

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022**

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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.

Building Department Statistics

Mar-22						
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	10	23	\$2,336,513.00	\$3,402,587.00	\$15,715.50	\$22,895.95
Commercial		3		\$437,700.00		\$841.30
Industrial		1		\$200,000.00		\$2,797.00
Institutional		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL	10	27	\$2,336,513.00	\$ 4,040,287.00	\$15,715.50	\$ 26,534.25
Y.O.Y.	34	54	\$1,351,285.00	\$3,319,480.00	\$18,247.86	\$36,873.46 -28.04%

NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION				
Dwelling Units Created				
Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	4	5	\$1,921,958.00	\$2,463,958.00
Mult Res Bldgs		0		\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg		0		\$0.00
TOTAL	4	5	\$1,921,958.00	\$2,463,958.00
Y.O.Y.	2	7	\$ 540,000.00	\$ 1,955,000.00
	0.00%	-28.57%	0.00%	26.03%

Reviewed by CBO Pedro Granes



NVCA March 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: April 22, 2022, held virtually

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

Presentation on NVCA's Maple Syrup Program

Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival

NVCA's Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival represents the strong partnerships that NVCA has with communities and municipalities.

It is an opportunity to engage with community members, increase the profile and understanding of NVCA and raising funds to deliver programming and reduction of municipal levy support.

The festival is jointly coordinated by NVCA and volunteers from the Rotary Club of Barrie. This year's festival will be held on April 2 – 3, 2022 at the Tiffin Conservation Area.

Please visit [NVCA's website](#) for more information about the festival.

Environmental Education Program

Thanks to maple syrup programming, March is the busiest month for NVCA's programming outside of the Simcoe County District School Board agreement.

The program covers many different sections of the Ontario curriculum, from kindergarten up to Grade 6. It is delivered to local school boards, March Break Camp, nature school, community groups including New Comers of Canada.

In the last five years, 14 out of 18 watershed municipalities have participated in NVCA's maple syrup program. Virtual programming will be offered to the last four municipalities. French programming will be offered next year.

Maple Syrup Production

Maple syrup was already in production at the Tiffin Conservation Area in the 1970s before

NVCA took over ownership of the property. The current program has been operating for over 20 years. Sap collection and syrup production is mostly volunteer led.

In 2017, NVCA's Board of Directors supported the purchase of an evaporator that processes syrup from approximately 700 taps, or over 1.5 km of line.

Revenue

Each year, the maple syrup education program captures \$25,000 annual revenue, while maple syrup sales make up for \$10,000 annually and in 2019, the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival saw \$20,000 in revenue.

Canada Community Revitalization Fund

NVCA's Board of Directors approved the use of the Canada Community Revitalization Fund to replace an accessible pond platform and the construction of an accessible pond dipping platform at the Tiffin Conservation Area.

This infrastructure will ensure students of all abilities taking part in Tiffin's Environmental Education program can participate in pond studies, and will be completed by December 31, 2022.

Update Inventory of Programs and Services for Submission to Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

In February 2022, NVCA completed the Inventory of Programs and Services (IP&S), and submitted this information to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and all 18 member municipalities.

Municipal CAOs were asked to review this information with their appropriate staff and

bring the NVCA their questions and concerns. As a result, NVCA is in active discussions with two member municipalities.

As NVCA and Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority share responsibilities for several municipalities, future discussions regarding the updated Conservation Authorities Act must be consistent. Therefore, NVCA will be dividing the watershed into three collectives for some of our future meetings including:

- Eastern: Oro-Medonte, Barrie, Innisfil, Bradford West Gwillimbury, and New Tecumseth.
- Central North: Springwater, Wasaga Beach, Essa, Clearview, Collingwood and Blue Mountain.
- Western: Adjala-Tosorontio, Amaranth, Mono, Shelburne, Melancthon, Mulmur and Grey Highland.

Planning Services Workload and Staffing

Since 2018, NVCA's Planning and Regulations staff has seen a 75% increase in the number of applications. The significant increase in workload has placed tremendous pressure on staff to meet provincial and municipal review timelines and has resulted in reduced efficiency in recognizing user fee revenues.

To address this issue, NVCA will add an additional planning staff person and may transition an existing administrative contract position to permanent.

The additional staff resource will assist with returning phone calls, emails, follow up on pre-consultation requests, request fees, process committee of adjustment applications and support regulations staff.

This will allow senior planning staff time to focus on high revenue files such as plan of subdivision and aggregate proposals and recognize review fees associate with those files on a more frequent basis. NVCA expects that the recognition of these fees will help support the salary of the new staff member.

Customer Satisfaction Report

In 2013, NVCA adopted a Customer Service Charter and Strategy that sets out the authority's commitment to providing excellence in customer service. Continuous improvement is a key element of the charter.

Regulations

In 2021, 100 individuals and organizations completed a client survey on the NVCA permit application process. The survey is sent to all those receiving NVCA permits.

Ninety (90%) of those completing the client survey rated their overall experience with NVCA's permit application process as good or excellent. In general, the responses that were ranked as good or excellent in 2021 was 90%, slightly lower than the 96% rating received in 2020.

Lands

Two (2) respondents provided feedback regarding parking for two of NVCA's conservation areas.

NVCA's conservation areas received 5-star ratings on Google's business listings.

Education

In 2021, 21 teachers submitted feedback surveys on NVCA's virtual environmental education programs.

Of those responding, 100% rated the programs allowed students to develop appreciation of wild spaces. Ninety-four percent (94%) ranked that there were good or excellent opportunities to interact with the natural world. Ninety-four percent (94%) of respondents ranked that the program included real-world and/or hands-on curriculum connections.

Stewardship

NVCA's stewardship services include Forestry, the Healthy Waters grant program, and other projects to protect and enhance our watershed. Comments received from funders and landowners generally describe the expertise and dedication of NVCA's stewardship staff.

Please visit NVCA's website to view the 2021 Customer Service Satisfaction Report.

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March 31, 2022

Re: Motion: Councillor Wolf re: Request to impose a moratorium on all new gravel applications, including expansions to existing licensed sites

At the Special Council Meeting of March 22, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS Ontario currently has over 3600 licenses and 2500 permits held by Operators located throughout the Province that are able to meet the expected near term needs of Ontario's construction industry;

AND WHEREAS in 2020 there was approximately 5,677,296 tonnes of aggregate extracted from properties located within the Township of North Dumfries;

AND WHEREAS applications continue to be submitted without a definitive determination if there is a need for additional supply;

AND WHEREAS gravel pits and quarries can be destructive of natural environments and habitats when not properly planned and managed;

AND WHEREAS pits and quarries have negative social impacts on host and neighbouring communities like Cambridge in terms of noise, air pollution, and truck traffic;

AND WHEREAS the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to combat climate change has brought awareness to the very high carbon footprint associated with the production of concrete and asphalt which are major end-users of aggregates;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to impose an immediate temporary moratorium on all new gravel applications, including expansions to existing licensed sites, pending a broad consultation process that would

include First Nations, affected communities, independent experts and scientists, to chart a new path forward for the extraction and processing of aggregates in Southern Ontario which:

- i) Proposes criteria and processes for determining the need for new aggregate licences (including the expansion to existing licenses);
- ii) Recommends updated policies and restrictions for aggregate extraction below the water table to reflect current groundwater sciences; including quarterly water monitoring reports.
- iii) Assesses the cumulative impacts of aggregate operations in terms of off-site impacts to environmental systems; the groundwater regime and baseflow contributions to area watercourses, wetlands, etc; area habitat including corridors; traffic along haul routes; and, dust and noise emissions;
- iv) Develops new guidelines for reprocessing / recycling of concrete and asphalt products in order to ensure sustainable aggregate supplies;
- v) Recommends a fair levy for aggregate extraction that includes compensation for the full environmental and infrastructure maintenance costs to the local community of extraction and distribution of aggregate;
- vi) Provides greater weight to the input by local municipalities to lessen the social impacts from aggregate extraction and truck haul routes through their communities

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the leaders of all Provincial Parties, the Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources & Forestry, the MPPs of Waterloo Region, and, the Region of Waterloo.

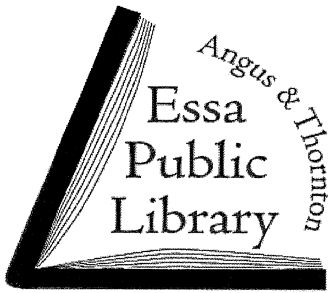
Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
City of Cambridge Council



March 31, 2022

Communication to Essa Council re: 2022 budget allocations

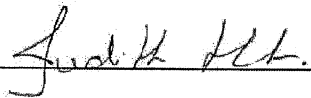
Additional funds will be needed in the Building and Maintenance Budget line to address the cost of replacing lights at Angus Branch this year. These costs were not known when the 2022 budget estimates were submitted and approved by Essa Council.

The Essa Public Library Board approved the following to meet this facility need:

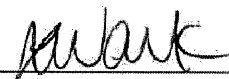
2022:022 Moved: HS Seconded: PK Carried
THAT the Library Board approves repositioning \$4,000 from the Capital Budget line 40-60-846-899-8060, Computer Equipment, to 02-20-445-625-6061, Building Repairs and Maintenance, to facilitate the replacement of pendant lights at Angus Branch.

No additional funds will be required, so the net impact on the 2022 budget will be zero.

Respectfully submitted by



Chair: Judith Hunter



CEO: Laura Wark

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March 31, 2022

Dear Heads of Council and Chairs of District Social Services Administration Boards:

In April of 2019, our government announced the Community Housing Renewal Strategy (CHRS) which outlined our plan to work with Ontario's partners in municipalities, non-profits, and housing co-ops to stabilize and grow the community housing sector.

We have already made great progress achieving these objectives as evidenced by the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020* (Bill 184), which supports our government's plan to ensure all Ontarians can find a home that meets their needs and budget.

Our government has delivered on the CHRS by:

- Launching programs under the **National Housing Strategy** to maintain affordability and rental support for households, grow community housing supply, and connect households with opportunities for homeownership;
- Providing over 9,000 low-income households with portable housing benefits (PHB) through the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB);
- Making life easier and safer for tenants and housing providers by simplifying Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) rules, changing waitlist rules to allow vacant units to be filled more quickly, and limiting access for those previously evicted for criminal activity; and
- Passing amendments made to the *Housing Services Act, 2011* to enable the creation of a new regulatory framework for community housing that is more efficient and better meets households' needs.

It is with great pride that I can inform you that our government is introducing a new regulatory framework under the CHRS. The new regulatory framework responds to our extensive consultation with the sector and stabilizes Ontario's community housing system for those who live and work in it.

We have made regulatory changes to protect much-needed community housing across the province and make sure the system is sustainable over the long term.

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The new community housing framework encourages housing providers to remain in the system by signing service agreements. This will protect critical community housing supply and encourage housing providers to continue to offer deeply affordable rents for tens of thousands of Ontario households.

These changes will ensure community housing is there for the people who need it most by requiring Service Managers to set local income and asset limits and continuing to prioritize survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking for rent-geared-to-income assistance.

These changes will also improve efficiency and update accountability rules to encourage new programs that meet local housing needs.

These changes will begin to come into effect on July 1, 2022, with full implementation by July 1, 2023.

For your information, copies of the regulations are posted here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r22242>

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r22241>

On behalf of our government, I would like to extend our thanks for your work in developing the new framework. We look forward to continuing to work with our municipal partners to develop guidance material to support implementation of these changes in local communities over the coming months.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

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March 31, 2022

Good Afternoon,

On March 30, 2022, the government released its More Homes for Everyone Plan, that proposes targeted policies and initiatives for the immediate term to address market speculation, protect homebuyers and increase housing supply.

Details about the range of measures in the government's plan can be found in the news release here: Ontario is Making It Easier to Buy a Home | Ontario Newsroom.

The More Homes for Everyone Plan is informed by a three-part consultation with industry, municipalities and the public. This includes the Rural Housing Roundtable and the first ever Ontario-Municipal Housing Summit, letters to all 444 municipalities asking for their feedback, and follow-up meetings with the leaders of municipal organizations. On behalf of the ministry, thank you for being part of our consultations and sharing your valuable input.

The government also introduced Bill 109 - the More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022, and is seeking feedback on the changes proposed under the legislation and on other initiatives, through a series of housing related public consultations. This includes seeking input on how to support gentle density for multi-generational and missing middle housing, as well as addressing housing needs in rural and northern communities. These and other related consultations can be found through the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry.

The government committed to prioritizing implementation of the Housing Affordability Task Force's recommendations over the next four years, with a housing supply action plan every year, starting in 2022-23. To facilitate this, the government plans to establish a Housing Supply Working Group, that would engage with municipal and federal governments, partner ministries, industry, and associations to monitor progress and support improvements to its annual housing supply action plans.

Ontario looks forward to continued collaboration with municipalities to address the housing crisis and hear your ideas and advice on the More Homes for Everyone Plan.

Sincerely,

Kate Manson-Smith

Deputy Minister

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April 6, 2022

Dear Head of Council:

For the past two years, you, your council colleagues and municipal staff have been at the forefront of the response to COVID in Ontario. I deeply appreciate your continued collaboration with the province and your inspiring dedication.

With key public health and health system indicators continuing to remain stable or improve, Ontario is cautiously and gradually easing public health and workplace safety measures with all remaining measures, directives and orders to end by April 27, 2022.

Today I am writing to inform you of the status of the emergency orders that were led by my ministry and made in early 2020 under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and later continued under the *Reopening Ontario Act, 2020*, to help municipalities address some of the challenges brought on by the pandemic.

The Work Deployment Measures for Municipalities Order will end on April 27, 2022

Since April 16, 2020, O. Reg. 157/20, Work Deployment Measures for Municipalities (order) provided municipalities with the flexibility to deploy certain staff to where they were needed most in response to COVID-19 pressures.

The order was a temporary measure and, in line with the province's lifting of public health measures, it will end on April 27, 2022.

Any deployments your municipality has made using the authority in the order will need to end by April 27, 2022. If your municipality is relying on the order to deploy staff, it is important to work collaboratively and in good faith with your bargaining agents to develop staffing plans beyond April 27, 2022.

The Patios Order will end on April 27, 2022

O. Reg. 345/20, Patios, eliminated Planning Act requirements for notice and public meetings and removed the ability to appeal when municipalities passed temporary use by-laws for new or expanded restaurant and bar patios. This allowed municipalities to pass or amend these by-laws quickly to address local circumstances and needs as they evolved.

The order was a temporary measure and, in line with the province's lifting of public health measures, will end on April 27, 2022.

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Heads of Council
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As the order will end on April 27, 2022, your municipality may wish to consider making any necessary changes to temporary use by-laws for restaurant and bar patios prior to this date. Changes were made as part of Bill 13, the *Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021* in December 2021 to help streamline the planning system and provide municipal councils broader authority to allow more planning decisions to be made by committees of council or staff. Municipalities can now delegate decisions dealing with minor amendments to zoning by-laws, such as temporary use by-laws, should they choose to (and subject to having appropriate official plan policies in place).

Temporary Health or Residential Facilities

O. Reg 141/20 came into effect on April 9, 2020. It has exempted temporary shelters and health facilities, established to respond to the effects of the pandemic, from the requirement to obtain a building permit or a change of use permit under the Building Code Act, from complying with the technical requirements of the Building Code and with certain by-laws and approvals under the Planning Act, subject to certain conditions related to protecting public health and safety.

This order will also end on April 27, 2022. I understand that some of these temporary facilities are still in use to respond to the effects of the pandemic. I intend to make amendments to the Building Code that would continue to exempt these facilities from the need for a building permit and compliance with the Building Code on a temporary basis, while ensuring they continue to be regularly inspected. Your municipality may wish to consider if any new temporary use or zoning by-laws or amendments to existing temporary use or zoning by-laws may be needed before the order ends on April 27, 2022.

There may be other emergency orders that are ending and may impact your municipality. For the latest information, please visit the government's page on [COVID-19 emergency information](#).

If your municipality has any questions about any of the changes outlined above, we encourage your staff to contact [your local Municipal Services Office](#).

Thank you again for your continued support in protecting the health and well-being of Ontarians while delivering the services they depend upon.

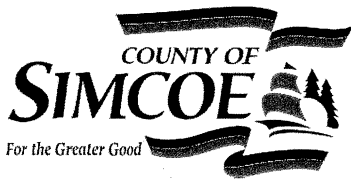
Sincerely,



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County opens 2022 Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program

Midhurst/ March 31, 2022 – For the fourth year in a row, the County of Simcoe is providing \$500,000 in funding to support eligible applicants in creating additional age-friendly housing in Simcoe County.

“The County is working hard to address affordable housing in our area, including enhancing support services and resources to meet the needs of our aging population,” said Warden George Cornell. “Since 2018, we have provided annual funding through the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant, and we are pleased to have supported almost 200 projects through this innovative program. We encourage eligible applicants to apply and help grow the availability of age-friendly accommodations in our region.”

The grant program was recommended within the Simcoe County 2018-2023 Positive Aging Strategy, which identified a number of recommendations for the County and its municipalities to prepare for the region’s aging population. The program will fund projects that incorporate accessible, adaptable and inclusive designs, which allow seniors to continue to live independently in their communities for as long as possible.

Grants will be awarded under three streams: accessible housing design for seniors; design for individuals with dementia; and the provision of support services for housing that incorporates enhanced aspects of accessibility over and above compliance with the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and building code standards for residential units.

Applicants eligible for this grant include those completing housing projects located within Simcoe County (excluding the cities of Barrie and Orillia). Applicants who were successful in obtaining an Age-Friendly Seniors Housing grant in the past three years are not eligible to apply in 2022. Applicants can be homeowners of principal residences or developers, who wish to include accessible, adaptable and inclusive design modifications for occupants aged 60 or older. Grant amounts will be distributed based on the number of applications received and ability to meet funding criteria.

An Age-Friendly Grant Selection Sub-Committee will evaluate each grant submission in accordance with established evaluation criteria and make recommendations to the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Advisory Committee for endorsement.

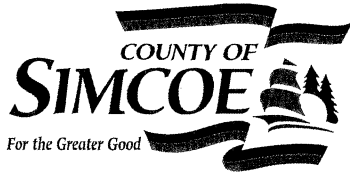
Since 2018, 75 per cent of all applicants to the grant program have been success and received County support. The deadline for 2022 application submissions is June 30, 2022. For further details, or to apply to the Age-Friendly Housing Seniors Grant program, please visit <http://www.simcoe.ca/LongTermCare/Pages/Age-Friendly-Seniors-Housing-Grant-Program.aspx>.

The County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New program for Simcoe County aims to “spark” innovative tourism ideas with mentorships and grants

Midhurst/April 6, 2022 – A new program aimed at sparking and supporting innovative tourism ideas in Simcoe County was officially announced today. The “Spark” Mentorships & Grants Program will match selected applicants with a mentor and provide a \$3,000 seed grant to help take their new tourism idea to the next level.

The “Spark” Program was first launched in 2018 by the Tourism Innovation Lab, and has now been delivered in over 20 regions across Ontario and British Columbia. Its goal is to find, foster and support new tourism ideas that will enhance current offerings, address gaps or challenges, motivate travel and longer stays, increase year-round visits. Program organizers are especially interested in ideas that will advance sustainable and regenerative tourism in Simcoe County.

Individual entrepreneurs, small businesses, non-profits and community groups are encouraged to apply with their new tourism ideas for Simcoe County from April 6th to May 12th, 2022. Following a juried review process, five finalists will be invited to virtual Pitch Session where three winners will be selected to receive mentorships and grants.

The Simcoe County “Spark” Program is being led by the Tourism Innovation Lab in collaboration with Tourism Simcoe County and Regional Tourism Organization 7.

For more information visit www.tourisminnovation.ca/SimcoeCounty.

Quotes

“The County of Simcoe is proud of its small businesses and the innovations they bring to the region. The ‘Spark’ Program is especially exciting in that it brings new tourism ideas to promote and enhance Simcoe County all year. I look forward to seeing the ideas pouring in and increased tourism to our beautiful region.”

~ *George Cornell, Warden, County of Simcoe*

“We are beyond thrilled to be launching the “Spark” Program by Innovation Lab in Simcoe County. We have some of the most unique tourism product offerings and operators, and are truly looking forward to seeing the ideas and experiences developed through this program.”

~ *Kathryn Stephenson, Manager of Tourism, County of Simcoe*

“We are eager to continue our relationship with Innovation Lab and welcome Simcoe County as a new partner to this program. The stimulus that the “Spark” Program ignites in the pioneering spirit of tourism entrepreneurs benefits the business community and will help with the continued recovery of the tourism industry within Simcoe County and Region 7”.

~*Bill Sullivan, RTO7*

“We are very excited to be launching the “Spark” Program in Simcoe County. Innovative tourism ideas brought forward by entrepreneurs, small businesses and organizations will elevate Simcoe County’s tourism offerings and experiences and inspire travel to the region.”

~ *Justin Lafontaine, Program Lead, Tourism Innovation Lab*

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About Tourism Simcoe County

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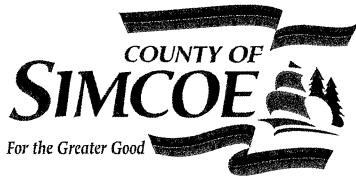
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Bi-weekly Leaf and Yard Waste Collection starts April 11

Midhurst/ April 11, 2022 – The County of Simcoe’s popular curbside Leaf and Yard Waste Collection program is set to start April 11 in Zone One, running until the end of the week of May 31. These bi-weekly collections include leaves, grass, branches (sized and bundled appropriately), and other appropriately prepared garden waste. Residents are reminded to use kraft paper yard waste bags, compostable bags, cardboard boxes, or open-ended rigid containers when placing leaf and yard waste at their regular collection point.

Materials for collection should be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday of the collection week for each area. Collection will occur during the week, not necessarily on residents’ regular garbage day. To determine your collection zone and collection weeks, please refer to the 2022 Waste Management Calendar, which was mailed to households earlier this winter or it can be found at [this link](#). The schedule is also available on the Simcoe County Collects App, which is free to download from the App Store or Google Play.

Spring 2022 leaf and yard waste will be collected throughout the week in each zone as follows:

Zone One

- April 11, 2022
- April 25, 2022
- May 9, 2022
- May 23, 2022

Zone Two

- April 18, 2022
- May 2, 2022
- May 16, 2022
- May 30, 2022

Residents also receive two leaf and yard waste collection weeks in July.

This schedule and program does not apply to the cities of Barrie and Orillia.

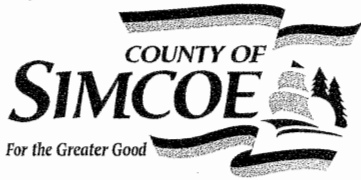
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County of Simcoe among provincial leaders in waste diversion

Midhurst/April 12, 2022 – The County once again records outstanding residential waste diversion rates. In late 2021, provincial data from 2020 showed the County placed second out of 98 municipalities, with a 64% diversion rate. This is the County's highest diversion rate since recordings began in 2006.

"It is clear from these most recent data, that County residents and businesses are working hard to divert materials and preserve our environment for future generations," said Warden George Cornell. "We're pleased to see that the County of Simcoe is leading the way in its diversion efforts. Ranking second of 98 municipalities demonstrates that we're moving in the right direction and that our innovative and convenient waste services are meeting the needs and expectations of our residents."

Rob McCullough, Director of Solid Waste Management, is very optimistic about these results, while recognizing room for improvement. "These results show that our solid waste management practices are having the desired impact. We continue our 14-year streak of increasing diversion rates. However, more than 50 per cent of what we throw away curbside could be diverted within our existing programs, particularly organics. So, there is still much work to be done, and we will continue to provide education on our diversion programs and promote the importance of separating materials," said McCullough.

In addition to improved curbside diversion rates, the County has also seen great success at its waste drop-off facilities, where 18 innovative programs for different materials, including asphalt shingles, have diverted more than 66 per cent of drop-off materials from landfill.

In late 2021, the County also moved to automated cart collection to pick up residential waste and upon completion of the curbside waste audits occurring this summer, the full dataset will be analyzed, and a final review will be reported to Council.

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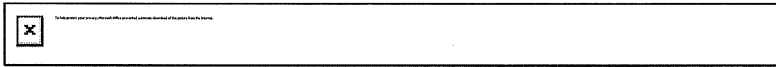
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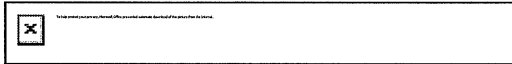
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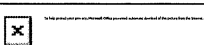
Please join us for our 27th Annual Golf Tournament on June 22, 2022 at the Nottawasaga Inn Resort and help us celebrate our 60th year.

Attached you will find the registration form [online](#) or via [PDF](#).

Registration opens at 10:30 am and our outdoor BBQ Lunch will start at 11:00 am followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 pm. Fun contests and raffle draws as well as our first online silent auction event that will open up a few weeks prior to the event for everyone to participate in.

We are looking for players, silent auction donations and sponsors for the event - see various opportunities to become involved on the below graphic. We hope you will consider supporting us in some way.

A 60th Anniversary event for CLASS is being planned and we hope to share details with you soon.



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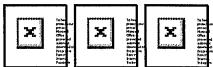
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Do you like to have fun while supporting a local charity...maybe even a bit of Golf? Do you or someone you know like to Golf? Do you have a few hours of time to assist a long-standing charity in your own community that support people with intellectual disabilities? We could use your help at the Golf tournament this June with the following?

- Registration/Raffle ticket sales
- Assist with Putting Contest
- Hole in One Monitoring
- Online auction monitoring

Volunteer

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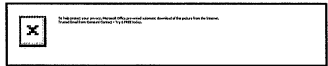


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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Invests \$19M to Help Tackle Housing Crisis

Funding for tribunals will reduce case backlogs and speed up decisions

April 01, 2022

Ministry of the Attorney General

TORONTO – The Ontario government is investing more than \$19 million over three years to help reduce the longstanding backlogs and accelerate decisions at the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) and Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB).

Funding will help appoint more impartial adjudicators at the OLT and LTB and support additional technology at the land tribunal to resolve cases faster.

“Ontarians deserve the opportunity to find the right home for them, and government bureaucracy should never stand in the way,” says Attorney General Doug Downey. “We are making even more investments in the Ontario Land Tribunal and the Landlord and Tenant Board to help clear longstanding backlogs and drive faster decisions so we can get more shovels in the ground.”

This investment addresses a key recommendation in the Report of the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force to increase resources at the Ontario Land Tribunal so homes can be built faster.

“We recognize the important role the Ontario Land Tribunal plays in the province’s housing supply, and we remain committed to the principled and timely resolutions of the matters before us,” says Greg Bishop, Alternate



Chair for the Ontario Land Tribunal. “This investment will allow the Tribunal to schedule hearing events and issue decisions quicker and more efficiently than before, and we appreciate the support of the Ontario government to allow us to provide an even higher quality of service to Ontarians.”

Investments at the OLT will support faster case resolution by:

- Significantly increasing the number of full-time adjudicators and case processing staff
- Creating flexibility to address caseload trends by appointing more part-time adjudicators
- More than doubling the capacity for the use of expert land use planning mediators to help settle disputes earlier and narrow issues for faster adjudication
- Improving IT platforms to improve access to services online

Investments at the Landlord and Tenant Board will raise staffing to unprecedented new levels, allowing the Board to more quickly resolve existing backlogs.

“Our More Homes for Everyone plan proposes smart, targeted policies that make the approvals process work better and faster to help more Ontarians find the home that’s right for them. It lays a strong foundation for our long-term plan to deliver the Task Force and create multi-generational communities that work in every municipality,” said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “As the ultimate impartial adjudicator, investing in the Ontario Land Tribunal as well as the Landlord and Tenant Board will help break the cycle of delays and appeals – getting homes built faster and helping tenants and landlords resolve disputes.”

Quick Facts

- These changes are part of More Homes for Everyone, the next phase in the government’s plan to build all kinds of homes faster.
- Since 2019, new adjudicators hired by the government have helped reduce a longstanding backlog of Ontario Municipal Board cases by more than 60 per cent.
- In 2021, Ontario had the highest level of new home construction since 1987, and the highest level of rental construction in 30 years.



Additional Resources

- [More Homes, More Choice: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan](#)
- [Report of the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Helping Non-Profits Build Housing in Vaughan

Province providing surplus land to help create housing for families

April 06, 2022

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

VAUGHAN — The Ontario government is helping create new housing by providing over four acres of surplus provincial land at the corner of Dufferin and Centre Streets in Vaughan to a not-for-profit. Making use of provincially owned surplus lands for non-profit housing is part of the government's More Homes for Everyone plan to make it easier to build community housing, cut red tape, and protect home buyers and renters.

"Ontario has a severe shortage of housing supply, and that affects all Ontarians – no matter what your budget or background is. Families in Vaughan, and across the province, are having trouble finding homes that meet their needs and budget," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "That's why our government is making it easier to build all types of housing where it makes sense – so that no one is left behind. We're making better use of provincially-owned lands for non-profit housing in a location that's ideal for families because it is close to community services, amenities, and public transit."

Through *More Homes For Everyone*, Ontario is proposing to make the community housing system more sustainable and efficient by working with local partners to develop a new regulatory framework under the Community Housing Renewal Strategy. The proposed new regulatory framework would encourage housing providers to stay in the system to ensure the province's most vulnerable people remain housed.

The government has also successfully negotiated an agreement with the federal government to provide a combined \$127 million through a fifth round of the Social

Services Relief Fund (SSRF) that will add to rent banks, keep vulnerable Ontarians housed, and create long-term housing solutions in response to increased need for services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This brings Ontario's total investment through SSRF to date to nearly \$1.2 billion, one of the biggest investments made in supportive housing and homelessness supports in the province's history.

"Following years of uncertainty and ongoing challenges, we want to ensure that the most vulnerable in our society have the support that they need," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "We will continue to work with all levels of government to make sure those supports are available to those who need it most."

"I am pleased to welcome today's announcement that the Province of Ontario will unlock provincial lands near Dufferin and Centre Streets in the city of Vaughan to address housing affordability for the citizens of Vaughan and beyond," said Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor of Vaughan. "I want to thank the Province and Minister Steve Clark for their continued efforts on this critical province-building priority. In Vaughan, we have always advocated for diverse, affordable and attainable housing options that align with our vision to move our city forward without leaving anyone behind. We remain committed to working with all levels of government and the community to develop solutions to address the ongoing housing affordability challenges faced by Vaughan residents and all Ontarians. Together, through hard work and collaboration, we can build a land-use planning process and invest in housing supports that will create more housing options for Ontarians."

Quick Facts

- The province continues to advocate for municipalities to receive their fair share of funding from the federal government, which is underfunding Ontario by approximately \$490 million under the National Housing Strategy and Reaching Home program. These additional revenues would flow to municipal service providers to ensure vulnerable Ontarians can access the housing they need.
- To help make underutilized provincially owned land more productive for communities, the government recently introduced the Centre of Realty Excellence (CORE), passed as part of the Fewer Fees, Better Services Act. The new CORE initiative streamlines government processes so underutilized properties can be sold at the greatest value for taxpayers and transformed to better serve the needs Ontarians and their communities, with the priority of creating more affordable housing and long-term care beds.
- To inform Ontario's More Homes for Everyone plan, the government conducted a three-part consultation with the public, municipalities and industry, including a report from the [Housing Affordability Task Force](#) that will serve as Ontario's long-term housing roadmap.



Additional Resources

- [Ontario is Making It Easier to Buy a Home](#)
- [More Homes for Everyone](#)
- [Ontario's housing supply progress](#)
- [Community Housing Renewal Strategy](#)

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April 4, 2022

AMO Policy Update – *Getting Ontario Connected Act*, Proposed Gas Tax Reduction

Remarks to Standing Committee on Bill 93, *Getting Ontario Connected Act*, 2022

On March 30, 2022, AMO Executive Director, Brian Rosborough, made a presentation on behalf of members to the Standing Committee on General Government regarding Bill 93, the *Getting Ontario Connected Act*. AMO and municipal governments place critical importance on internet and cellular connectivity for our residents and businesses, and AMO's remarks to the Standing Committee can be found [here](#).

Province Proposes Gas and Fuel Tax Reduction for Six Months

The province has announced that it is introducing legislation, that if passed, would cut the gas tax by 5.7 cents per litre and fuel tax by 5.3 cents per litre for six months beginning July 1, 2022. AMO has been assured by the province that this will not impact the associated municipal transit funding.

Effective July 1 until December 31, 2022, the gas tax rate would be cut from 14.7 cents per litre to 9 cents per litre, representing a cut of 5.7 cents per litre. The fuel tax rate, which includes diesel, would be reduced from 14.3 cents per litre to 9 cents per litre, representing a cut of 5.3 cents per litre.

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April 7, 2022

Lead Where You Live: AMO's Guide to Running for Municipal Election

Available Now

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) understands there are many moving parts and things to know when it comes to running for municipal council.

With the October 2022 election in mind, AMO has assembled an easy-to-use guide that provides all the information you need when preparing to run for council. What you will find in AMO's guide are important considerations on managing your campaign like:

- How municipal government works, including the role of council and structure of government
- Key things to know about managing a campaign, including key dates and eligibility requirements
- Rules related to campaigning, including campaign finance rules
- Tips for dealing with media/social media
- Election day and information about voting
- Key resources for after the election

Although the **Lead Where You Live** guide doesn't get into the ins and outs of council and council meetings, it does highlight things you will

want to get familiar with during your campaign so you are prepared should you be elected.

After the election, AMO will be providing a range of training and resources to help incoming councillors navigate the ins and outs of council meetings, legislation, staff-council relationships, conflict of interest and so much more.

This new and refreshed guide replaces AMO's *'So You Are Thinking of Running for Council'*.

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POLICY UPDATE

April 8, 2022

AMO Policy Update – Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF), Federal Budget Announced, Ukrainian Families Supports, and *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*

Fifth Round of Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF)

On Wednesday April 6th, the province announced a successful agreement with the federal government to provide a combined \$127 million through a fifth round of the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF). This needed funding will add to rent banks, keep vulnerable Ontarians housed, and create long-term housing solutions in response to the increased need for services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This announcement brings the province's total investment through SSRF to date to nearly \$1.2 billion. AMO welcomes this news and will continue to monitor the situation, work with service managers and the province, and advocate for additional funding if required. A letter from Minister Steve Clark was sent to Service Managers and CAOs yesterday.

Federal Budget Announced

Yesterday the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, the Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister delivered the federal government's 2022 Budget. Of particular interest to

municipal governments, the budget makes substantial housing related investments and allocates further resources to climate change and infrastructure.

Below is the detailed federal budget summary prepared by the Municipal Finance Officers Association. AMO will continue to review the federal budget and provide additional member updates as needed.

The Municipal Finance Officers' Association Summary of the 2022 Federal Budget

Supports for Ukrainian Families Arriving in Ontario

The Ontario government has launched a suite of supports for Ukrainian families arriving under the new emergency travel authorization, including a dedicated hotline (1-888-562-4769) and e-mail address to connect new arrivals with job search supports and local employers in the community.

The supports available to Ukrainian newcomers, including those arriving under the new federal travel authorization, also includes:

- Access to Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) coverage which includes health care supports and services they may need, including mental health services.
- Access to drug benefits for Ukrainians through OHIP eligibility or receiving emergency income assistance.
- Access to emergency housing through settlement service agencies and Ukrainian community organizations, including host homes and other temporary settings that Ukrainians may need until long-term arrangements are made.
- Ensuring Ukrainian elementary and secondary school students can attend publicly funded schools for free.
- Trauma-informed counselling and culturally responsive supports to students and families as well as the promotion of intercultural understanding and awareness of Ukrainian stories and history, through a \$449,000 provincial investment to Canadian-Ukrainian community organizations.
- Support for persons who have been admitted to Canada on an emergency basis for humanitarian reasons studying at Ontario's publicly assisted colleges and universities through a new provincial \$1.9 million Ontario-Ukraine Solidarity Scholarship.
- Financial support of up to \$28,000 through our province's Second Career Program, for those who apply and are eligible, for basic living allowances, tuition, transportation, and other critical needs.

In addition, hundreds of Ontario businesses have offered Ukrainian arrivals employment and assistance. The government is providing an increase of \$900,000

over three years to the Canadian Ukrainian Immigrant Aid Society to deliver targeted settlement services. The funding will help Ukrainian newcomers get settled, find housing and access services such as mental health supports, education for children, language instruction for adults, and employment and training supports. The province is also currently working to deliver thousands of urgently needed medical supplies and equipment to Ukraine.

Initial Analysis of the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*

Further to our update on March 30th, AMO has undertaken an initial analysis of the various regulatory and legislative amendments proposed under Bill 109 – *The More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*.

This analysis covers:

- A) A summary of Bill 109 consultations and timelines
- B) AMO's general messaging on housing
- C) Key themes for response on Bill 109
- D) Next steps

A. Summary of Consultations & Timelines

Municipal governments are encouraged to consult this chart of consultations and associated deadlines carefully. The links provide more detail and information as to how to submit commitments to the appropriate Ministry's postings.

Provincial Consultations & Posting Site	Deadline for
Regulatory Registry (ORR)	Comments
Environmental Registry (ERO)	
<p><u>Proposed amendments to O. Reg 82/98 under the <i>Development Charges Act (ORR)</i></u> *closed*</p>	<p>April 6, 2022</p> <p>(<u>AMO's</u> <u>Comments</u>)</p>

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<u>Proposed amendments to O. Reg 509/20 under the <i>Planning Act</i> (ORR)</u> *closed*	April 6, 2022 (<u>AMO's Comments</u>)
<u>Proposed regulations*</u> under the <i>Condo Act</i> , the <i>Licensing Act</i> (multiple), and <i>Warranties Act</i> . (ORR)	April 22, 2022
<u>Proposed amendment</u> to the Greenbelt Plan – Growing the Size of the Greenbelt (ERO)	April 23, 2022
Proposed changes under the <i>Planning Act</i> (on the <u>ORR</u> & <u>ERO</u>)	April 29, 2022
<u>Proposed changes</u> under the <i>Development Charges Act</i> (ORR)	April 29, 2022
<u>Proposed Guideline</u> for Community Infrastructure & Housing Accelerator (ERO)	April 29, 2022
<u>Seeking Feedback</u> on Housing Needs in Rural and Northern Municipalities (ERO)	April 29, 2022
<u>Opportunities to Increase Missing Middle Housing & Gentle Density</u> , Including Supports for Multigenerational Housing (ERO)	April 29, 2022
<u>Seeking Feedback</u> on Access to Provincial Financing for Not-for-Profit Housing Providers (ORR)	April 29, 2022
<u>Proposed amendments*</u> to the <i>Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act</i> (ORR)	April 29, 2022

*Lead is Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

B. AMO's General Messages on Housing

AMO will be preparing a comprehensive submission that touches on these consultations that incorporates the following messages from our Housing Blueprint and our response to the provincially-appointed Housing Affordability Task Force:

- AMO recognizes that Ontario is facing a housing affordability and supply crisis, and that all orders of government and the private, non-profit, and co-operative housing development sectors have roles to play in solving it.
- It will take collective, constructive, and focused work by all involved to improve affordability, diversify the housing mix, and increase supply.
- The province needs a made-in-Ontario housing framework. Tinkering around the edges will not be successful. A new collective mindset and transformative change is required to address the systemic issues around housing affordability over the long-term.

C. Key Themes for Response on Bill 109

This week the joint AMO Planning and Affordable Housing Task Forces met to inform our submission to the Legislative Standing Committee. It will be delivered on Monday, April 11th and will touch on these key themes:

- **Local Decision-Making is Critical to Planning** – some of the proposed changes to the *Planning Act* seem to reduce the role of local elected officials' decision-making in the planning process. As representatives of the community in which they serve, a Council's role in planning is important to maintain.
- **Punitive Penalties will Impact Taxpayers** – the proposed requirement for municipal governments to gradually refund application fees to applicants who do not receive a decision on their zoning-by-law amendment or site plan applications is punitive and may lead to taxpayers who will in effect, be subsidizing applicants. As well, it will also diminish municipal capacity to do the work involved with planning and development approvals.
- **Details Needed around Minister's Discretionary and Regulation-Making Authority Proposals** – more details and clarity around several *Planning Act* proposals are needed to ensure there are not unintended consequences for municipal governments. Examples include the proposed Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator (CIHA) tool, the Minister's new discretionary authorities around the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), and regulation-making authority to authorize landowners and applicants to stipulate the type of surety bonds and other prescribed instruments.

D. Next Steps

Comments on specific proposals are under development in conjunction with the AMO Task Forces and AMO Executive given the timelines. Additional updates will be provided ahead of the April 22nd and 29th deadlines.

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AMO Policy Update – Remarks to Standing Committee on the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*, Status Update on Blue Box Regulations

Remarks to Standing Committee on *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*

AMO's Director of Policy, Monika Turner, presented to the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly regarding Bill 109, *More Homes for Everyone Act* today. AMO's remarks can be found [here](#).

We emphasized appreciation for the province's decision to implement only some of the Housing Affordability Task Force's recommendations in the bill. AMO was encouraged to see the province's commitment to include municipal sector representation in the Housing Supply Working Group and that it would have a key role in future decision-making.

At the same time, AMO expressed concerns that some of the proposed changes will give municipal governments more responsibility, transfer risk, and create a more punitive planning regime that may have unintended consequences and not achieve the desired outcomes.

AMO and our members recognize that all parties need to be at the table contributing to solutions and a comprehensive and integrated approach to housing affordability. Given the unique housing needs of small and large urban, rural, and northern municipalities, there is lots to be done. As a mature order of government, we look

forward to being actively involved in the dynamic, long-term work needed to address all aspects of the housing challenges ahead.

Status Update – Blue Box Regulations

The provincial regulation that transitions responsibility for the Blue Box program from municipal governments to producers of packaging, paper, and packaging-like products was finalized in June 2021. The first communities will transition on July 1, 2023, and all transitions will be completed by December 31, 2025.

The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) organized a mediation process with the 3 rule-making Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs), and rules are being established to determine how the PROs will interact to establish a common collection system across the province so Ontarians will have a seamless transition with a consistent system.

All three PROs had asked for legislative amendments to aid with the rule setting process. Some of the PROs are managed by producers and others are managed by vertically integrated waste management service providers, giving different commercial perspectives for each PRO.

Meetings have been held to determine a path forward. We are aware that changes are being considered by the Ministry. We also understand that our biggest concerns on timeline and certainty are being addressed. We expect this to be resolved and an approach put in place and agreed to by July 1, 2022.

Once this approach is finalized, PROs will want to engage with municipalities to start operational planning for each municipal transition date. To prepare for these engagements, Councils should be discussing now whether they want to continue to provide blue box services beyond transition and the principles/criteria used to make those decisions. They should also be considering the timelines for these decisions to be made, particularly considering municipal elections this fall and potential need for delegated authority to staff.

For more information, visit our [Waste Diversion advocacy page](#).

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Clarington

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April 5, 2022

To All Ontario Municipalities:

Re: Correspondence Regarding the Municipality of Clarington's Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review Project, Zone Clarington

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on April 4, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #PD-037-22:

That the correspondence arising from the following Resolution, #C-398-21, passed on December 13, 2021, be forwarded directly to all municipalities in Ontario.

“Whereas rural property owners and farmers in Clarington and across the Province are affected by the natural heritage system mapping;

And Whereas the mapping of natural heritage systems conflicts between the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System, Conservation Authority mapping, official plan mapping, and zoning bylaw mapping;

And Whereas the over-reach of natural heritage system mapping often results in environmental protection designations which are not justified, and are not protecting natural heritage features, and which negatively affects thousands of rural property owners and farmers;

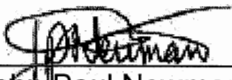
And Whereas municipalities which are engaged in official plan updates and zoning bylaw updates have no clear direction on natural heritage systems mapping from the Province;

And Whereas a thorough investigation into the designated natural heritage systems by the provincial ministries are desperately needed immediately to ensure appropriate mapping is done and the designations are indeed accurate;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

- 1. The Provincial Government be requested to issue a cease and desist order on all updates to Natural Heritage System designations in official plans and zoning bylaws, thereby pausing the updates until a review of same by the province can be completed.
- 2. Clarington not proceed further with any revisions to its natural heritage system in its zoning bylaw pending the provincial review.
- 3. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
 - a) The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - b) The Minister of the Environment, Parks and Conservation;
 - c) All Durham MPP's;
 - d) The Region of Durham and all Durham municipalities; and
 - e) AMO for distribution to all rural municipalities."

Yours truly,



John Paul Newman
Deputy Clerk

JPN/lp

c: R. Windle, Director of Planning and Development Services
A. Burke, Senior Planner

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From: Ontario Volunteer Service Awards (MHSTCI) <OntarioVolunteerServiceAwards@ontario.ca>
Sent: April 5, 2022 11:16 AM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Nominations for the 2022 Ontario Senior of the Year Award / Mises en candidature pour le Prix de la personne âgée de l'année de l'Ontario 2022

(Un message en français suivra)

Dear Mayor, Reeve and Members of Council:

I am writing to invite you to submit a nomination for the 2022 Senior of the Year Award.

Ontario's seniors have worked hard to help build this great province that we all enjoy today. This award gives each municipality the opportunity to honour one of their outstanding local seniors for the contributions they've made to enrich the social, cultural, and civic life of their community.

The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2022. For more information on how to submit a nomination online, please visit the Senior of the Year webpage. Once you submit a nomination, a personalized certificate with your nominee's name will be sent to you. I encourage you to present it to your nominee in June in conjunction with Seniors Month.

The Ontario government is delighted to celebrate Seniors Month with municipalities across the province. Seniors have generously given their time, knowledge and expertise to make this province the best place in this country to live and work. It is important that we take the time to celebrate our older population and their valuable contributions.

This year's theme for Seniors Month is Stay Active, Connected, and Safe. To help promote Seniors Month in your community, please visit the Seniors Month webpage: Celebrating seniors in Ontario for more information.

If you have any questions about the upcoming 2022 Senior of the Year Award, please contact the Volunteer Recognition Unit at OntarioVolunteerServiceAwards@ontario.ca.

Thank you in advance for your support of local seniors and Seniors Month.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Raymond Cho
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility



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From: ROMA Communications <romacommunicate@roma.on.ca>
Sent: April 5, 2022 12:19 PM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Don't Forget ROMA's Survey on Attainable Housing in Rural Ontario

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SURVEY

April 5, 2022

Don't Forget ROMA's Survey on Attainable Housing in Rural Ontario

At the 2022 ROMA Annual Conference and General Meeting, the Board released *Opportunities for Rural Ontario in Post-Covid World*. This seminal policy paper was developed to rethink strategies and solutions for the economic and social sustainability of post-COVID rural Ontario. Rural Opportunities identifies 23 recommendations under 5 key themes as a roadmap for rural Ontario to reach its full potential.

You heard at the ROMA Conference that the ROMA Board would prioritize critical actions to implement the recommendations.

Attainable housing has by far been the key priority for ROMA members. The ROMA Board has established a **Rural Attainable Housing Task Force** to develop policy solutions and strategies that consider the realities of rural Ontario.

To assist the Task Force in its work, the ROMA Board is asking its members for input. The following survey will take 5 minutes to complete and will provide valuable information that will be instrumental to the work of the Task Force.

The deadline to respond is April 12, 2022 by 4pm. ROMA values and appreciates your feedback.

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From: ROMA Communications <romacommunicate@roma.on.ca>

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Subject: ROMA Board - April Highlights

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UPDATE

April 11, 2022

Highlights from ROMA's April Board Meeting

- Housing was top of mind at the April Board meeting, as members were briefed on Ontario's More Homes for Everyone Plan released on March 30, 2022. The Plan includes Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 and numerous legislative and regulatory changes in an effort to make it easier for Ontarians to buy a home by increasing housing supply in the province.
- ROMA is creating its Rural Attainable Housing Task Force to develop policy solutions and strategies on attainable housing that consider the realities of rural Ontario.
- Housing is one of five key themes to the ROMA Board's action plan on **Opportunities for Rural Ontario in a Post-Covid World**. There will be Zone meetings throughout April to provide a focused briefing on the thinking behind the recommendations and the strategies and advocacy to move them forward.
- Please check out the timings of the zone briefings below and participate. You can check out the ROMA Zone Map to learn more about your ROMA Zone.

Watch the ROMA Board Chair Video

Zone Briefings Information:

**Please note that if you cannot attend your own zone, you are welcome to join another meeting that is more convenient.*

1. **Zones 1, 2,3** - April 12, 2022: 4pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 899 9546 9879

Passcode: 616140

2. **Zones 4, 5** – April 13, 2022: 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 889 6010 2854

Passcode: 161134

3. **Zones 6,7,8** – April 20, 2022: 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 839 7501 8334

Passcode: 898034

4. **Zones 9, 10** – April 21, 2022: 4pm EST

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 812 1303 6955

Passcode: 163713

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From: Robin Brown <robin@nottawasaga.com>
Sent: April 11, 2022 4:15 PM
Subject: Please reply by Monday May 2, 2022

The Board of Directors of Nottawasaga Futures
would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting and dinner.

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Club at Bond Head ,
4805 7th Line, Beeton Ontario
Reception 5:30 pm.
Dinner 6:00 pm.

Please let us know if you are able to attend by contacting Robin Brown by Monday May 2,2022
If you have any dietary restrictions please advise when you RSVP.
robin@nottawasaga.com
(705) 435-1540 ext. 108 or 1-800-509-7554
We look forward to seeing you there.

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April 12 2022

RE: MORE HOMES FOR EVERYONE ACT

At the meeting held on April 6, 2022, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution regarding the More Homes for Everyone Act.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Hawkins

WHEREAS Council supports removing red tape and expediting the creation of affordable housing through the proper review and approval

AND WHEREAS Council values citizen input, professional planning recommendations and elected Official decision making;

NOW THEREFORE, Council provides the following comments on Bill 109:

1. Final Decision making should rest with elected officials
2. Planner's recommendations should be subject to public input and local expertise
3. Ratepayers should not be subsidizing development applications through refunds to application fees intended to cover the cost of processing applications
4. That a definition of minor rezoning has not been established
5. Planners should not be put in a position of having to be experts and decision makers over all other disciplines
6. Delegating authority for site plans and creating penalties for site plan and minor rezonings will not solve housing crisis, as the proposed legislation targets single lot developments opposed to large scale residential development

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Province of Ontario, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Environmental Registry, the County of Dufferin and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tracey Atkinson

Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner
Township of Mulmur