Review Fees

Dear Municipal Partners:

The NVCA is seeking your input on proposed changes being consider to the NVCA planning and regulation Fees.

In support of this exercise, NVCA engaged Watson & Associates Economists Ltd to complete a comprehensive review of our planning and regulation program rates and fees. The intent of the

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review was to ensure costs are being fully recovered and consider impacts of current legislation and provincial guidelines, as well as to provide recommendations on updates to program rates and fees. A copy of the Watson report can be found on [NVCA's website](#).

The objective of Watson's review was to make recommendations for the plan review and permitting fees including consideration of the legislative changes that have recently occurred. These legislative changes include the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022. All fee recommendations were made with regard for legislative authority to recover the full costs of delivering plan review and permitting services on a program basis, applicant affordability and completeness, and industry best practices and uniformity of fees.

The report recommends increasing review fees for: site-specific Official Plan and Zoning By-law Applications, Minor Variance, Consents, NEC applications. The report also suggests maintaining existing subdivision, residential Site Plans and Aggregate proposals. In addition, permit fees are proposed to be increased to full cost recovery levels while maintaining competitiveness with other Conservation Authorities. The discounted fee for agricultural permit fees that was established in 2016 was recommended to be maintained.

NVCA staff have included Watson's recommended fee changes in the attached draft schedule as well as a few additional housekeeping changes. We request that any comments be emailed to planning@nvca.on.ca by September 8, 2023. Any new or updated fees will be implemented after the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry's freeze on CA fees expires.

Your input is important and will greatly assist the NVCA in moving forward on this matter. Feel free to contact the undersigned or Ben Krul at 705-424-1479 extension 231 should you require any further information or have any questions.

Regards, Chris

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Appendix A: NVCA Planning Services Fee Schedule (2024 Draft)

Official Plans and Zonings	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Official Plans and Secondary Plans	General Levy	General Levy
Comprehensive Zoning By-law	General Levy	General Levy
Site Specific Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments	\$530	\$1,300
Additional fee for technical study review	\$796	See below
Additional fee for scoped technical study review		\$2,500
Additional fee for full technical study review (including flood plain study)		\$5,000
Letter of approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$107	\$200
Plan of Subdivision/Condominium (Residential, Commercial, and Industrial)	Current	Proposed
Minimum Fee	\$13,260	Increase based on Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)
Maximum Fee (See Note 1)	\$106,080	Increase based on COLA
Lot/Unit fee and Net hectare fee	\$3,425 per hectare	Increase based on COLA
Design Resubmission surcharge for subdivisions and residential/mixed use site plans	3rd Submission - 25% of original fee (maximum charge of \$13,260) 4th and subsequent submissions - 50% of original fee (maximum fee of \$13,260)	Increase based on COLA

Clearance Fee for Additional Subdivision Phases (new - used TRCA's)		\$3,290 within one year of original clearance \$6,275 with new technical information or beyond one year of original clearance
Redline Revisions	Minor (Design Change) 25% of original fee (maximum fee of \$13,770) Major (Change to Limits of Development) 75% of original fee (not to exceed maximum fee \$106,080)	Increase based on COLA
Site Plans	Current	Proposed
Letter of Approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$556	\$1,100
Minor: Site Plan Area less than 2 ha	\$1,591	\$5,000
Intermediate: Site Plan Area more than 2 ha, less than 4 ha	\$5,824	\$10,000
Major: Site Plan Area more than 4 ha (Additional \$1,250/ha fee charge for sites over 10 ha.)	\$14,285	Increase based on COLA
Site Plan: Residential (multi-unit and/or mixed use)	Use Residential Subdivision Fees	Increase based on COLA
Design Resubmission surcharge for non-residential site plans	3rd Submission - 25% of original fee 4th and subsequent submissions - 50% of original fee	3rd Submission - 25% of original fee 4th and subsequent submissions - 50% of original fee

Golf Courses	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
New Golf Courses	\$15,912	Increase based on COLA
Aggregate Proposals	Current	Proposed
Minimum fee for Below Water Table	\$13,260	Increase based on COLA
Maximum fee for Below Water Table	\$106,080	Increase based on COLA
Net hectare fee for Below Water Table	\$1,352/ha	Increase based on COLA
Above water table proposals or expanded extraction within a licensed area	\$13,260	Increase based on COLA
Consents	Current	Proposed
Base Fee	\$321	\$600
Additional fee for technical study review (e.g., SWM Report or EIS)	\$530	\$1,000
Letter of approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$107	\$200
Minor Variances	Current	Proposed
Base Fee	\$214	\$250
Additional fee for technical study review (e.g., SWM Report or EIS)	\$530	\$1,000
Letter of approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$107	\$200
Niagara Escarpment Commission Applications	Current	Proposed
Base Fee	\$321	\$600
Additional fee for technical study review, for example EIS	\$530	\$1,000
Letter of approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$107	\$200
Conservation Authorities Act	Current	Proposed
Letter of Approval (site inspection not required)	\$102	\$200
Permit Application Minor Works	\$255	\$500
Permit Application Intermediate Works	\$561	\$1,000
Permit Application Major Works	\$1,591	\$3,300

Permit Application Major Works – complex	\$3,182	\$5,000
Agricultural Permit Applications (separated in 2016)		Watson (NVCA staff proposed phasing)
Letter of Approval (site inspection not required)	\$102	\$200
Minor works or works located in regulated adjacent lands	\$255	\$500 (\$400)
Works located within flood and/or erosion hazard	\$561	\$1,000 (\$750)
Unauthorized works	2 X permit fee	2 X permit fee
Permit application large fill projects: 250 – 1,000 m ³ (Permit application for large fill projects - See procedural guidelines for more detail.)	\$530 plus \$0.82/m ³	Increase based on COLA
Permit application large fill projects: more than 1000 m ³	\$1,591 plus \$0.82/m ³	Increase based on COLA
Permit – amendment	50% of original fee	50% of original fee
Additional fee for significant technical review	Varies	Varies

Other	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Legal/Real Estate Inquiries	\$214	\$350
Legal/Consultant Peer Review Costs (charged on the basis of cost recovery)	Varies	Varies
Provision of Individual Property Information	\$77	\$90
Pre-consultations Fee	\$561 (without site visit) \$1,591 (analysis by one planner and one technical discipline) \$3,182 (analysis by one planner and more than one technical discipline)	Increase based on COLA

Notes:

Fee Schedule Notes:

1. The maximum review fee for plans of subdivision/condominium is \$106,080 (Increase based on COLA).
2. Plans of subdivision/condominium fees may be phased as outlined in NVCA's policy for charging fees if the total fee meets the minimum threshold of \$50,000.00.
3. The NVCA reserves the right to not allow the phasing of fees for development subject to a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) issued by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
4. When processing and reviewing consolidated planning applications (e.g. OPA/ZBA/Subdivisions), the higher fee is applicable (including MZOs).
5. Plans of subdivision/condominium and site plan fees include permitting fees under the NVCA's Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, Ontario Regulation 172/06.

6. Notwithstanding note # 5, permit issuance for works occurring two years after the date of the last NVCA comments on a file will be subject to the relevant permit fee for the scale of the works.
7. A net hectare refers to the total area of land available for development. It excludes lands outside of the development limit (e.g., natural hazard, natural heritage areas and buffers).
8. NVCA reserves the right to reassess the review fee after 5 years of receipt of the application based on timing and receipt of technical information.
9. The applicant will be responsible for any external peer review costs necessary to review submitted technical submissions. This may include expedited review of submission is subject to availability of peer reviewers and approval of the Director, Watershed Management or Manager, Development Planning and Permits.
10. Alterations or expansions to existing golf courses not requiring Planning Act approvals and within a regulated area will be addressed through the Conservation Authorities Act approval fees.
11. Permit approval will not be required from the NVCA for certain small-scale projects as outlined in NVCA's Policy for Charging Fees.
12. Please see NVCA's Policy for Charging Fees for further an explanation of the minor, intermediate and major permit fee categories, as well as other matters (e.g., fee exemptions, appeal process, etc.). This document is available at www.nvca.on.ca under Planning & Permits – Policies & Guidelines.



NVCA August 2023 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: September 22, 2023, held in person

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

Manager, Stewardship Services, Fred Dobbs recognized for receiving the Natural Channel Systems Award of Recognition.

This national award recognizes outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to natural channel systems.

Fred and the stewardship team have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the field of natural channel systems through research, knowledge transfer, collaboration, implementation and/or innovation. Recipients of this award have shown exemplary leadership, dedication, and personal commitment to natural channel systems.

The Board of Directors recognized this outstanding achievement.

Edenvale Conservation Area Partnership Agreement

The Edenvale Conservation Area has previously been leased to the Township of Springwater and that current lease expires in October 2023.

NVCA and Springwater staff worked collaboratively on the development of a new partnership agreement to ensure that the property can be utilized as a potential revenue generating avenue.

Second Quarter Financials

In the first six months of operations of NVCA, expenditures to date are tracking on schedule, with 58.23% of the budgeted expenses (50% of budget year completed), however that is including the CEWS repayment amount of \$740,879, so expenditures are trending below 50%.

Revenues are tracking well, with 51.49% of the budgeted revenues recognized. This includes the first 6 months of the general municipal levy of \$1,390,821.

Currently, the NVCA is sitting in a deficit position, due to the CEWS prepayment, however if that is removed, there is a slight surplus.

2024 Asset Management Plan

The Board approved NVCA's updated Asset Management Plan.

This Plan identifies NVCA assets, what condition they are in, and what the anticipated needs are to maintain our infrastructure as we move forward.

Preliminary Budget Guidance

The NVCA Board of Directors approved the preliminary budget guidelines to increase municipal levy by \$400,000.

Staff had brought forward a report asking for \$200,000, however, given the pressures in the planning and regulations departments, the Board approved the addition of two new staff in 2024, increasing the municipal levy guideline to \$400,000.

Staff are also expecting continued pressures due to cost of living increases in all aspects of the business and materials and supplies.

Municipal general levy, not including Asset Levy, currently stands at \$2,791,642 for 2023.

Based on this approval, staff will prepare a draft budget for Board consideration for the September Board Meeting.

Once approved, the draft budget will be circulated to member municipalities after the

September meeting for a 60-day review and consultation process.

The final budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at the December 2023 meeting for approval.

Upcoming Events

Festival at Fort Willow

The Festival at Fort Willow is an annual event where visitors will experience what life was like at Fort Willow pre-European contact, during the Fur Trade and the War of 1812.

School Field Trip Day:

Friday, September 29, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

[School can inquire using this form](#)

Public Day:

Saturday, September 30, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[Tickets available at this link](#)

Location:

Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area

2714 Grenfel R.,

Springwater Township, ON

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Tiffin Nature Program

Geared towards pre-K and children in kindergarten, our nature program will help your children gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet. Children learn about risky play, and develop a better understanding of their relationship with the land.

Date:

September 5 – November 30, 2023

Location:

Tiffin Centre for Conservation

8195 8th Line

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POLICY UPDATE

July 17, 2023

AMO Policy Update – Property Tax Reassessment

Updated Advocacy on Property Tax Reassessment

Last week AMO collaborated with industry partners to put forward a [call to the Premier to make a prompt return to the assessment cycle](#). The letter highlights the pause on reassessment as the last COVID-19 restriction and presents the province with the opportunity to partner with the private and public sectors to successfully transition back to stabilize and make taxes more predictable. For both municipalities and businesses, a well-functioning and up-to-date assessment system supports strong communities and makes Ontario an attractive place to invest.

AMO encourages members to engage their MPPs in advance of the AMO Conference to urge the government to formally commit to a reassessment date.

Key Messages to Share with your MPPs

- A well-functioning and up-to-date assessment system supports strong communities and makes Ontario an attractive place to invest.
- The ongoing delay in reassessment is compromising the province's economic competitiveness.
- Leadership from the government on reassessment is critical to supporting the resilient and continued growth of the provincial economy we all rely on.

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POLICY UPDATE

July 28, 2023

AMO Policy Update – Ontario Begins Audit of Municipal Finances

AMO is pleased to see progress on the government's promise this [past fall](#) to launch a third-party audit of select municipalities to determine the financial impacts of provincial housing legislation. These [audits](#) are intended to help provide a clear and shared understanding of the potential financial impacts for municipalities resulting from the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*. It will also form the basis for fulfilling their commitment to ensure that municipalities are kept whole for any impact to their ability to fund housing enabling infrastructure.

The results from first phase of the audits are expected by the [end of 2023](#). AMO understands how important it is that this work be completed and hopes that the government can work to provide municipalities and other key partners in the housing sector with the certainty that everyone needs to move forward on the government's goal of building 1.5 million homes by 2031.

AMO will continue to bring forward ideas and recommendations for how to ensure municipalities can effectively fulfill their important responsibilities in improving housing affordability and look for ways to collaborate with the province on infrastructure, municipal fiscal sustainability, and land-use planning.

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POLICY UPDATE

August 18, 2023

Policy Update - Property Tax Assessment

AMO Pre-Budget Submission to Standing Committee

Over the past year, AMO has publicly expressed very strong support for a timely return to the assessment cycle.

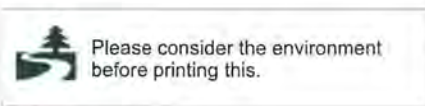
Yesterday, the government announced that it will defer tax assessment again in 2024. As a result, Ontario's municipalities will continue to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values.

AMO is concerned that further delays will compound uncertainty for residents and businesses. Outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent.

The government also [announced](#) its intention to conduct a review of the property taxation and assessment system focusing on fairness, equity and economic competitiveness. Further deferring property reassessment during the review means municipalities could be waiting a while before a reassessment is conducted.

AMO will continue its call for a return to the regular assessment cycle and expect to be an engaged partner in as details regarding the review continue to unfold.

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August 25, 2023

Policy Update - Busy AMO 2023 Conference Achieves Momentum Across Priorities

The AMO 2023 Annual Conference in London, Ontario focused discussion on priority areas such as: housing and homelessness, municipal finance and infrastructure, sustaining public health, and serving Indigenous peoples.

AMO President Colin Best [provided remarks](#) that highlighted municipalities' desire to work in partnership with the province on outcomes for Ontarians. AMO 2023 again provided the opportunity for municipal and provincial leaders to partner and discuss serving Ontarians.

Support for Housing

As part of his speech at AMO 2023, the Premier [announced](#) the new Ontario Building Faster Fund, a three-year, \$1.2 billion initiative to support housing related needs for municipalities. The Fund provides \$400 million annually to municipalities that meet 80 per cent of their housing targets. Ten per cent of funding is reserved for smaller municipalities without assigned housing targets. The Premier committed to work with AMO to hammer out the details of the program in the fall.

In response to AMO requests, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing [announced](#) that the new definition of affordable housing would consider income. These changes will be part of amendments to the Development Charges Act to be tabled this fall, which would consider income levels when determining access to exemptions from development-related fees. AMO has also requested that the government defer moving forward on development fees for "attainable" housing introduced as part of Bill 23, to ensure that discounts to developers are focused on incentivizing housing affordable for those most in need.

Minister Clark also announced the extension of Strong Mayor powers to additional municipalities with housing pledge commitments as well as the appointment of Facilitators on September 11th for the Regions of Durham, Halton, Niagara, Waterloo and York, and the County of Simcoe.

Mike Moffat's recent [report](#) developed in partnership with the Ontario Big City Mayors provides helpful insights into challenges and solutions on housing.

Improvements to Public Health Funding

The Minister of Health, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, announced changes to how public health units will be funded, supported and directed. This included reverting back to a 75% provincial and 25% municipal cost sharing ratio and an increase in base funding for public health units by 1% annually. The province will work with AMO and other partners on a longer-term approach to funding, clarification of rules and responsibilities, and the facilitation of voluntary public health unit mergers.

New AMO Partnership with Ontario Native Women's Association

AMO and the Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) [signed a memorandum of understanding](#) at the AMO Conference, committing the two organizations to a formal relationship that increases dialogue, involvement in AMO policy development, events and initiatives.

AMO is committed to supporting municipalities in the ways they engage, serve, and learn from Indigenous women in their communities. The ONWA MOU will improve AMO's engagement with Indigenous services organization, building on an MOU with the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres (OFIFC).

Minister's Forum Discussion at AMO 2023

The Minister's Forum provided another direct opportunity for elected municipal officials to engage with [provincial cabinet members on important issues](#), including:

- A request of the Minister of Finance from Mayor Marianne Meed Ward of Burlington to commit to a provincial-municipal conversation on "who does what" and a new municipal fiscal framework;
- Significant audience response to a question from Councillor Kelsie Van Belleghem of Kenora highlighting the urgency of moving forward with improvements to municipal Codes of Conduct to protect staff and elected officials;
- Councilor Rowena Santos of Brampton and Peel Region's call on the Solicitor General and the Ministers of Children, Community, Social Services and Women's Economic and Social Opportunities to work with AMO on a strategy to address gender-based and intimate partner violence. The AMO Board has joined with many municipalities

and the federal government in acknowledging this challenge as an epidemic; and,

- A question from Mayor of Mississippi Mills Christa Lowry to the Minister of Finance calling for an explanation of the ongoing delay of property tax reassessments.

Wednesday Programming on Homelessness

The third and final day of the conference was dedicated to ending homelessness in Ontario. Speakers highlighted the need for urgent action to move beyond crisis response and tackle root causes, with solutions that address housing, income security, and health.

AMO has called on the Government of Ontario to immediately increase social assistance rates and transform Ontario's system; increase the supply of deeply affordable community housing; continue to invest in community-based mental health and addictions services; and continue to increase base funding for the Homelessness Prevention Program. These provincial actions, in addition to federal enhancements to the National Housing Strategy, are critical to enabling a human-rights approach to housing and encampments at the local level.

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County of Simcoe
County Road 21 and County Road 56 Intersection Improvements
Construction Newsletter No. 1
Simcoe County Engineering, Planning & Environmental Division
Transportation and Engineering Department
July 18, 2023

County Road 21 and County Road 56 Intersection Improvements

The County of Simcoe has awarded the contract to Dufferin Construction for the construction of the County Road 21 and County Road 56 Intersection Improvements.

The proposed construction limits are on County Road 21 and County Road 56 intersection, including approximately 400 meters of the approaches in each of the direction of the intersection.

The work includes construction of a roundabout, upgrades to stormwater pipes and structures as well as upgrades to electrical cables and grounding, driveway and road crossing culvert replacements, curb and gutter replacement, and asphalt paving.

Dufferin Construction plans to mobilize on July 31, 2023. The reconstruction work will continue through to November 30, 2023, and from May 1 to June 01, 2024.

Lane Restrictions

During road reconstruction operations, traffic speed will be reduced to **60 km/h** through the work zone.

During various phases of the project, it will be necessary to close portions of County Road 56. Detour routes will be set up and advanced warning signs will be installed to warn motorists of the traffic disruptions. Additional correspondence and detour maps will be distributed to advise of the exact dates for road closures as the project progresses.

Exposed gravel driving surfaces may be encountered periodically during construction.

Pre-Condition Survey and Well Sampling

Oza Inspections and Thurber Engineering have been retained by the County to carry out pre-condition assessments and well condition surveys, sampling and monitoring of homes in close proximity to the construction activities. Please be advised that the pre-condition survey work and well inspection work is scheduled to begin the week of July 24, 2023.

How will I get to My Business?

The Contractor will maintain access to your business. On several occasions, however, direct access to CR 21 and CR 56 may be interrupted.

The contractor will give prior notice of any access restrictions to the businesses.

If you have any special needs for wheelchair access, please advise the CIMA+ Construction Inspector (Mark Dougliin).

Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

Safety

Construction involves the use of heavy equipment and the unavoidable creation of obstacles.

We ask that you caution your children to stay clear of the working area.

We ask that you take extra caution during the construction period to ensure everyone's safety.

Who Do I Call If I Have a Problem?

CIMA+ is the project Contract Administrator and Dufferin Construction is the project construction Contractor. If you have any questions regarding the construction, please call:

Field:

CIMA+
Site Inspector
Mark Dougliin
Mobile – (647) 354-5407

Dufferin Construction
Project Coordinator
Daniele Furioni
Mobile – (416) 417-6453

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Project Engineer
Claire Walker, P. Eng, PMP
Office – (705) 726-9300 Ext. 1168

Office:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County launches new engaging Economic Development and Tourism websites

Midhurst/July 19, 2023 – The County of Simcoe is pleased to launch the redesigned Economic Development Office (EDO) and Tourism Simcoe County (TSC) websites. The new websites have been optimized for mobile use and improved accessibility, and they include greater functionality such as the ability to host engaging videos and imagery to reflect the EDO and TSC's evolving investment attraction and resident and business support initiatives.

"Tourism Simcoe County and our Economic Development Office continue to attract a huge amount of visitors and investment to Simcoe County," said Warden Basil Clarke. "These new sites will help highlight all the many benefits of our region to residents, visitors, business owners and potential investors."

The new, interactive Economic Development website, edo.simcoe.ca, has a focus on investment and talent attraction. The site highlights the region's outstanding quality of life and robust business community, while emphasizing our connection and proximity to the Greater Toronto area as key benefits for employers and job seekers. The site is arranged into six categories: Why Simcoe County; Invest; Sectors; Resources; News and Events; and About. The new website is also aligned with the Work in Simcoe County website featuring thousands of local career opportunities.

The new Tourism website showcases Simcoe County as a leading four-season destination for outdoor recreation, agritourism, and arts, culture, and heritage tourism. TSC has incorporated recommendations from the 2023-2026 'One Together' Destination Stewardship Plan into the new website design. Utilizing a new web platform, experience.simcoe.ca is easier to navigate, extremely attractive, and will improve search engine optimization and visitor engagement. Site users can learn about: places to go; things to do; where to stay; and events.

The County is currently in the process of redesigning the main simcoe.ca webpage. The public is welcome to provide input into the new site by answering a brief survey. [Submit your response](#) before July 30.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe accepting nominees for Age-Friendly Business and Individual Recognition Awards

Midhurst/July 31, 2023 – The County of Simcoe is accepting Age-Friendly Business and Age-Friendly Individual Recognition and Achievement nominations until September 30, 2023. These awards recognize organizations that have taken action to become more accessible to seniors and individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to creating age-friendly communities.

This year, the County will host a ceremony in late fall to recognize all award recipients.

Age-friendly Business Recognition Awards

All businesses, from banks to pharmacies, are encouraged to participate in the Age-Friendly Business Recognition program. Organizations can assess their age-friendliness using our Self-Assessment Checklist within the [business/organization guide](#). Those looking to improve their rating can take advantage of in-person and online [County services and resources](#).

The Age-Friendly Business Recognition Awards reflect the importance of adapting to the increase in seniors within Simcoe County and the County's commitment to recognizing businesses that take action. Businesses that have made progress to improve services for seniors within Simcoe County (including the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia) are invited to submit an [Age-friendly Business Recognition Application Form](#), to be reviewed by a sub-committee.

The Age-Friendly Business Recognition Award winners will be recognized through a County press release, social media and on the County website. They will also receive a certificate, decal for their door and prizes for their staff, including a \$50 Tim Horton's Gift Card.

Age-Friendly Individual Recognition and Achievement Awards

The Age-Friendly Individual Recognition and Achievement Awards recognize an Age-Friendly Champion and an older adult who demonstrate outstanding commitment to creating Age-Friendly communities and enriching the lives of seniors in their community(s). Individuals are invited to submit a nomination form that will be reviewed by a sub-committee. Visit the [Awards page](#) for more details.

The Age-Friendly Individual Recognition and Achievement Award winners will receive recognition through a County press release, social media and on the County website. They will also receive a framed award certificate.

Quotes

"The County is grateful to the thousands of businesses and individuals that continue to support seniors in our communities. The County's Age-friendly Program is one way that we can recognize those people and companies that go out of their way to make life easier for our senior residents." – *County of Simcoe Warden Basil Clarke*

“Seniors make up a growing percentage of our population in Simcoe County. Through our Age-friendly Business and Age-friendly Individual Recognition programs, we are assisting businesses with helpful information and resources on how they can better serve people as they age, as well as recognizing the efforts of companies and individuals that have already taken action to support our older adults.” – *Jane Sinclair, General Manger, Health and Emergency Services, Simcoe County*

About the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Community Program

The Age-Friendly Community Program was established in 2016 to increase awareness of the County's aging population and help businesses and organizations evaluate their environment and service delivery. The County continues to provide resources and assessment tools to help organizations implement age-friendly goals and strategies and adapt to our aging population. For more information on our Age-Friendly Community program and the Business Guide and Recognition Awards, visit www.simcoe.ca/agefriendly, email agefriendly@simcoe.ca or call 705-726-9300 ext. 3127

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LINX Transit celebrates five-year anniversary

Midhurst/August 8, 2023 – The County of Simcoe’s LINX Transit service is celebrating its five-year anniversary. Since 2018, LINX Transit has built up its network to transport more than 700,000 riders to date and travelling almost two million kilometres in 2022 throughout our 16 member municipalities.

“LINX Transit connects Simcoe County and provides our communities with affordable, reliable and environmentally responsible transportation to and from our major business, education and health hubs,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “County Council is committed to evaluating how we can continue to support the growth of this popular and successful transit service.”

In 2017, County Council approved a five-year, \$5-million plan to create a regional transit service as part of the County’s Transit Implementation Plan. The County has now completed its initial five-year launch plan, launching six routes that span the County, including Route 1 from Penetanguishene/Midland to Barrie, Route 2 from Wasaga Beach to Barrie, Route 3 from Orillia to Barrie, Route 4 from Collingwood to Wasaga Beach, Route 5 from New Tecumseth to Bradford West Gwillimbury and Route 6 from Midland to Orillia.

“Since the start of LINX Transit, we’ve grown dramatically, starting out with just four busses, we now operate more than 30,” said Dennis Childs, Transit Manager, County of Simcoe. “Thanks to the hard work of our operators, mechanics, and supervisory staff, we saw our ridership double in 2022, and we look forward to building up LINX Transit through our Transportation Master Plan.”

Routes are designed strategically to include stops at main hubs, including hospitals, educational institutions and major employment districts. This allows residents to access key services and employment opportunities throughout the county, supporting our local economy and residents as we continue to grow.

The County is currently in the process of updating its Transportation Master Plan (TMP), which will include a transit review. Planned future growth and expansion will guide the development of a new five-year plan and ten-year plan that will continue to enhance transportation links between local municipalities. County Council will review recommendations and proposals, with input from residents and key community stakeholders later this year.

For more information on LINX and LINX Plus Transit services, visit linx.simcoe.ca.

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BUILDING UP

County Council expands plan to create new affordable rentals in the City of Barrie

Midhurst/August 9, 2023 – County Council yesterday expanded its plan to create additional affordable rental spaces at the County's Rose Street location. Previously approved for 176 new affordable rentals, the new approved plan expands on this to create 215 total spaces, for a net increase to the original plan of 39 units, in the City of Barrie. This maximizes the proposed affordability mix and intensifies the original design, substituting some of the two- and three-bedroom units with studio and one-bedroom units on upper floors. It also relocates the Social and Community Services office space to the top of the proposed parking structure, allowing for more residential units.

"County Council recognizes the importance of creating more affordable rental spaces throughout our communities," said Warden Basil Clarke. "Council approved the original vision for this site earlier this year, but asked staff to bring back additional options to further utilize this opportunity. Yesterday, Council supported expanding the build as we continue to invest in strategies that build up our communities, through responsible and impactful solutions to address the housing crisis."



About the Rose Street development

This build will include diverse or mixed housing types, including rent-geared-to income, affordable housing, and units for the "missing middle", in addition to space for social, health and community partners. With the estimated \$217 million development, the 1.9-hectare (4.7 acre)

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site is in a central location in the built-up urban setting with access to commercial amenities, schools, transit and pedestrian connectivity. Community consultation will occur as the process continues.

Site preparation will begin in early 2024, with an estimated completion date in 2026-2027* (**subject to change*). This is just one more way that the County is **#BuildingUp** our communities. For updates on the Rose Street location and additional renderings, visit simcoe.ca/RoseStreet.

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Consent please

Kindest regards,

Lisa Lehr, CMO

Manager of Legislative Services / Municipal Clerk

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Simcoe County Housing Corporation Board Meeting on August 8, 2023. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate report, which can be accessed by clicking on the title. Images are also linked to relevant resources.

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

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2023 Strategic Initiatives

On August 8, 2023, Council approved strategic initiatives that were discussed and approved at the Strategic Planning session on June 27, 2023. Council also considered additional primary and secondary initiatives that were gathered for consideration during the June meeting.

These approved priorities all fall into the following categories:

- Growth related service delivery
- Strengthen social, health and educational opportunities
- Economic and destination development
- Environmental sustainability
- A culture of workplace and operational excellence

Now that the strategic initiatives have been approved, a formal document will be developed outlining the County's Strategic Plan, which will include the Vision, Mission and Values, Strategic directions, and the Strategic Initiatives.



Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Presentation

On August 8, 2023, Kate Burns Gallagher, the Executive Director of Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, gave a presentation to Council on who WOWC is, their purpose, how they operate, and the benefits to regional partners and members.

Their 2023-24 priorities include: housing; supporting economic growth; and mental health and addictions. For more information, visit <https://wowc.ca/>.



Rendering of the proposed mixed-use building on Rose Street in Barrie, ON.
Click on the image to learn more about the development project.

Simcoe County Housing Corporation Development, 20 Rose Street Additional Units Options (Presentation By: Brad Spiewak, Director, Social Housing)

County Council has approved plans for a mixed-use building at 20 Rose Street in Barrie, which will include commercial space for community and social service agencies, such as licenced childcare or other compatible social service providers. The development also provides for the co-location of essential County of Simcoe social services, including Ontario Works, Children Services, Community Services, and Social Housing services. This facility will help build up our communities by addressing the housing crisis in a responsible, impactful, and sustainable way.

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39 units. This maximizes the proposed affordability mix and intensifies the original design, substituting some of the two- and three-bedroom units with studio and one-bedroom units on upper floors. It also relocates the Social and Community Services office space to the top of the proposed parking structure, allowing for more residential units. Work is set to begin on the project in 2024, pending further approvals.



Click on the image to read the revised plan.

Updated Simcoe County Forest 20-Year Management Plan

Accepted practice for forest management planning in Ontario generally dictates the completion of a comprehensive planning exercise every 20 years. Although a long-term planning horizon is important, periodic updates are needed to incorporate any changes resulting from monitoring and evaluation, new scientific and technical information, stakeholder engagement, and to respond to changing environmental, social, or economic circumstances.

In consideration of the substantive changes to the Simcoe County Forest itself and other factors, it was determined that an update to the original plan was warranted as opposed to the completion of a separate document.

On August 8, 2023, Council received the updated plan, which includes revisions and additions, such as the incorporation of 805 ha (1,990 acres) of additional lands; revisions to the overall forest classification system; the implications from a changing climate including adaptability of certain tree species; and the impacts from severe weather events and actions to promote forest resiliency.

Simcoe County Housing Corporation Board - Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Expanding Housing Options within Simcoe County Housing Corporation (SCHC)

SCHC is the largest social and community housing provider in the county. In addition to continuing to operate its original locations at 100% rent-geared-to-income (RGI) across our service area, SCHC has also expanded into purpose-built affordable housing through new builds going into the areas of Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Victoria Harbour, Orillia, Bradford, and Barrie. Each build avails the opportunity to introduce new funding schemes that are not RGI-based yet remain affordable.

On August 8, 2023, staff presented a report that proposed the use of \$260,000 of Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) funding for a conversion project at 108 Burton Ave. to create a supportive housing system. Supportive housing is associated with assisting individuals living with varied diagnoses and who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, to access and maintain stable housing by offering ongoing supports.

As part of the proposed pilot project, community supportive agencies will be responsible for funding the supports for at least five units at 108 Burton

Ave. Once designated as supportive housing units, SCHC will be able to obtain financial assistance through an approved Rent Supplement Program (RSP), and the existing RGI funding will be applied to other properties to help new applicants and alleviate pressures on existing waitlists.

On August 8, 2023, the Board approved the proposed pilot project, which expands SCHC's housing stock, takes advantage of existing funding opportunities, and builds upon SCHC's commitment to creating an integrated service model for housing and supports.

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Nominations Open for 11th Annual Newcomer Recognition Awards

Midhurst/August 16, 2023 – The County of Simcoe has opened nominations for the 11th Annual Newcomer Recognition Awards. Nominations recognizing deserving community champions will be accepted until September 22, 2023.

Over the past 10 years, the Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) has hosted this event to celebrate the outstanding contributions of community leaders and champions who take decisive action to enhance the lives of newcomers in Simcoe County. Special thank you to our Gold Sponsor Tempo Flexible Packaging for their tremendous and generous support.

Individuals and/or organizations/businesses can be nominated for the following categories:

- Community Champion
- Youth Community Champion
- Immigrant Artist
- Immigrant Entrepreneur
- Immigrant Mentor
- Immigrant Youth
- Service Excellence
- Ethno-cultural Group
- Culturally Diverse Workforce (organization/business)
- Welcoming Work Environment (organization/business)
- Marketing and Outreach (organization/business)
- Multiculturalism through Education – Educator
- Multiculturalism through Education – School

For more information on the upcoming Newcomer Recognition Awards, to learn more about the categories or complete the Online Nomination Form, visit simcoe.ca/dpt/ccs/lip/newcomer-recognition-awards. Application submissions should be submitted by September 22, 2023.

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County and Empower Simcoe partnering to build up lives of vulnerable residents

Midhurst/August 17, 2023 – As part of its 10-point homelessness prevention strategy, the County of Simcoe has partnered with Empower Simcoe to support the region's vulnerable residents with the County's new Community Rent Subsidy Program. Beginning September 1st, 2023, this new program will provide rent subsidies for individuals and families who are, or at risk of, experiencing homelessness.

Community Rent Subsidies ranging from \$800 to \$1000 will be provided for low- to moderate-acuity clients who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness in the region.

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

About the County's 10-point homelessness prevention strategy

The County of Simcoe is implementing a 10-point strategy designed specifically to assist with the prevention of homelessness across the region. This plan provides a strong, data-driven strategy to help vulnerable residents and our communities.

The goals identified use proven methods that focuses on building up our community for all, with the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness at the forefront. They take a collaborative approach to supporting service providers, the business community, and residents from all walks of life.

For further details and ongoing updates to the homelessness prevention plan, visit simcoe.ca/HomelessnessSystem.

Quotes

"County Council is committed to supporting individuals and families who are struggling to afford housing so they do not have to make the impossible choice between food and rent. This program will allow more people and families in the area to focus on building up their lives while they are living in safe, stable, and affordable housing. I would like to thank Empower Simcoe as they work with us to build up homes, lives, and hope across the region."

~ *Warden Basil Clarke, County of Simcoe*

"Empower Simcoe is excited to be partnering with the County of Simcoe to deliver the Community Rent Subsidy Program. At a time when affordable housing continues to fall out of reach for so many of our community members, access to this subsidy is an important step toward individuals and families securing housing and avoiding homelessness."

~ *Dr. Claudine Cousins, Chief Executive Officer, Empower Simcoe*

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About Empower Simcoe

Empower Simcoe is a charitable, non-profit organization that was established in 1953 by parents wishing to offer their children with intellectual disabilities an alternative to institutional placement. The agency provides services for children, teens, and adults with intellectual disabilities and their families, programs that promote the healthy development of children of all abilities, and services that respond to community needs including a housing registry co-sponsored by the Canadian Mental Health Association. To find out more information on our supports and services, please visit empowersimcoe.ca.

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County and area partners to provide training opportunity for Simcoe County manufacturers Cultures of Belonging in the Workplace

Midhurst/August 22, 2023 – The County of Simcoe and its partners, member municipalities, Georgian College, the cities of Barrie and Orillia, and the Government of Ontario, are proud to announce a new free one-day training opportunity being offered to local manufacturers. Delivered by Georgian College, **Cultures of Belonging in the Workplace** will equip business leaders, supervisors, team leads, and human resources professionals who are working directly in a manufacturing facility in the area with practical strategies to create workplaces that embrace and uplift diverse experiences.

In this training opportunity, local leaders will learn how to engage all employees to contribute their best and work across diverse identities to create positive change in their organizations. They will be taught skills to cultivate inclusive thinking and foster workplaces that embrace and uplift diverse lived experiences, where all people feel they belong.

EVENT: Training Opportunity: Cultures of Belonging in the Workplace

Where: Snow Valley Ski Resort
2632 Vespra Valley Road
Minesing, ON L0L 1Y3

When: Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Register: This is a FREE event, but space is limited and registration is required. To register, visit
<https://culturesofbelonging-mfg.eventbrite.ca>

Manufacturers who complete the one-day training session for the Cultures of Belonging course will earn a digital badge that they can promote on their LinkedIn and/or website(s).

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County of Simcoe
County Road 21 and County Road 56 Intersection Improvements
Construction Newsletter No. 2
Simcoe County Engineering, Planning & Environmental Division
Transportation and Engineering Department
August 24, 2023
County Road 56 at County Road 21 South Closure
Starting August 28, 2023

County Road 56 at County Road 21 South Closure

Please be advised that County Road 56 will be temporarily closed south of County Road 21 starting on **August 28, 2023** for construction. The closure will last for approximately 10 weeks.

County Road 56 south of County Road 21 will be inaccessible for traffic traveling North and South on County Road 56, during the closure.

Access to residences and businesses on County Road 56 and County Road 21 will be maintained at all times.

Detour routes will be set up and advanced warning signs will be installed on CR 56 and CR 21 to warn motorists of the road closure.

Detour routes are as follows:

- CR21 West to CR10 South to CR89 East; and
- CR89 West to CR10 North to CR21 East.

Designated detour route maps have been included with this newsletter and additional correspondence will be distributed to advise of the exact dates for future road closures as the project progresses.

How will I get to My Residence/Business?

The Contractor will maintain access to your residence/business.

The contractor will give prior notice of any access restrictions to the residences/businesses.

If you have any special needs for wheelchair access, please advise the CIMA+ Construction Inspector (Mark Douglin).

Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

Safety

Construction involves the use of heavy equipment and the unavoidable creation of obstacles.

We ask that you caution your children to stay clear of the working area.

We ask that you take extra caution during the construction period to ensure everyone's safety.

Who Do I Call If I Have a Problem?

If you have any questions regarding the construction, please call:

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Site Inspector
Mark Douglin
Mobile – (647) 354-5407

Dufferin Construction
Project Superintendent
Ray Elliott
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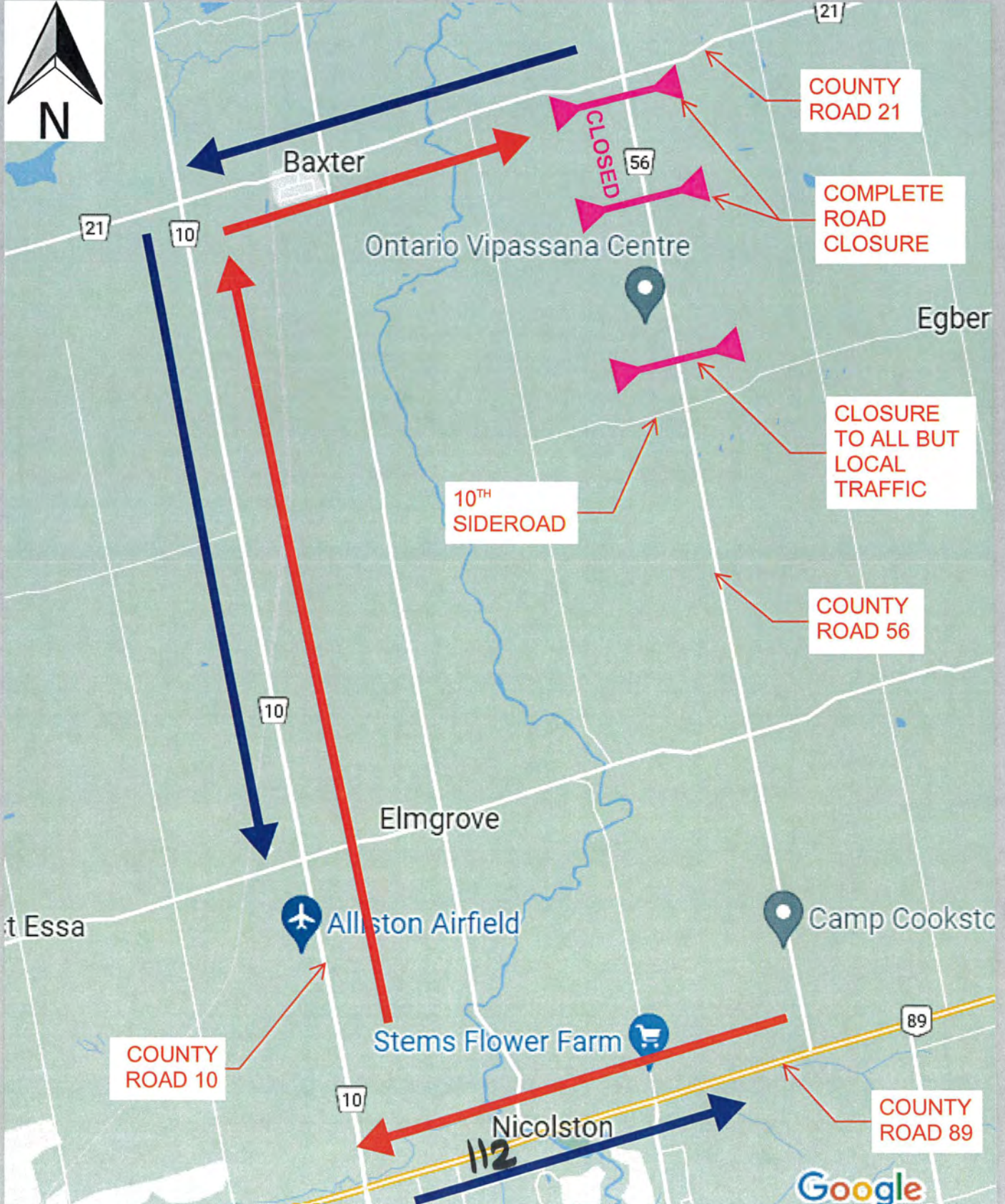
County Road 56 Closure

Detour Route:

Northbound: COUNTY ROAD 89 TO COUNTY ROAD 10 TO COUNTY ROAD 21



Southbound: COUNTY ROAD 21 TO COUNTY ROAD 10 TO COUNTY ROAD 89





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Temporary Road Closure – County Road 56 August – October 2023

Midhurst/ August 25, 2023 – In Essa Township, County Road 56 south of County Road 21 will be inaccessible for north- and southbound traffic for approximately 10 weeks, starting August 28, 2023.

Local residents and emergency services have been kept informed through the County's construction newsletters. These closures are a necessary part of the County's investment to build up transportation infrastructure and improve traffic flow and safety. Temporary road closures for construction result in a shorter schedule, reduced cost, reduced traffic impacts, and a safer work environment for the contractor.

Detour routes using County roads will be posted. Access will be maintained for local residents and businesses.

All drivers are reminded to be safe, follow signage instructions and speed limits, and use caution when driving through the construction zone. If possible, drivers are advised to avoid the area while closures are in place.

About the County Road 56 Roundabout Project

The County is currently constructing a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of County Roads 56 and 21. There will also be improvements made to storm water drainage, and lighting will be installed. These improvements will enhance public safety through grade changes to improve sightlines at the intersection. The reconstruction will also improve traffic flow in the area. Learn more about the project and traffic impacts at simcoe.ca/CR56.

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**County of Simcoe
County Road 21 and County Road 56 Intersection Improvements
Construction Newsletter No. 3**

**Simcoe County Engineering, Planning & Environmental Division
Transportation and Engineering Department**

August 29, 2023

**County Road 56 at County Road 21 North and South Closure
Starting August 30, 2023**

<p>County Road 56 at County Road 21 South Closure</p> <p>Please be advised that County Road 56 will be temporarily closed north and south of County Road 21 starting on August 30, 2023 for construction. The closure will last for approximately 10 weeks.</p> <p>County Road 56 north and south of County Road 21 will be inaccessible for traffic traveling North and South on County Road 56, during the closure.</p> <p>Access to residences and businesses on County Road 56 and County Road 21 will be maintained at all times.</p> <p>Detour routes will be set up and advanced warning signs will be installed on CR 56 and CR 21 to warn motorists of the road closure.</p> <p>Detour routes are as follows:</p> <p>North Closure of CR 56:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CR21 West to CR10 North to CR90 East; and • CR90 West to CR10 South to CR21 East. <p>South Closure of CR 56:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CR21 West to CR10 South to CR89 East; and • CR89 West to CR10 North to CR21 East. <p>Designated detour route maps have been included with this newsletter and additional correspondence will be distributed to advise of the exact dates for future road closures as the project progresses.</p>	<p>How will I get to My Residence/Business?</p> <p>The Contractor will maintain access to your residence/business.</p> <p>The contractor will give prior notice of any access restrictions to the residences/businesses.</p> <p>If you have any special needs for wheelchair access, please advise the CIMA+ Construction Inspector (Mark Douglin).</p> <p>Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.</p> <p>Safety</p> <p>Construction involves the use of heavy equipment and the unavoidable creation of obstacles.</p> <p>We ask that you caution your children to stay clear of the working area.</p> <p>We ask that you take extra caution during the construction period to ensure everyone's safety.</p>	<p>Who Do I Call If I Have a Problem?</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding the construction, please call:</p> <p>Field: CIMA+ Site Inspector Mark Douglin Mobile – (647) 354-5407</p> <p>Dufferin Construction Project Superintendent Ray Elliott Mobile – (249) 288 5936</p> <p>County of Simcoe Project Engineer Claire Walker, P. Eng, PMP Office – (705) 726-9300 Ext. 1168</p> <p>Office: CIMA+ Contract Administrator Maya Asmar Office – (289) 288-028 Ext. 6842 Mobile – (365) 323-1263</p> <p>Dufferin Construction Construction Coordinator Zaid Abbas Office – (705) 726-8061 Mobile – (249) 288-9428</p> <p>County of Simcoe Manager, Transportation Construction Julie Scruton, P. Eng Office – (705) 726-9300 Ext. 1176</p>
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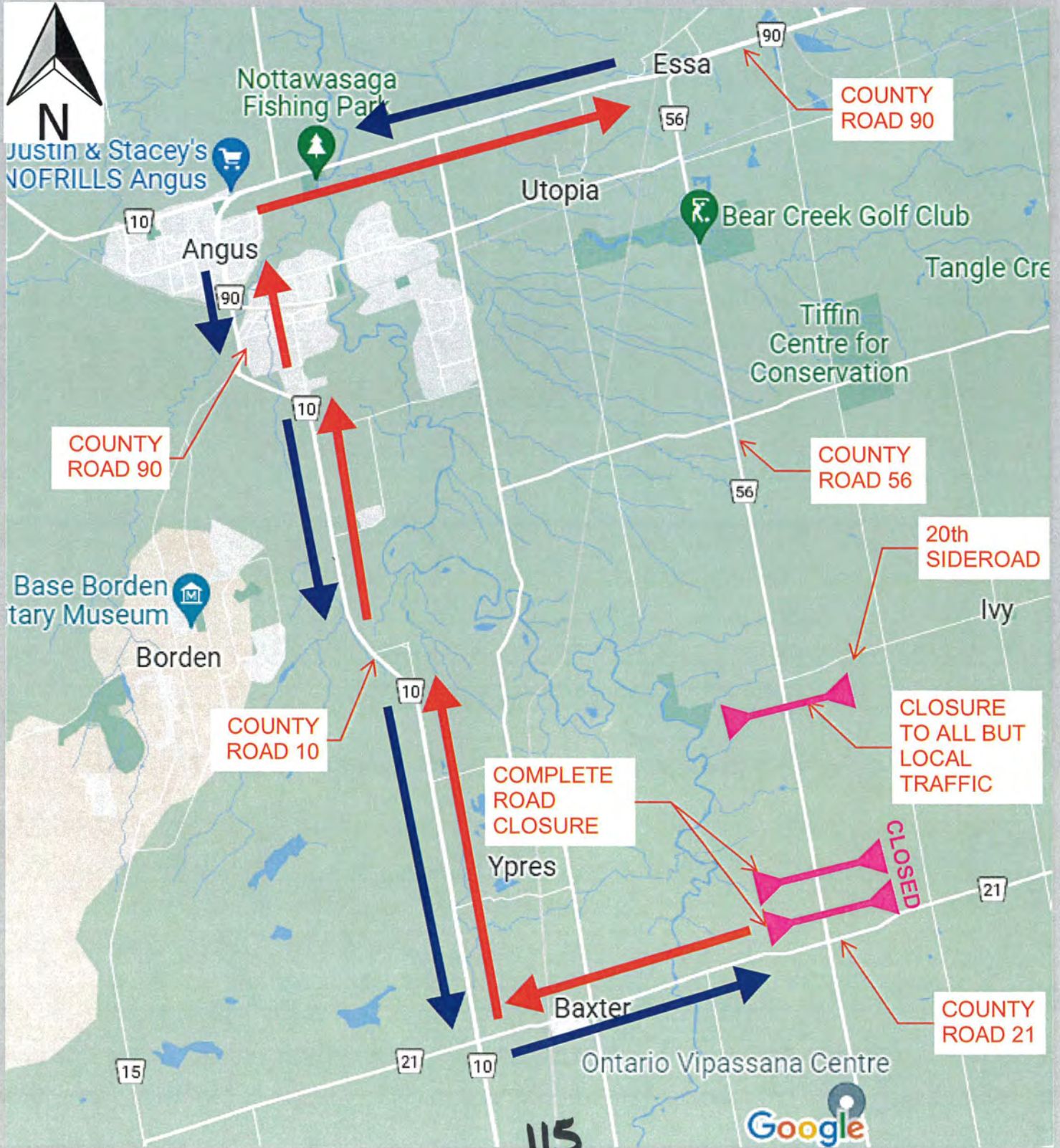
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