

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
CONSENT AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

**A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

- p.1 1. Essa Township Building Department Statistics – June and July 2022.
- p.3 2. Essa Public Library Report – May 2022.
- p.7 3. Correspondence from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA):  
p.32 a) NVCA 2021 Annual Report.  
p.35 b) NVCA June 2022 Board Meeting Highlights.  
p.37 c) July 22, 2022 – Ukrainian Children Learn About Canadian Life at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation.  
d) August 25, 2022 – DFO Funding Helps Restore Habitat for Species at Risk.
- p.39 4. Resolution from the Township of Greater Madawaska dated June 20, 2022, re: Annual Emergency Exercise Exemption.
- p.41 5. Resolution from the Municipality of Brighton dated June 20, 2022, re: Amber Alert.
- p.43 6. Correspondence from the County of Simcoe:  
p.45 a) June 28, 2022 – Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Welcomes Chartright Air Group.  
p.46 b) June 28, 2022 – County Council Commits Additional Funding to Shelter System.  
p.48 c) June 29, 2022 – County Releases Annual Report Card on 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy.  
p.54 d) June 30, 2022 – County Council Highlights – Meeting Held June 28, 2022.  
e) July 12, 2022 – Tourism Destination Development Action Plan Underway in Simcoe County.  
p.56 f) July 20, 2022 – Joint Release – Paramedics from Across the Region Receive Governor General’s EMS Exemplary Service Medal.  
p.58 g) July 21, 2022 – County Provides Record Investment in Trails Connecting Communities.  
p.59 h) July 29, 2022 – County and Area Partners Continue to Address Area Homelessness Needs.  
p.61 i) August 12, 2022 – County Council Highlights – Meeting Held August 9, 2022.  
p.67 j) August 15, 2022 – Nomination Period Opens for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual County of Simcoe Newcomer Recognition Awards.  
p.68 k) August 15, 2022 – County Hosts Second Virtual Public Information Centre on the Barrie Collingwood Railway Active Transportation Trail.  
p.69 l) August 18, 2022 – County of Simcoe Works to Support the “Missing Middle” in the Housing Spectrum.  
p.70 m) Notice of the Adoption of an Official Plan Amendment or the County of Simcoe Official Plan.  
p.72 n) Invitation – 17<sup>th</sup> Warden’s Golf Tournament.
- p.74 7. Correspondence from the Simcoe County District School Board dated June 30, 2022, re: Concerns Related to the Child Care Sector in Ontario and the Impact on Before and After School Programs in Simcoe County.

- p.76 8. Resolution from the County of Frontenac dated July 4, 2022, re: Frontenac County Council Meeting – June 15, 2022 – Community Schools Alliance Action Plan and Social and Economic Impact for Small Communities in Ontario.
- p.78 9. Resolution from the Municipality of Tweed dated July 4, 2022, re: Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.
- p.81 10. Resolution from the City of Owen Sound dated July 6, 2022, re: Removal of Municipal Councillors Under Prescribed Circumstances.
- p.82 11. Policy Updates from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO):
- p.84 a) August 3, 2022 - Mental Health and Addictions Submission and Automated  
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- p.88 b) August 4, 2022 – High-Speed Internet Access Announcement.
- p.90 c) August 9, 2022 – Throne Speech and Budget.
- p.93 d) August 10, 2022 – *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*.
- e) August 19, 2022 – Provincial Health News from a Municipal Lens, Canada Child Care Plan Update, Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program.
- f) August 29, 2022 – Standing Committee on Bill 3, Strengthening Public Health, Increasing and Preserving Purpose-Built Rental Housing Strategy.
- p.95 12. Resolution from the Township of Mulmur dated July 13, 2022, re: Climate Emergency Declaration.
- p.96 13. Simcoe County Historical Association News and Views - Summer Edition.
- p.99 14. Correspondence from Brookfield Properties dated July 15, 2022, re: Brookfield Residential Subdivision – Background Information on Baxter Park and Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- p.101 15. Resolution from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula dated July 22, 2022, re: Physician Shortages in Ontario.
- p.105 16. Resolution from the Town of Aylmer dated August 4, 2022, re: Warming and Cooling Centre Policy.
- p.107 17. Correspondence from the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council dated August 8, 2022, re: Firefighter Certification.
- p.109 18. Correspondence from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit dated August 16, 2022, re: Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy (SMOS) Final Report 2018-2021.
- p.111 19. Correspondence from Ontario News dated August 19, 2022, re: Ontario Expanding Broadband Access in Rural Communities.
- p.115 20. Correspondence from the Ontario Sheep Farmers re: Livestock Guardian Dog Use in Ontario.
- p.119 21. Notice from the Ontario Energy Board to Customers of Enbridge Gas Inc., re: Enbridge Gas Inc. has Applied to Raise its Natural Gas Rates E January 1, 2023.
- p.120 22. Township of Essa Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Angus Infrastructure Master Plan – Notice of Study Commencement – July 14, 2021.

**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.

## Jun-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	34	102	\$4,303,061.00	\$14,817,918.00	\$28,232.65	\$94,616.67
Commercial	2	8	\$105,000.00	\$2,561,200.00	\$1,195.19	\$8,862.49
Industrial		2		\$215,000.00		\$3,297.00
Institutional	1	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural	1	2	\$172,000.00	\$472,000.00	\$2,128.00	\$2,354.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>\$4,590,061.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,076,118.00</b>	<b>\$31,680.84</b>	<b>\$ 109,255.96</b>

Y.O.Y.	51	203	\$9,006,635.00	\$ 27,050,340.00	\$56,454.59	\$ 213,151.81	<b>-48.74%</b>
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#### NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

##### Dwelling Units Created

Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	5	18	\$3,432,700.00	\$10,016,658.00
Mult Res Bldgs		0		\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg		0		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$3,432,700.00</b>	<b>\$10,016,658.00</b>

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Y.O.Y.	8	47	\$ 4,107,200.00	\$ 15,804,750.00
	<b>-37.50%</b>	<b>-61.70%</b>	<b>-16.42%</b>	<b>-36.62%</b>

Jul-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	24	126	\$1,900,643.00	\$16,718,561.00	\$16,231.55	\$110,848.22
Commercial	1	9	\$2,500.00	\$2,563,700.00	\$125.00	\$8,987.49
Industrial		2		\$215,000.00		\$3,297.00
Institutional	2	3	\$260,000.00	\$270,000.00	\$672.35	\$797.35
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural	1	3	\$6,000.00	\$478,000.00	\$288.50	\$2,643.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>\$2,169,143.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,245,261.00</b>	<b>\$17,317.40</b>	<b>\$ 126,573.36</b>

Y.O.Y.	28	231	\$2,546,218.00	\$ 29,596,558.00	\$19,706.00	\$ 232,857.81	<b>-45.64%</b>
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION				
Dwelling Units Created				
Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	2	20	\$815,516.00	\$10,832,174.00
Mult Res Bldgs		0		\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg		0		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$815,516.00</b>	<b>\$10,832,174.00</b>
Y.O.Y	2	49	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 16,504,750.00
	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>-59.18%</b>	<b>16.50%</b>	<b>-34.37%</b>

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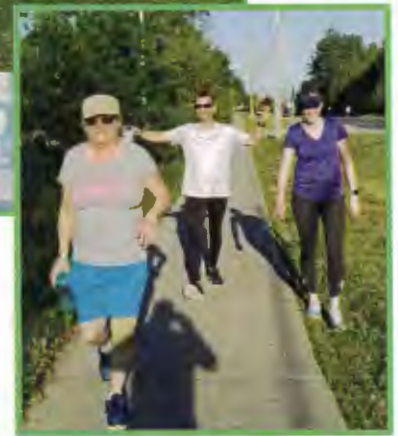




# Essa Public Library Report: May 2022

## IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

### Outcomes



Outdoor programming and the Community Gardens were featured in May.

A Ukrainian family, who just arrived in the area, visited the Thornton Branch. They were set up with membership cards and staff assisted in finding books that would help them improve their English. They said, *"It is so great that the library is well used and popular. Canada is paradise."*

The family was looking forward to visiting the library more to explore the shelves.

A patron found the new Batman dvd. He said, *"You are so great keeping up with all the new movie releases for us to watch."*

We received this comment after the *Unleash Your Future* First Aid course ended:

*"I wanted to reach out to the First Aid trainer and the library staff for organizing this training course. I think it is amazing that a library is able to extend these opportunities to the local community! It was a great course and I really enjoyed the content and methods of delivery."*

The NPSS Book Club, *One More Page*, organizer Amber, stopped by the library to say thanks to the library and library staff for getting books for the club, as the students move on to post-secondary adventures.

A new family visited the Angus Branch today and got library cards. They were happy to become members. As they were leaving, the Dad said, *"We love this place already!"*

*"I loved the Kids' Room, especially the computer and the dinosaurs!" said a young patron.*

## Programming Events & Attendance

### Adults

Zoom Cercel de Conversation  
Virtuel: 26

Bookclub - Angus: 4  
Bookclub - Thornton: 3

Cookbook Club: offered

Tech Learning - (in  
person/phone/email)  
Angus Branch: 5  
Thornton Branch: 1

Outreach - Geocache  
Angus Branch: 3  
Thornton Branch: 3

Art Display: continues

Exams: offered

Learn to Run Club - Angus: 18

Paper Card Craft - Angus: 8

### Social Media

Facebook: 8 posts  
Reactions: 51  
Followers: 1,259

Twitter: 5 tweets  
Reactions: 39  
Followers: 1,057

Instagram: 2 posts  
Reactions: 69  
Followers: 492

Youtube Views: 4,384  
Reactions: 0  
Subscribers: 410

### Kids

#### Beanstack

*New Horizons Books:*  
Active readers: 12  
Books read: 113  
Badges earned: 5

*Growing Readers:*  
Active readers: 1  
Minutes read: 186  
Badges earned: 10

Beanstack challenges  
offered: 52

#### Virtual

Growing Together Storytime:  
14

#### Other Fun

Storytime - Angus: 91  
Storytime - Thornton: 43

Outdoor Family Storytime: 81

L'Heure du Conte Bilingual:  
21

School Outreach: 20

What's Up Wednesdays After  
School - Angus: 38

Wiggles & Giggles Baby  
Group - Angus: 51

Outdoor Baby Group: 90

Pine River Elementary  
School-Welcome to  
Kindergarten: 75

### More

*Library Zest* blog posts, videos  
& email campaigns: 2

*Library Zest* blog traffic: 85

*Library Zest* unique visitors: 28

Makerspace: 2

Home Delivery: 1

### Seniors Aging Well

Your Wonder-FULL life: 21

Dementia 101 (virtual event):  
4

### Young Adults - Unleash Your Future Grant & more

Pen Pal Program: 2

One more page Teen Book  
Club: 12

### Community Partners

Ontario Parks Passes available:  
Angus: 8 Thornton: 5

Angus Morrison P.S. Council  
Meeting: 17

Campus Cleanup with  
Starbucks staff & NPSS  
Students: 7

## Circulation Totals & Analysis

<b>CIRCULATION</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>May 2022</b>	<b>YTD 2022</b>
Angus Branch	3,678	6,203	31,734
Thornton Branch	1,174	1,012	6,700
Angus Branch Computer Use	0	194	836
Thornton Branch Computer Use	0	1	42
Angus Branch Wireless Use	334	4,673	17,076
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	147	3,930	11,803
eAudio & eBooks	1,189	1,502	5,383
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>6,522</b>	<b>17,515</b>	<b>73,574</b>

<b>Circulation Analysis</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>May 2022</b>	<b>YTD 2022</b>
Print	3,962	4,754	25,147
Non-Print	799	2,388	12,948
Computer Use/Internet + Wireless	481	8,798	29,757
eAudio Books	161	197	1,000
eBooks	1,028	1,305	4,383
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	52	32	193
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	39	41	146

<b>Materials Used In-Library</b>	<b>May 2022</b>	<b>YTD 2022</b>
Angus Branch	126	691
Thornton Branch	54	128



## Online Resources & New Members

<b>Library website visits</b>	<b>YTD 2022</b>
3,728	17,288

<b>Simcoe County Libraries App</b>	<b>YTD 2022</b>
120	1,457

<b>Digital Library visits</b>	<b>YTD 2022</b>
1,938	7,165

<b>New Members</b>		<b>YTD 2022</b>
Angus Branch	62	288
Thornton Branch	6	18

## Library Highlights



*"It's more inviting and open."*



*"This library is just so COOL!"*



The Thornton Branch renovation was a wonderful surprise for patrons. New carpeting, placement of shelves, updated Circulation Desk, Maker Space & seating makes it fresh and welcoming.



*"Did you change something in here? It looks amazing!"*



Nottawasaga Valley  
Conservation Authority



**2021**  
**Annual**  
**Report**

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## Our Vision

A sustainable watershed that is resilient to the effects of climate change, urban growth and other stressors and provides for safe, healthy and prosperous people and communities.

## Our Mission

Working together to deliver innovative, integrated watershed management that is responsive to the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the Nottawasaga Watershed.

## What We Value

An abundance of clean water, clean air and fertile soils that provide for healthy people and ecosystems.

Natural heritage systems and the ecosystem services they provide, particularly as they support resilience to the effects of a changing climate.

Distinctive landforms and waterways including the Georgian Bay coastline, Niagara Escarpment, Minesing Wetlands and others that give our watershed a unique sense of place.

Quality recreational opportunities that our hills, forests, meadows, wetlands, waterways and coastline provide for residents and tourists alike.

A wealth of resources within the capacity of our watershed to provide for thriving communities, successful economies and sustainable agriculture, now and in the future.

## Message from Chair and CAO

It is safe to say that we have had an incredible 2021. We have started to implement changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act)* while at the same time, continuing on the path on the 20-year Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

There is much to be proud of across our watershed. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) staff worked hard to protect lives and properties from the risk of flooding and erosion. They were dedicated to creating resilient habitats and strived to maintain high quality recreational opportunities for visitors inside and outside our watershed. Our next generation is blessed to have devoted educators who show them the importance of protecting our environment. And this was all accomplished under the pressure of climate change, urbanization and many other stressors. The passion and commitment of our professional staff cannot be surpassed.

All of this would not have been possible without the support of our watershed municipalities as well as our dedicated Board Members, federal and provincial governments, foundations, private businesses and volunteers. Of course, we give thanks to the local residents who provide their lands, and often dollars, to help restore the environment in our watershed.

We are pleased to highlight our work in this 2021 NVCA Annual Report and we look forward to continued progress in 2022 as we work collaboratively to meet the changes to the *CA Act*.



Mariane McLeod  
Chair



Doug Hevenor  
Chief Administrative Officer

## The Nottawasaga Watershed

The NVCA jurisdiction is 3,600 km<sup>2</sup> and spans from Wasaga Beach in the northeast to Moonstone and Bass Lake, south through Barrie and Bond Head to Highway 9, west to Orangeville then heading north through Collingwood to Nottawasaga Bay. It consists of the Nottawasaga Watershed, the Blue Mountain subwatershed and the Severn Sound Tributary headwaters.

The Nottawasaga Watershed is shaped like a bowl. The rim, or the highest areas of the watershed, are the Niagara Escarpment (a World Biosphere Reserve) to the west, the Oak Ridges Moraine to the south, and the Oro Moraine to the east. The Simcoe Lowlands lie at the bottom of the bowl in the north where the Nottawasaga River flows into Georgian Bay at Wasaga Beach.

The Blue Mountain Watershed encompass approximately 222 km<sup>2</sup>. Here, four rivers form above the Niagara Escarpment, and flow directly into Nottawasaga Bay along the Town of Collingwood shoreline.

## Benefits of Having a Healthy Watershed

Our watershed is home to approximately 200,000 people and thousands of farms and businesses. A healthy watershed helps protect and enhance our lives in many different ways.

Developing in a watershed sustainably requires a well thought out plan. NVCA and its partner municipalities work together to manage human activities and natural resources on a watershed-wide basis while considering social, economic and environmental issues.



## Human Health

Our well-being depends on a healthy watershed. For example, healthy streams provide clean water for drinking and cooking, agricultural irrigation, waste water dilution, and recreational enjoyment.

When we spend time outside, we look for clean rivers, lush forests and areas with abundant wildlife. Activities like exercising, fishing, boating, hiking and bird watching are best enjoyed in these healthy environments. A healthy Nottawasaga Watershed also provides habitat for countless wildlife as well as prized sports fish such as trout, salmon, walleye, pike and bass.

## Economic Health

Local economies are strongly tied to a healthy watershed.

Agriculture is the economic engine of the Nottawasaga Watershed and relies on clean water for irrigation as well as healthy soils and pollinators.

Urban areas also rely on healthy environments as it provides neighbourhoods with access to greenspaces. Our rivers also receive and dilute waste from wastewater treatment plants.

Our strong tourism industry depends on a healthy environment. For example, the Nottawasaga River hosts one of Georgian Bay's largest salmon runs. Wasaga Beach, the world's longest fresh water beach is also situated in the watershed.

## Ecological Health

The composition of local plants, animals and their surrounding environment is fundamentally linked to the health of the watershed. Local environments are interconnected and rely on each other. If one or more of these pieces become unhealthy, the entire system can suffer, and affect our health as well as the economy. Healthy ecosystems and species diversity can also increase resiliency to climate change.

For example, rivers and streams and their surrounding environments help link natural areas across the watershed and are an important part of natural heritage systems. When rivers and streams flood, it helps fertilize the soil and disperse seeds from native plants, greatly benefiting land animals and landscapes. River systems help with nutrient management and flood attenuation.



## Our Natural Heritage

Natural heritage features include woodlands, wetlands, watercourses and the plant and animal life that live within them. When linked together, natural heritage features form natural heritage systems

Together, these systems provide important ecosystem services that support our health, economy and community sustainability, including resiliency in the face of climate change.

The Nottawasaga Watershed contains 38 areas of Natural and Scientific interest, and 20 Areas of Earth Science interest. These provincially designated areas include Niagara Escarpment and Oak Ridges Moraine. A lesser known but significant corridor connects the Niagara Escarpment to the Canadian Shield. It passes through the Nottawasaga Watershed and is made up of a system of watercourses, wetlands and forests extending from the Niagara Escarpment northeast through Minesing Wetlands to the Canadian Shield in Severn Township.

## Wetlands

NVCA's jurisdiction contains more than 4,000 individual wetlands that are greater than 0.1 hectares. Whether they are large or small, wetlands directly and indirectly provide invaluable natural services for landowners, businesses, and numerous other stakeholders. This includes maintaining healthy drinking water, providing recreational opportunities, and ensuring that native plants and wildlife have the necessary space to thrive.

Wetlands are also very important for flood control, water filtering, groundwater recharge and discharge and wildlife habitat. When there is a lot of rain or snowmelt, wetlands absorb and slow floodwaters, which helps to alleviate property damage and can even save lives. In the face of climate change, these wetlands are ever more important as we experience more extreme storm events.

NVCA is mandated to regulate all wetlands and has developed internal policies that provide guidance for how these wetlands should be protected or conserved.



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### Assessing Our Wetlands to Protect Our Wetlands

As the Nottawasaga Watershed becomes more developed, it becomes more important to understand our wetlands. In 2021, NVCA's Watershed Science team completed the NVCA Watershed Wetland Evaluation and Prioritization Report.

The report identified a total of 3,333 Provincial Significant Wetlands (PSW), 34 evaluated non-PSWs and 80 unevaluated wetland complexes. With this information, future wetland evaluation efforts can be prioritized accordingly.

Under the *CA Act*, development must be located at least 30 m away from wetlands to ensure the long-term protection and enhancement of these features.

### Ecological Net Gains

NVCA is responsible for conserving, restoring, developing, and managing the watershed's natural resources. Population growth, and resulting urbanization, presents a challenge for the protection and enhancement of wetlands throughout the watershed.

In 2021, NVCA's Planning Services team developed the *Achieving Net Gains Through Ecological Offsetting Guidelines* to address ongoing loss of wetlands and other ecological features in the watershed.

These guidelines aim to ensure that further losses of regulated natural heritage features within the Nottawasaga Watershed are highly limited, and where appropriate, met with equal or greater gains in area, value, and function.

It's important to note that by instituting a formal offsetting policy, NVCA is not promoting or supporting an increase in removal of wetlands and associated natural features throughout the watershed, but rather to overcome challenges to ensure high quality water resources are available for generations to come.







## **F** Native Grasslands

In Southern Ontario, native grasslands once covered more than 400,000 hectares of land. Today, less than 3% remain.

This puts species that depend on them, like the Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark, at risk.

In 2021, NVCA started eight projects covering over 82.9 hectares with farmers, rural landowners, volunteers and the Nature Conservancy of Canada to help restore some of these grasslands and enhance hay and pasture management.

This work was made possible thanks to funding from Forests Ontario's Grassland Initiative, World Wildlife Canada, Environment Canada and Nature Conservancy Canada.

## Planting Trees to Make Up for Losses

In recent years, trees in the Nottawasaga Watershed have become increasingly threatened by invasive species such as emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis* *Farmaire*) and *Lymantria dispar dispar* (LDD), formerly known as European Gypsy Moth.

## LDD Moths

LDD is a non-native, invasive species from Asia that was introduced to Massachusetts in the 1860s. These moths spread to Ontario in 1969. LDD caterpillars feed on deciduous trees, including oaks, poplars and birches, but will also consume conifers if there are no alternatives available.

LDD populations are cyclical, peaking after 7-10 years then crashing from parasites or fungus. Although they are not harmful to people, high concentrations of the caterpillars will defoliate trees. A healthy tree will likely survive, however young, newly planted or trees that were already stressed by other factors may not bounce back as easily from the defoliation.

In 2021, LDD impacted NVCA's planting sites by stressing and sometimes killing the trees that were planted. The population of LDD was predicted to peak in 2021. If true, their population will slowly decrease over the next few years, until there is a natural crash in their population. When populations of LDD are very high, the only way to manage trees is to patiently wait for the population to crash.

## Emerald Ash Borers

In recent years, the emerald ash borer has killed thousands of ash trees across the watershed.

Travelling all the way from Asia, the emerald ash borer was first observed in an Ontario ash tree in 2002. Over a very short amount of time, this small forest pest had managed to cause great economic and environmental destruction.

Infestations of emerald ash borer can occur in both stressed and healthy ash trees. Once this system is disturbed by emerald ash borer larvae, the affected ash tree will die.

The spreading of the emerald ash borer is of high concern because it affects all forests and residential areas in the watershed, including the ash-dominated wetlands in Collingwood and Wasaga Beach and the internationally significant Minesing Wetlands.

To compensate for this NVCA's forestry and stewardship programs planted over 100,000 trees in 2021 to help compensate for the loss of tree canopy from the emerald ash borer.



## Science

By monitoring surface water quality, groundwater and natural heritage, NVCA's Watershed Science team can identify stressors and their impacts on the local environment. This information can shape land use planning and policy decisions, and can measure the effectiveness of environmental restoration projects or the impacts of new development.

To fully understand the health of the watershed, NVCA monitors for specific attributes that can tell a strong story about the impacts on the local environment.

Water chemistry sampling provides a snapshot of the quality of rivers at the time the sample was taken. It allows for the direct comparison of results to Provincial Water Quality Objectives. However, water chemistry alone does not provide enough information about the state of the river, or how to repair degraded sections. That's where monitoring other attributes - benthic macroinvertebrates (small aquatic animals that can be seen with the naked eye and have no backbone), stream temperature and flow, as well as fish come in.

Natural heritage monitoring includes formal breeding bird surveys in forest and marsh wetland settings as well as informal monitoring of other plants and animals.

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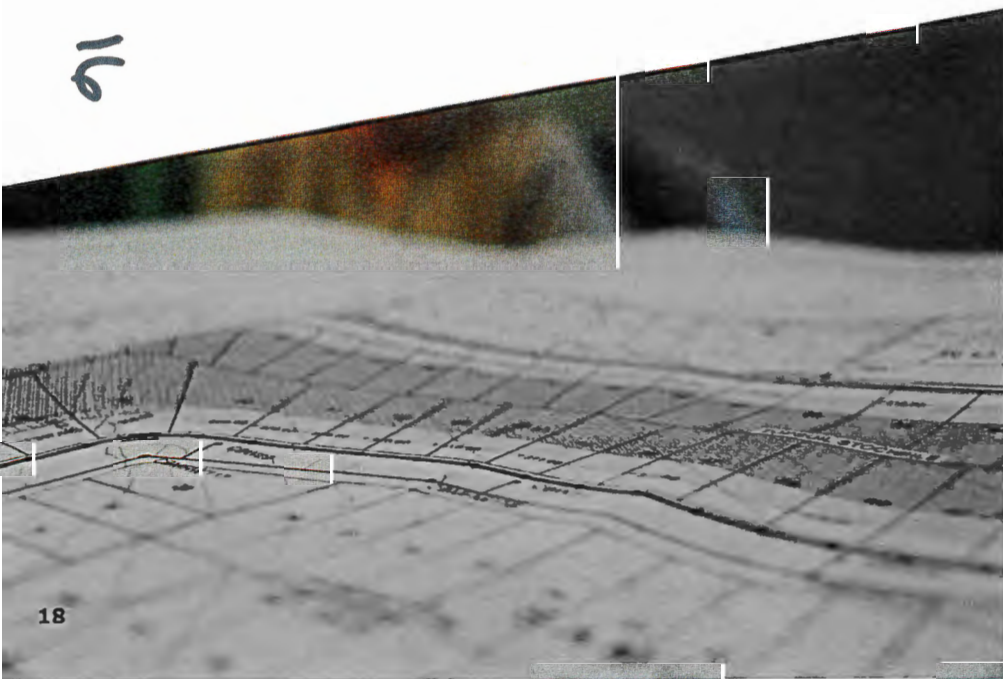
Combined, this information helps NVCA understand the human impacts on our streams and rivers. For example, impacts of development, agriculture and industry, as well as the benefits of environmental restoration.

In 2021, the Watershed Science team undertook a critical review of the watershed monitoring program to ensure all aspects of the program continue to be cost-effective and focused on directly supporting the goals of NVCA and its municipal partners.

## Partnerships

NVCA manages our watershed sustainably so that it is resilient to climate change, urban growth and other stressors. But we cannot do this alone.

We must work together with our municipalities, communities, funders and stakeholders to deliver innovative, integrated watershed management that is responsive to the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the Nottawasaga Watershed.



## Working With Our Partner Municipalities

### Permits and Regulation

Property owners looking to develop in areas with natural hazards associated with rivers, streams and wetlands, and shorelines must apply for a permit from NVCA. Similar to municipal permits such as a building permit or a site alteration permit, this permit is one of the applicable law approvals needed prior to issuance of a building permit.

NVCA's Regulation team works closely with municipal partners to ensure proper permits are in place prior to development to avoid the loss of life and damage to property due to flooding and erosion, and conserve and enhance natural resources.

In the case of non-compliances, NVCA works with municipalities to investigate the case, which may result a request for include site restoration and potential court action.

### Planning

As experts in natural hazards and plant and animal communities in the Nottawasaga Watershed, NVCA's Planning Services team works closely with municipalities, developers and consultants to find a balance between development and preserving natural environment while protecting lives and property from natural hazards.

This work begins early in the development planning process. NVCA's engineers, ecologists and groundwater specialists review the proposed development plan to identify potential risks and environmental features that may be impacted by the development. This information is communicated to developers and municipalities, and may include requests for supplementary information such as environmental impact studies, natural hazard studies and stormwater management studies.

NVCA establishes annual partnership agreements with municipalities to identify key roles and services in the development plan review process. Examples include expertise in flooding, erosion, stormwater management, natural heritage and groundwater. The partnership agreements help ensure that development application reviews are coordinated and streamlined.

## Stormwater

Soil in natural areas or farmland absorbs rainfall and snowmelt and slowly releases it into rivers and streams, helping to create a constant, permanent flow of water. As the Nottawasaga Watershed becomes more urbanized, more hard surfaces (such as pavements) are created.

It becomes harder for water to infiltrate into soil, causing large volumes of stormwater to flow into streams and rivers at a fast pace. Often, this creates erosion and flooding. The permanent flow of water entering rivers and streams from underground springs will also decrease. Going unchecked, stormwater runoff can result in contaminants (oil, pesticides, metal) going into streams and rivers.

As all streams and rivers in a watershed are connected, Ontario's legislation promotes the management of stormwater using a watershed-wide approach.

Municipalities are responsible for the management of stormwater, such as planning, design, building and the maintenance of stormwater facilities. These facilities include stormwater management ponds and various Low Impact Development techniques.

NVCA collaborates with municipalities during the development process to help ensure that stormwater meets provincial standards that ensure the protection and enhancement of our wetlands, watercourses, Georgian Bay shoreline and wildlife habitat.



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## Pretty River Dyke

In 2021, NVCA and the Town of Collingwood started the Pretty River Dyke Maintenance Project.

The Town of Collingwood was built on a shallow floodplain, making it prone to flooding. The Pretty River Dyke was built in the 1970s to reduce the risk of flooding in the urban areas of Collingwood. While considering the ecological functions of the corridor, vegetation growing along the sides of the dyke must be removed from time to time to ensure its full functionality.

NVCA and the Town of Collingwood produced a public education campaign to inform residents about the project and why removing vegetation was necessary. It included a mailout of letters and brochures to all town residents as well as two virtual public question and answer sessions.

## Working With Education Partners

Developed through years of passion and experience, NVCA's education program has proven to be a valuable asset to educate youth about our natural environment. In 2021, six new programs were created with external organizations to offer even better learning opportunities to the future generations in our watershed. Two of these programs are the Great Lakes Virtual Field Trip and a microplastics program in Collingwood.



### Great Lakes Virtual Field Trip

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks approached NVCA and four other environmental organizations across Ontario to create a virtual field trip about the Great Lake closest to each organization. As rivers and streams in the Nottawasaga Watershed flow into Lake Huron and Georgian Bay, it was the focal point for the Education team.

This collaboration was enriched with the help of experts such as indigenous peoples, museum curators, scientists, and NVCA staff to speak to students about how lucky we are in Ontario to have this precious resource, and the work that is being done to care and protect our Great Lakes.

### Microplastics in Our Great Lakes

All over the world, including in the Nottawasaga Watershed, hundreds of thousands of microfibrils go down the drain after a cycle in the washing machine. Many are too small to be captured by wastewater treatment plants and end up in our streams, lakes and finally into Georgian Bay.

With generous funding from Georgian Bay Forever, NVCA delivered a free microplastics program for students in the Town of Collingwood. The program aims to take 400 students per year to the Georgian Bay lakeshore or other areas where water collects in their community to understand how water moves through the water cycle and across the land. Students will then take sand soil samples from a beach in Collingwood and a beach in Wasaga Beach, and peer through microscopes lens to find microplastics in the samples.

## Working With Our Stewardship Funders and Supporters

### Petun Dam

The Petun Dam Removal Project is complete! In 2020, the Petun Dam was removed to help return Black Ash Creek to its original condition. This year, staff and volunteers applied finishing touches, such as planting trees, installing live dogwood stakes and constructing in-stream habitat.

Historically, water trapped behind the dam created a 100-metre long stagnant pond, causing summer stream downstream temperatures to increase by 7°C. Not only was the dam a flood risk to communities downstream but it also degraded fish and wildlife habitat.

This project was generously funded and supported by Bruce Power, Greenbelt Foundation, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Blue Mountain Watershed Trust, Georgian Triangle Angler's Association, Nottawasaga Steelheaders, Lake Huron-Georgian Bay Watershed Community Action Initiative, Enbridge, the Town of the Blue Mountains, Rumball Excavation, the Province of Ontario and the H. John McDonald Foundation.





## Nottawasaga River Restoration Program

20 Sports fisheries provide important economic benefits for many municipalities in the Nottawasaga Watershed. For example, summer Chinook salmon fishing is extremely popular in the Town of Collingwood and Town of Wasaga Beach. In the fall, many anglers fish for Chinook salmon and rainbow trout in the Township of Essa.

The Nottawasaga River is also home to native species such as brook trout and river burbot, as well as two species at risk: lake sturgeon and northern brook lamprey. All of these fish rely on healthy waterways to thrive.

The Nottawasaga River Restoration Program (NRRP) is a stream restoration initiative coordinated by NVCA and Nottawasaga Futures – South Simcoe Streams Network. The program aims to improve the water quality in the Nottawasaga River in order to enhance the world class trout and salmon sport fishery, as well as restore native fish habitat.

Restoration efforts begin in the Upper Nottawasaga River, downstream from the Village of Hockley where excellent water quality from the Niagara Escarpment deteriorates quickly. This is caused by soil and nutrients released from eroding river banks and surrounding lands. Summer stream temperatures also rise quickly as there are no forests providing shade to the stream.

Together, all of these factors degrade the habitat for sports fisheries in the Nottawasaga River.

Thanks to funding and support from many partners, NVCA's Stewardship team and volunteers planted native trees and shrubs along the river, stabilized eroding streambanks, constructed woody instream cover habitats, re-created floodplain habitats, enhanced wetlands and worked with local landowners to install livestock exclusion fencing.

These achievements were made possible through support from local landowners, volunteers, Nottawasaga Steelheaders, Mono Headwaters Streams Committee, Headwaters Flyfishers, Township of Adjala Tosoronto and the Town of Mono.

The NRRP is funded by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Patagonia-Tides Foundation, Bass Pro Shops – Cabelas Outdoor Fund, H. John McDonald Foundation, Takla Foundation, Somerville Nurseries and Rumball Excavation.

Thanks to the H. John McDonald Foundation, NVCA began to collect information about the Pine River to determine if the methods used for the Upper Nottawasaga River could be applied to restore sections of the Pine River in Township of Mulmur.

## Phragmites Control

*Phragmites australis* (European Common Reed) is an invasive perennial grass that is spreading rapidly throughout Ontario causing severe impacts in our communities and ecosystems.

It forms thick stands that choke out native vegetation. It limits shoreline access, impeding recreational activities like swimming and boating, and degrading shoreline ecosystems. This tall grass spreads rapidly and can take over wetlands harming turtle, bird and native plant habitat. It is most easily managed when stands are small or still establishing.

Since 2014, NVCA has been working with the Town of Collingwood, Blue Mountain Watershed Trust, Georgian Bay Forever and community groups in the Silver Creek Wetland Complex to remove *Phragmites* in an effort to control the spread of this invasive plant. After pausing in 2020 due to COVID-19, NVCA staff and community volunteer groups got together again in 2021 and removed over 1,190 kg of *Phragmites* from the Collingwood shoreline and nearby watercourses and wetlands.



## Working With Volunteers

In 2021, stewardship staff worked with funders and partners to purchase and plant over 9,900 native trees and shrubs along streams, wetlands and in parks.

Typically, over 2,000 volunteers and landowners help with habitat and water quality projects. COVID-19 lockdowns prevented them from helping during the intense spring planting season which presented some challenges. Thanks to some charitable donations and funders, NVCA hired hand planters to ensure the trees were not wasted. Individual landowners also stepped up and planted them beside streams with their families.

Finally, with restrictions lifted in the fall, over 250 volunteers were able to participate in our fall tree planting events.

Funding for these projects was generously donated by Environment and Climate Change Canada, Forest Ontario, Nature Conservancy Canada, TD Friends of the Environment, World Wildlife Fund, Trillium Foundation, Somerville Tree Nursery, and many more.

## Planting in Conservation Areas and Other Public Places

With so many people enjoying getting outside into local parks and trails, NVCA completed stewardship projects to give back to the natural areas we enjoy.

This year, staff completed a wide variety of habitat restoration projects including establishing forest, wetland, stream, grassland and pollinator patches. This was possible thanks to the many volunteers and funding partners that made this possible!

The Township of Essa's Healthy Communities Committee teamed up with NVCA's Stewardship team to create a pollinator patch to enhance the park and support native pollinators at LeClair Park in Angus.

Other projects were completed in the Utopia Conservation Area, Petun Conservation Area, Edenvale Conservation Area, Stayner EcoPark, Minesing Wetlands Conservation Area, Tottenham Conservation Area and Dunsmore Park in Barrie.



## Watershed Safety

### Mapping

Thanks to partnerships with our municipalities, NVCA's Information Services & Technology team obtained higher resolution topographic data and refined flood hazard limits for select areas. Updates also incorporated flood studies, natural features inventory, and assembling a land use layer for modeling. With these updates, NVCA was able to provide technical recommendation to our municipal partners such as the Town of Collingwood for the Pretty River Dyke maintenance project.

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### Improving Flood Resiliency, Naturally

In addition to reducing flood risks through planning and regulations, another important tool is enhancing our forests, wetlands and grasslands.

These natural areas allow water to soak directly into the ground to replenish groundwater, instead of flowing directly into streams and rivers. Restoring stream and riverbanks reduces erosion as the roots of the vegetation stabilizes the soil.

Forests also help provide drought resilience. As the snow melts in the spring, the snow under the trees will take longer to melt, reducing the storm peak.

NVCA's Healthy Waters Program also helps farmers increase flood resiliency through providing technical advice and grant incentives.



## Servicing Our Watershed Communities

### Educating Our Youth

Each year, NVCA educates our youth about the wonders of nature and the environment in our watershed. These topics are often discussed among family members at home, inspiring families and communities to make change.

In 2021, some the topics that were introduced to youth include the 7 R's (refuse, reduce, reuse, repair, recycle, rot, rethink), road salts and the importance of water quality.

### Teaching Hope in Climate Change

Targeted towards youth in Grades 4-8, NVCA's Education team developed a new climate change program. Through using games and technology, students will learn about what climate change is and how they and their families can make better choices to create change. As eco-anxiety is as prevalent as ever, program content will focus on the positive work that humans have done and will continue to do to make change.

This program is built on the current green energy education program. With tablets generously donated by Enbridge, students scan QR codes to launch videos about how green energy can help reduce climate change. Staff made new videos to highlight other features at the Tiffin Centre for Education, such as wetlands, and talk about the roles of those areas in climate change.

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## Our Conservation Areas

Outdoor spaces provide many benefits for humans, including the ability to reduce symptoms of stress, anxiety, depression, and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Regular use of natural areas for physical activity can reduce the risk of mental health problems by 50%.

The benefits of walking or running in a natural setting compared to indoors include greater sense of revitalization and positive engagement, decreased tension, confusion, anger, and depression, increased energy, and a greater intent to repeat the activity.

## Providing Nature Spaces for Our Communities

Visitors to NVCA's conservation areas have been increasing every year, but visitor numbers exploded in 2020 when many other activities were not available to the public due to the pandemic. Usage continued to grow in 2021, however, it was the sale of annual parking passes that saw the most significant increase, doubling annually since 2019. This is an indication that visitors value and enjoy the experiences provided by NVCA's conservation areas and recognize the value these greenspaces provide.

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### New Infrastructure at Utopia Conservation Area

With funding support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and extensive community fundraising by the Friends of the Utopia Gristmill and Park, accessible, compostable washrooms were installed to compliment the newly resurfaced accessible hiking trails. Interpretive signs were installed along the trail system to highlight the natural features and history of the property.

A new parking lot is available for visitors for passive recreation, like hiking, bird watching or cross-country skiing.

Fundraising efforts are ongoing to continue with the implementation of the 2020 Utopia Master Plan.

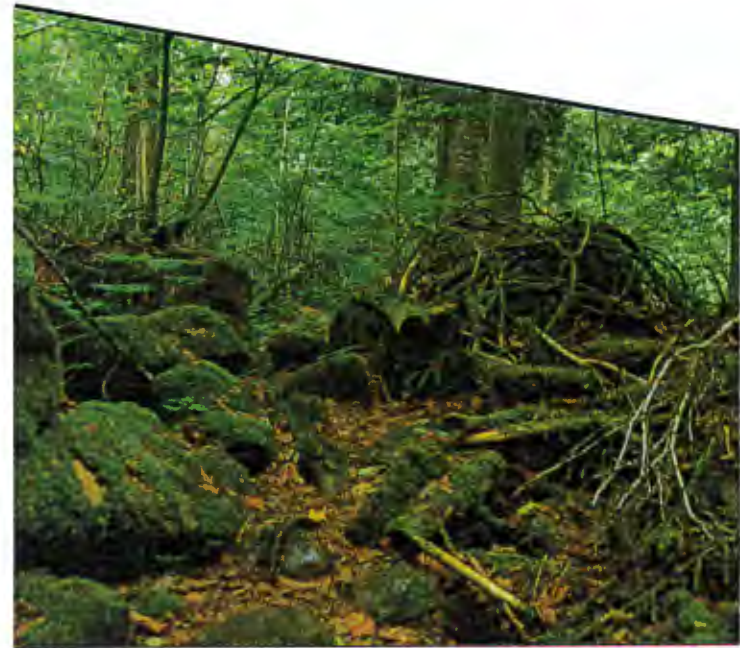


### New Parking Lot for Petun Conservation Area

The Petun Conservation Area may be located in the far, western reaches of the Nottawasaga Watershed, but that doesn't mean the property is any less important than NVCA's more central properties.

The Petun Conservation Area is one of the highest points along the Niagara Escarpment and part of the Bruce Trail transects its hills and forests. The property also supports an externally managed, seismic monitoring station that measures ground motion which can determine location and magnitude of earthquakes.

The increase of visitors noted at all of NVCA's conservation areas, was particularly pronounced at the Petun Conservation Area. In partnership with the Bruce Trail, Georgian Triangle Anglers Association and the Town of the Blue Mountains, NVCA developed year-round parking to accommodate passive recreational visitors. This project will improve the safety of visitors to the site, allowing them to park within the property boundaries and off the road.



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## Festivals Canada Funding

Every year, the Festival at Fort Willow welcomes Grade 7 students from across the watershed to learn how the Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area was used before, during and after the war of 1812. For the second year in a row, this annual festival was cancelled.

With support from Local Festivals, a grant through the Federal government, NVCA's Lands and Communications teams recreated the festival and bringing it to students through a virtual field trip. Reenactors, local experts, indigenous representatives and an archeologist provided curriculum-based information that would otherwise have been provided at the festival.

The interactive video will be provided to the Simcoe County District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic School Board and Bluewater District School Board.

## Support

### Excellent Customer Service

Although most staff continued to work remotely in the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, NVCA continued to provide excellent customer service to our watershed residents.

The Information Management team was able to meet the needs of staff allowing access to centralized information to carry out CA business. The databases and application built over the years provided easy transition to remote working. NVCA's new phone system, with collaborative tools, staff was able to maintain good communication with our partners, the public, and co-workers.



### Budget Review

In anticipation of the changes to the *CA Act*, regulations and the move towards categorizing the work of conservation authorities, the Finance team completed a preliminary review of the budget to determine how NVCA may be impacted.

This involved going through many spreadsheets line by line, as well as creating a new potential platform for future budgets as new regulations are approved.

### Switch to Hybrid Working

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, NVCA was facing increasing pressure to construct a new building to accommodate the growing number of staff. As remote working proved to be a good alternative, staff will be transitioning to a hybrid working model, working from the office and remotely.

NVCA's Management team reorganized the John Hix Administration Building to accommodate shared offices and hoteling stations, preventing the construction of a new building.

### Retrained Staff Accessibility

NVCA continues to be committed to identify, prevent and remove barriers that may limit access to our services, facilities and information. We are dedicated to creating a sustainable culture that continues to facilitate inclusive environments for continued success.

All NVCA staff received mandatory accessibility training for documents that are posted to websites to ensure that they are accessible for people using assistive technologies such as screen readers.

### IT Security

Protecting interest of the public and our staff, the Information Management team incorporated additional security practices to NVCA's data and back-up data centre. NVCA implemented industry standards for cyber threats, additional securities on network access, and were able to migrate our data to a new back-up data server.

## Revenues and Expenses

NVCA's total 2021 operational budget was \$4,949,422. Revenue came from diverse sources, including member municipalities, provincial and federal governments, local non-governmental partners, and user fees for programs and services and the NVCA ended the year with revenue at 5,104,491. Operational expenses for the year came in at \$5,055,642.

In 2021, NVCA purchased \$65,802 in capital assets (from an approved capital budget of \$293,287), funded through the capital asset levy. The NVCA was able to delay the purchase of some assets due to COVID-19.

This financial information is condensed from year-end, unaudited, statements. The auditor's report for the year ending December 31, 2021, is posted on the NVCA website at [nvca.on.ca](http://nvca.on.ca) once approved by the Board of Directors.

### Revenues

- Municipal Levy, 45.5%
- User Fees, 22.3%
- Federal Grants, 16.2%
- Provincial Grants, 5.7 %
- Contributions & Donations 8.3%
- Municipal Grants, 1.8 %
- Reserves & Other, 0.2 %



### Expenses

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- Planning Services, 26.9%
- Engineering - Special Projects, 1.6%
- Flood Forecast & Warning, 5.4%
- Watershed Science, 9.0%
- Corporate Services 11.2%
- Information Management & Technology, 5.3%
- Governance, 6.6%
- Conservation Lands, 10.9%
- Stewardship, 18.8%
- Education, 4.4%



## NVCA Staff as of December 2021

### CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Doug Hevenor

### CORPORATE SERVICES

Sheryl Flannagan, Director  
Finance & Administration  
Haleigh Ferguson, Executive Administrator  
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### Communications

Maria Leung, Communications Coordinator

### Information Management and Technology

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Sarah Thompson, Watershed Monitoring Technician  
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Mackenzie Clark, Watershed Monitoring Technician

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Ben Krul, Manager  
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Amy Knapp, Supervisor, Planning Services

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Tyler Mulhall, Regulations Technician  
Kate Thomson, Regulations Technician  
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Byron Wesson, Director

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Spencer Macdonald, Lands & Operations Technician

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Jo-Ann White-McKenna, Environmental Education Associate  
Vandita Watts, Environmental Education Associate  
Samantha Smith, Environmental Education Associate  
Stephanie Zsolnay, Environmental Education Associate

### Forestry

Rick Grillmayer, Manager

### Stewardship

Fred Dobbs, Manager  
Sarah Campbell, Aquatic Biologist  
Shannon Stephens, Healthy Waters Program Coordinator  
Laura Wensink, Restoration Biologist

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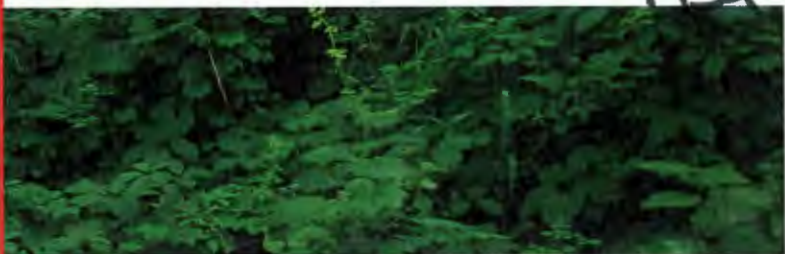


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# Township of Essa

## Supplement to the NVCA 2021 Annual Report



### NVCA in Essa

### Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

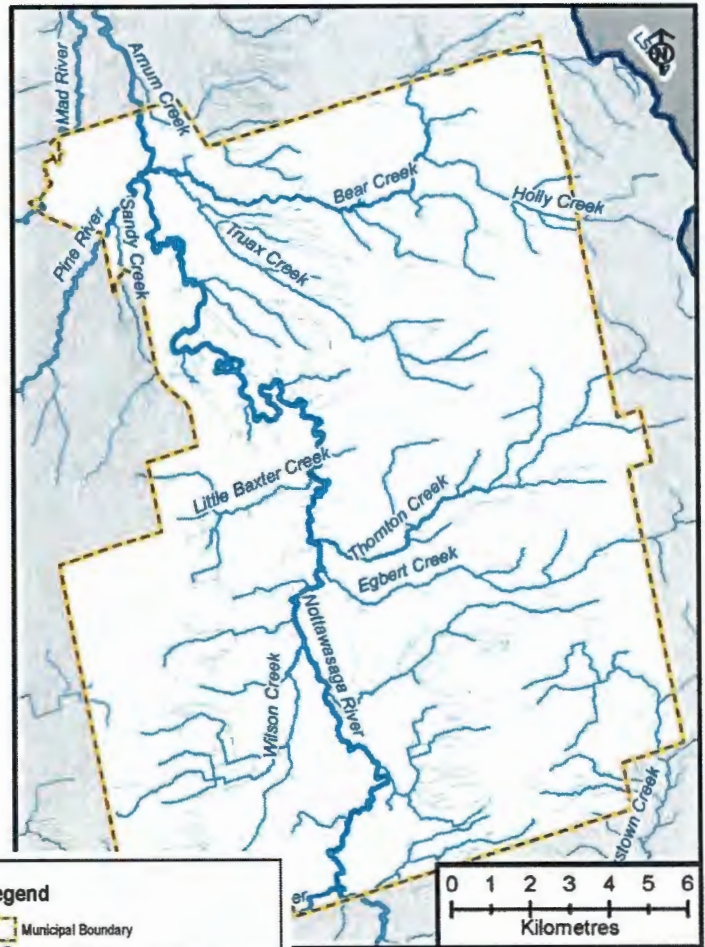
The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) has the responsibility to regulate activities in natural and hazardous areas in order to avoid the loss of life and damage to property due to flooding and erosion, and conserve and enhance natural resources.

NVCA works to manage our watershed in order for it to thrive and become resilient against the effects of climate change, urban growth as well as other stressors. A healthy watershed means health for humans, the economy, and our ecosystem.

NVCA strives to connect to the community by providing high quality recreational opportunities for visitors from inside and outside of our watershed.

The Nottawasaga Watershed is situated within 18 municipalities in the counties of Simcoe, Dufferin, and Grey as well as a small area in the Region of Peel. The watershed is mainly made up of rural areas, although there is significant urban development in areas such as Barrie, Alliston, Shelburne, Wasaga Beach and Collingwood. Though most of the land is used for agriculture, natural areas also make up a large part of the landscape.

In Essa, NVCA owns and manages the Tiffin Centre for Conservation and the Utopia Conservation Area, including the Utopia dam.



**2021 NVCA Board Member**  
Deputy Mayor Micheal Smith  
Councillor Keith White

<b>2021 Levy Contribution</b>	<b>Total 2021 NVCA Budget</b>
\$179,956	\$5,055,624

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# NVCA Service Delivery Essa

## NVCA Services by the Numbers

### Environmental Education Services

- 3 Schools Hosted
- 19 School & Group Visits
- 499 Children Attending Education Programs

### Planning Services

- 14 Solicitor Inquiries
- 87 Conservation Authorities Act Approvals
- 7 Permit Amendments
- 16 Violations
- 12 Zoning Amendments, Official Plans & Official Plan Amendments
- 1 Subdivision
- 3 Active Subdivision Reviews
- 33 Consents, Variances & Niagara Escarpment Commission
- 3 Site Plans (Including Aggregates)
- 3 Environmental Assessments
- 21 Preconsultation & Other
- 278 General Inquiries

### Lands & Stewardship Services

- 415 Total Acres of Conservation Lands
- 4 Stewardship & Forestry Projects
- \$16,336 in Stewardship & Forestry Grants Applied
- 6,850 Trees Planted
- 44.14 Forest Acres Managed
- 0.43 km of Stream Protected or Rehabilitated

### Engineering

- 5 Flood messages Issued
- 2 Storm Water Management Plans Reviewed

### Watershed Science

- 3 Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Sites
- 2 Benthics Monitoring Sites
- 2 Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Sites

### Corporate Services

- 1 Freedom of Information Request



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## NVCA June 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

**Next Meeting: August 26, 2022, held at the John Hix Administration Centre**

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

### Presentation on Forestry

Rick Grillmayer, NVCA's Manager, Forestry gave a presentation on the 2022 Spring tree plant.

This year is NVCA's 58th consecutive tree planting season, where 115,000 trees were planted on 23 properties in eight municipalities in the Nottawasaga Watershed.

Over 5,000 trees were sold at NVCA's 2022 Arbour Day Tree Sale – an annual event held for people who only require a small number of trees.

NVCA works with a number of partners including Forests Ontario, Simcoe County, Town of New Tecumseth and others to ensure cost effectiveness for all program participants.

#### Benefits of Forests

- Moderate the effects of drought and flooding
- Reduce soil erosion
- Provide habitat for wildlife
- Important economic resource

### Presentation on Grassland Restoration

Shannon Stephens, NVCA's Healthy Waters Program Coordinator gave a presentation on native grassland projects in the Nottawasaga Watershed.

In Southern Ontario, native grasslands once covered more than 400,000 hectares of land. Today, over 97% have been lost in Ontario. This puts species that depend on them, such as the Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark, at risk.

NVCA started native grassland restoration projects five years ago and currently have 16 projects on the go. In the Spring of 2022, 54

hectares of land was seeded, representing a 75% increase in grasslands that is restored in the watershed.

All projects see sizeable landowner contributions, which are matched with dollars from Forests Ontario, World Wildlife fund and EcoAction. Bird and soil carbon monitoring data helps determine carbon offsetting contributions.

#### Benefits of grasslands

- Important habitat for pollinators and species at risk like the bobolink and eastern meadowlark
- Native grasses are very drought resistant and can be good feed for livestock, especially during years with low water
- Native grasses have roots that can extend 2-4 metres into the ground, it can help loosen up compact soil and allow flood waters to better infiltrate into the ground
- Help store carbon and can contribute to reducing the effects of climate change

### Presentation on Spring Volunteer Tree Planting events

Sarah Campbell, NVCA's Aquatic Biologist gave a presentation on the 2022 Spring community tree planting events.

For the last 20 years, NVCA's Community Tree Planting Program has supplemented NVCA's Professional Forestry Program.

By building future forests with local volunteers, communities learn and experience the value of local environment restoration.

NVCA staff deliver presentations on site to ideally develop long term appreciation for the importance of trees and tree planting.

This Spring, NVCA hosted 19 community tree planting events with over 8,000 trees planted by 500 volunteers. Volunteers included students, community members, local politicians and service clubs.

NVCA staff are able to leverage municipal levy and other funding to obtain a minimum of four times the amount of funding for these projects.

Projects are made possible through partnerships with community partners, municipalities, corporations, landowners, residents, volunteers.

### Hybrid Model for Future Board Meetings

Virtual meetings have shown an increase in effectiveness and efficiency for Board meetings. However, in person meetings can be either more effective or easier to communicate on some occasions.

Starting in August 2022, NVCA's board meetings will be held in a hybrid model format, using the following schedule:

- January – In-Person
- February – Virtual
- March – Virtual
- April – In-Person
- May – Virtual
- June – Virtual
- July – No Meetings currently held in July unless at the Call of the Chair
- August – In-Person
- September – In-Person
- October – Virtual
- November – Virtual
- December – In-Person

This schedule would not prevent the Chair from calling a meeting in-person versus virtual should it be required, or vice versa.

NVCA will continue to save on mileage paid to Board members in the amount of approximately \$10,000 per year.

### Appointment of New Provincial Offences Officer

Tyler Mulhall, NVCA Regulations Technician, has been appointed as an officer for NVCA and is designated as a Provincial Offences Officer.

Mr. Mulhall fulfilled the criteria established by the Ministry, which included training under the *Provincial Offences Act*.

### Grant for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

NVCA has received \$80,000 that will cover 100% of the costs to install electric vehicle (EV) chargers at the Tiffin Conservation Area.

Members of the public will have access to a EV charger located in the trailhead parking lot for a fee.

Chargers will also be placed in the shop compound for staff and fleet vehicles.

The installation of EV chargers is one of the many steps that NVCA is taking to address climate change at a local, watershed level.

This initiative also supports the Government of Canada's mandated target that 20% of light-duty car and passenger truck sales must be electric by 2026, and 100% emission free by 2035.

### July 1st Quarterly Transition Report for Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks

Under the revised *Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act)*, NVCA and municipalities must work together to advance Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and Service Level Agreements (SLAs)

In support of this process, NVCA strives to communicate all progress and information to the NVCA Board of Directors, municipal partners and relevant stakeholders by:

- Meeting with municipal partners to continue development and execution of MOUs based on municipal preferences and needs
- Working with municipalities, where required, to address any potential procurement policy approvals or required by-law amendments to support updated MOUs and SLAs
- Continue working with neighbouring conservation authorities to coordinate MOU development
- Updating existing MOUs, and finalize new MOUs and SLAs, as appropriate

- Exploring costs of operations and fees charges as they relate to the *CA Act* changes.

Consensus amongst municipal CAOs is that several appear to be waiting until the municipal election is completed and new Councils are installed before beginning more fulsome conversations and negotiations of MOUs and SLAs.

### Permits Approvals under the *CA Act*

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

NVCA Regulations staff provided a summary of the permits issued during the period November 23, 2021 to June 13, 2022. A total of 333 permits and clearances were approved by staff for this time period, with 96.4% of the permits were processed within the provincial timelines.

### Pretty River Dike Maintenance

NVCA's Board of Directors approved staff to withdraw up to \$40,000 for the maintenance of the Pretty River Dike.

The Pretty River Dike is a flood conveyance structure through the Town of Collingwood, approximately 2.1 kilometres in length. It was built in the 1970's in response to historic flooding that occurred in the surrounding urban areas.

The floodway provides flood risk reduction to surrounding areas and is primarily owned by NVCA. It is currently generally in good visual condition but is lined with dense shrubs and trees which may cause potential spills on the floodway during a regulatory storm event.

NVCA has been granted \$230,000 from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry's Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) program to remove vegetation on the dike.

The WECI program requires that local communities contribute 50% towards the grant.

In the case of the Pretty River Dike, the Town of Collingwood will contribute \$100,000, while NVCA will contribute \$15,000 from its Capital Asset Management Program.

Additional funds are also requested in the maximum amount of \$58,302.50 in order to take full advantage of the available WECI funding.

The Town of Collingwood is considering the request for additional funds towards this project. NVCA may be drawing \$38,302.50 from its reserves to contribute to this additional funding request.



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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Ukrainian children learn about Canadian life at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation**

UTOPIA, Ontario (July 22, 2022) – Thanks to funding from the Rotary Club of Barrie, the Tiffin Centre for Conservation hosted 13 Ukraine children at Camp Tiffin.

This is the fifth year that NVCA has hosted camp for new Canadians. Previous camps have focused on children around the world, but staff have decided to support Ukrainian children this year as they were displaced by the Russia-Ukraine war.

“The Rotary Club of Barrie is a community service organization that takes great pleasure in supporting all projects big and small,” said Dave Mills, a member of the Rotary Club of Barrie. “The New Canadian Camp at Tiffin is an important initiative that assists with integration and the learning of new skills for children.”

“Here at camp, these children are learning Canadian ways together, while also sharing their own personal experiences, culture and language,” added Naomi Saunders, Manager of Education at the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). “They support and comfort each other in all things they have known, while also getting the opportunity to integrate with Canadian kids. This experience will help set them up for success as they go to school and potentially continue to live here.”

The children experienced Canada first hand through activities such as canoeing and hiking. Most importantly, Camp Tiffin allowed them to be with other children from the same culture using the same language and get back to doing what they should be doing – playing, making friends and being kids.

“The long-standing partnership between the Simcoe County District School Board and the Tiffin Centre has allowed the opportunity to offer this learning experience for newcomer students,” said Tatiana Khrystynko, International Student Coordinator at the Simcoe County District School Board. “The Ukrainian children learned about nature and life in Simcoe County, and will be able to share this experience with their peers upon returning to school in September, which will support their integration into their new country and schools”

To honour Ukrainian families, NVCA is flying the Ukrainian flag at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation for the duration of the children’s stay

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **DFO funding helps restore habitat for species at risk**

UTOPIA, Ontario (August 25, 2022) – Over the next three years, staff and volunteers at the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) will be restoring eroding riverbanks along the Nottawasaga River to improve habitat for two species at risk – lake sturgeon and northern brook lamprey.

The Nottawasaga River is home to one of the largest spawning populations of lake sturgeon in Southern Ontario. It is the largest fish found in Ontario, and can live up to 100 years old. Northern brook lamprey, unlike sea lamprey, are not parasitic and are a native species that forms part of a healthy food chain in many larger trout streams.

“The habitat for these fish has been significantly degraded due to human impact,” said Laura Wensink, NVCA’s River Restoration Technician. “Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has provided us with \$150,000 to stabilize eroding riverbanks and to keep sediment out of the water and keep phosphorus on land. By doing that, we hope to restore the habitat for these species at risk as well as other fish and wildlife.”

Historically, trees, shrubs and grasses were removed from the banks of the Nottawasaga River to maximize land use. Without roots to hold the soil together, the force of the river erodes the banks, pushing the soil into the river. As the soil settles, it fills in the holes between gravel and rock and covers spawning habitats used by fish.

High levels of phosphorus are also a concern in the Nottawasaga River. Phosphorus is essential for supporting life in the river, but excessive amounts can cause algae blooms and reduce the oxygen levels. NVCA will work with landowners to install fencing to keep livestock and the phosphorus in their manure out of the water. Trees and shrubs will also be planted to provide shade to keep the river cool and keep sediment on land.

“The Government of Canada is committed to the protection and recovery of our species at risk and their habitats,” said The Honourable Joyce Murray, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard. “Community-led work, like this project to address riverbank erosion in the Nottawasaga River, is key to the sustainability of our aquatic ecosystems and to conserving Canada’s biodiversity.”



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The work that DFO is supporting is part of the larger Nottawasaga River Restoration Program designed to enhance water quality, improve trout and salmon habitat and increase populations of these important sport fishing species in the Nottawasaga River and Georgian Bay.

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Council Resolution Form

Date: 20 Jun 2022 No: Resolution No.131-22  
 Moved By: Councillor Rigelhof, Seconded by Councillor MacPherson Disposition: CARRIED.  
 Item No: 7.06.1

Description: Annual Emergency Exercise Exemption

**RESOLUTION:**

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 380/04: Standards under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act sets the municipal standards for emergency management programs in Ontario and requires municipalities to conduct an annual exercise with their Emergency Control Group in order to evaluate the municipality's emergency response plan and procedures, O. Reg. 380/04, s. 12(6);

AND WHEREAS Emergency Management Ontario previously granted municipalities exemption for the annual exercise requirement when the municipality experienced an actual emergency with documented proof of the municipality actively engaging their emergency management procedures and plan in response to the emergency;

AND WHEREAS on August 5, 2021 the Chief, Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) issued a memo to Community Emergency Management Coordinators stating that effective immediately, the Chief, EMO would no longer be issuing exemptions to the O. Reg. 380/04 requirements to conduct an annual exercise;

AND WHEREAS municipalities experience significant costs and burden to staff resources when faced with the response to an actual emergency and activation of their Emergency Control Group and/or Emergency Operations Centre;

AND WHEREAS a municipality's response to an actual emergency is more effective than an exercise in evaluating its emergency response plan and procedures as mandated by O. Reg. 380/04;

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
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	Yea	Nay
B. Hunt	_____	_____
L. Perrier	_____	_____
C. Rigelhof	_____	_____
J. Frost	_____	_____
G. MacPherson	_____	_____

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AND WHEREAS planning, conducting and evaluating an emergency exercise requires significant time and effort for the Community Emergency Management Coordinator and Municipal Emergency Control Group that is duplicated when the Municipality experiences a real emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Greater Madawaska hereby requests the Province of Ontario to amend Ontario Regulation 380/04 under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to provide an exemption to the annual exercise requirement for municipalities that have activated their Emergency Control Group and/or Emergency Response Plan in response to an actual emergency that year in recognition of the significant resources used to respond to the emergency and the effectiveness of such response in evaluating the municipality's emergency response plan and procedures;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, local MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Solicitor General, and all other municipalities of Ontario

Recorded Vote Requested by:

	Yea	Nay
B. Hunt	_____	_____
L. Perrier	_____	_____
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Date: June 20, 2022

Resolution No. <sup>COV</sup> 2022-256

Moved By:

[Signature]

Seconded By:

[Signature]

Whereas the Ontario Amber Alert is a warning system that quickly alerts the public of a suspected abduction of children who are in imminent danger;

And Whereas the goal is to broadcast as much information about the child, the abductor and suspect vehicles as quickly as possible so that the public can respond with any relevant information that might lead to the child's safe return;

And Whereas people are encouraged to share the Amber Alert with as many people as possible. If a child or vulnerable person is abducted, spreading the information quickly is critical to their safe return;

And Whereas an Amber Alert makes the Public aware to keep an eye out for the child, vulnerable person, suspect and the vehicle described, in the alert. If they spot them, try to gather as many details as they can, including the specific location where they saw them, the time, the direction they were travelling in and any other identifying details that will help to locate them;

And Whereas an Amber Alert gives citizens instructions to call 9-1-1 or the phone number included in the alert immediately if they have a trip or a sighting related to an Amber Alert;

An Amber Alert will only be activated if:

- The police have confirmed that an abduction has taken place; and
- There is reason to believe the victim is in danger of serious physical injury, and there is information available that, if broadcast to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the victim.

And Whereas it is essential to remember that an Amber Alert is not always appropriate in every circumstance and that their continued effectiveness depends on ensuring that they are only used in cases that meet the above criteria;

And Whereas the recent tragic death of 11 year old Draven Graham showed that the Amber Alert system is flawed when it comes to vulnerable children who can go missing but are not abducted;

And Whereas at the time this motion was written, there have been almost 75,000 citizens who had signed a petition on Change.Org requesting that a Draven Alert be created;

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And Whereas it is clear that there needs to be an addition to the alert system to allow for law enforcement to send out an alert for vulnerable children who go missing under circumstances that do not involve an abduction but are at serious risk of injury or death;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Brighton and its Council endorse the following:

1. That the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.
2. That this motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.

Carried  OR Defeated

Mayor

Recorded Vote		For Clerks Use Only			
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	For	Against	Abstain	Absent	COI
Mayor Brian Ostrander					
Councillor Ron Anderson					
Councillor Mark Bateman					
Councillor Doug LeBlanc					
Councillor Emily Rowley					
Councillor Mary Tadman					
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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Lake Simcoe Regional Airport welcomes Chartright Air Group

**Midhurst/June 28, 2022** – The County of Simcoe is pleased to welcome Chartright Air Group Fixed-Base Operator Services to the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport (YLS).

The Lake Simcoe Regional Airport (LSRA) is perfectly situated between the tranquility of cottage country and the bustle of Toronto. Aircraft based at the LSRA benefit from the convenience and relaxed pace of a regional airport serving both the city and the cottage and visiting aircraft have ready access to the remarkable diversity of towns and villages, lakes and rivers, dining and entertainment that the area has to offer.

The addition of Chartright Air Group as a fixed base operator (FBO) enables the LSRA to offer a full suite of passenger and aircraft handling services, including baggage handling, on-site customs, complete line service, aircraft cleaning, fueling, de-icing, hangarage, aircraft parking, catering, hotel, and car rental coordination. Chartright will also operate a full-service aircraft maintenance organization with a focus on turbine/jet aircrafts. It is anticipated that a full-service FBO, notably one of Canada's largest operators of private jet aircrafts, will act as a catalyst for future investment at the airport.

Chartright's 34,000 square-foot FBO and hangar facility at the LSRA features a generous lobby, passenger and crew lounges, pilot snooze rooms, a meeting room, and weather and flight planning facilities, which is able to accommodate aircraft up to the size of the Global 7500.

The County of Simcoe, along with minority shareholders the City of Barrie, continue their planned investments of more than \$60 million into service and infrastructure enhancements at the LSRA. Once completed, the airport will provide critical connectivity to markets and knowledge-based resources to encourage investment, create new opportunities for local businesses and tourism operators, while also improve the quality of life for residents.

### Quotes:

"Lake Simcoe Regional Airport is one of Canada's newest and best positioned regional airport facilities and will enable Chartright to better serve the needs of our customers and the aviation community. We look forward to welcoming customers to our new facility at Lake Simcoe Regional Airport." ~ Adam Keller, President of Chartright Air Group

"We're excited to welcome Chartright Air Group to the LSRA. When we became the majority shareholder in the airport in 2020, County Council committed to ensuring that the Airport would soon become an economic engine for our region. With a growing business park, new labour opportunities, partnerships and expansion of our infrastructure, we're truly seeing our investments take flight. We thank Chartright for choosing Simcoe County and bringing jobs, business and visitors to our region." ~ George Cornell, County of Simcoe Warden

"We are pleased to see the expansion and progress at the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport. Through continued investment, combined with strong partners like Chartright Air Group, we know that our vision to have the LSRA fuel our regional economy is on the right path." ~ Richard Norcross, County of Simcoe Councillor and Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Board Chair

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### **About Chartright Air Group**

For over 35 years, Chartright has led the way in business aviation in Canada, evolving into one of the most trusted and innovative providers of business and private jet services in North America.

Visit [chartright.com](http://chartright.com) for more information.

### **About the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport**

Situated halfway between Barrie and Orillia in the Township of Oro-Medonte, the 595-acre LSRA is among the newest regional airport facilities in Canada. As one of the fastest-growing regions in Ontario at just an hour's drive north of Toronto, the LSRA's location provides a unique opportunity for corporate aviation, a crucial component for some businesses during the site selection process.

The LSRA is fully serviced by the Canada Border Services Agency and accommodates both international passengers and freight. The airport currently possesses 58 hectares (142 acres) of serviced and un-serviced land available for airside commercial development opportunities. The LSRA is 90 per cent owned and operated by the County of Simcoe, with the City of Barrie maintaining a 10 per cent share of ownership. Visit [www.lakesimcoeairport.com](http://www.lakesimcoeairport.com) for more details.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**County Council commits additional funding to shelter system**

**Midhurst/June 28, 2022** – Today at County Council, Councillors recognized the need to provide additional support with the transition for homeless individuals out of the emergency motel shelter model. County Council committed to provide support during the transition through an additional funding envelope of up to \$800,000 to augment the recent allocation of \$400,000 flowed through the County from the provincial pandemic Social Service Relief Funding (SSRF5) envelope and already committed to the shelter operators in the temporary motel shelter model in the City of Barrie. This additional allocation brings the County's commitment to this transitional period to \$1.2 million, with a further contribution of \$400,000 from the City of Barrie, totalling \$1.6 million between the contributors.

As there are more individuals than can be accommodated within shelter capacity within the city, staff will immediately continue ongoing planning with shelter operators, partners and the City of Barrie to identify appropriate solutions for increased temporary shelter solutions for homeless residents. Recently, County Council also discussed at length long-term options to support homeless individuals towards more permanent housing solutions and these more permanent options continue to be explored.

The temporary emergency motel shelter model program began in March 2020 and was a direct response to the needs of homeless individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic as shelters reduced their capacity or closed due to health and safety requirements. The temporary program was fully funded by both the provincial and federal government with funding streams supporting activities to transition from the temporary program in line with the province's *Re-Opening of Ontario Act*. In 2022, the average cost for the motel model was \$850,000 per month (including motel costs, staffing, and program expenses) to run the program at the Barrie motel location, housing as many as 140 to 175 individuals nightly. Earlier this week the motel program was temporarily extended to July 15 (from June 30) to permit additional time for planning.

"The additional funding committed to earlier today will go a long way towards ensuring our vulnerable population remains safe and continues to be able to access the supports they need during this transitional period," said Warden George Cornell. "It is important to us as a Council to keep all of our residents as safe and healthy as possible and that is why today, we agreed to extend funding through the County's Social Services Reserve Fund to maintain the level of support that is required as we transition supports away from the emergency motels shelter model."

**About the Simcoe County Shelter System**

The County's role in leading, managing and funding homelessness prevention services and related supports involves strategic partnerships with local agencies broader community stakeholders and enables responsiveness to the unique needs of local communities. For more information on the County's homelessness prevention strategy, visit [simcoe.ca/findshelter](https://simcoe.ca/findshelter).

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### County releases annual report card on 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy

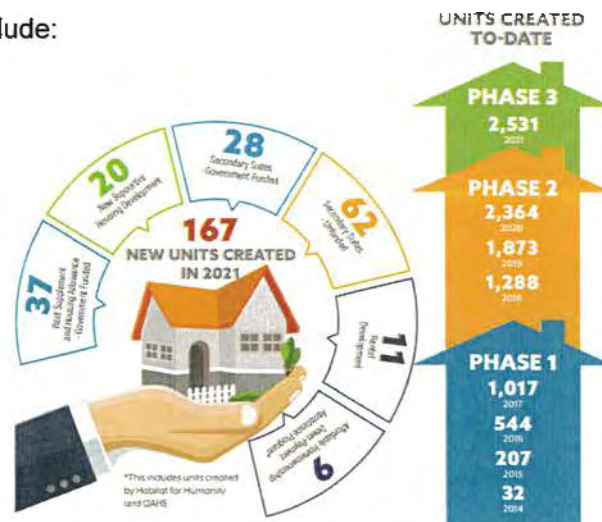
**Midhurst/June 29, 2022** – The County of Simcoe has released its eighth annual report card, *Housing Our Future: 2021 Annual Report*, to measure and evaluate the implementation of recommendations contained in *Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy*.

The strategy sets a minimum goal of 2,685 new affordable housing units between 2014 and 2024. By December 31, 2021, the County reported that 2,531 new units had been created since 2014, 94 per cent of the way to its overall target.

“We know that over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, housing has become more challenging for many people due to rising house prices and rental rates,” said Warden George Cornell. “We recognise that the need continues to grow, that is why County Council has been so supportive in the delivery of increased affordable housing stock across the County. This includes three new builds in various stages of progress in Orillia, Bradford West Gwillimbury, and Barrie, which will provide at least 330 new homes that are affordable to residents in those communities once complete.”

Highlights of the *Housing Our Future: 2021 Annual Report* include:

- Creation of 167 new units in 2021
- County Council approved a \$28.4 million project in Bradford by Simcoe County Housing Corporation to develop a mixed family and seniors building, in partnership with the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
- The Building Hope Project by The Lighthouse, which received contributions from the federal and provincial governments, County of Simcoe, City of Orillia, and community fundraising, opened its doors in August 2021; creating 20 self-contained units of supportive housing and 40 new shelter beds for men and women, plus a 5-bedroom youth wing on a 2.4-acre property in Orillia
- Distribution of \$1.29 million in rent supplement/housing allowance subsidies
- Distribution of \$377,200 in affordable homeownership down-payment supports
- Funding and distribution of over \$1.3 million for Secondary Suites and for urgent home repairs



Funding for the affordable housing strategy comes from a variety of sources, including the County of Simcoe, the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, and Governments of Canada and Ontario.

The County's strategy will continue to focus on supporting residents through maximizing funding, achieving targets, and working with area partners to create affordable housing units for residents across the County. More information on this can be found at [simcoe.ca/ourahhps](http://simcoe.ca/ourahhps).

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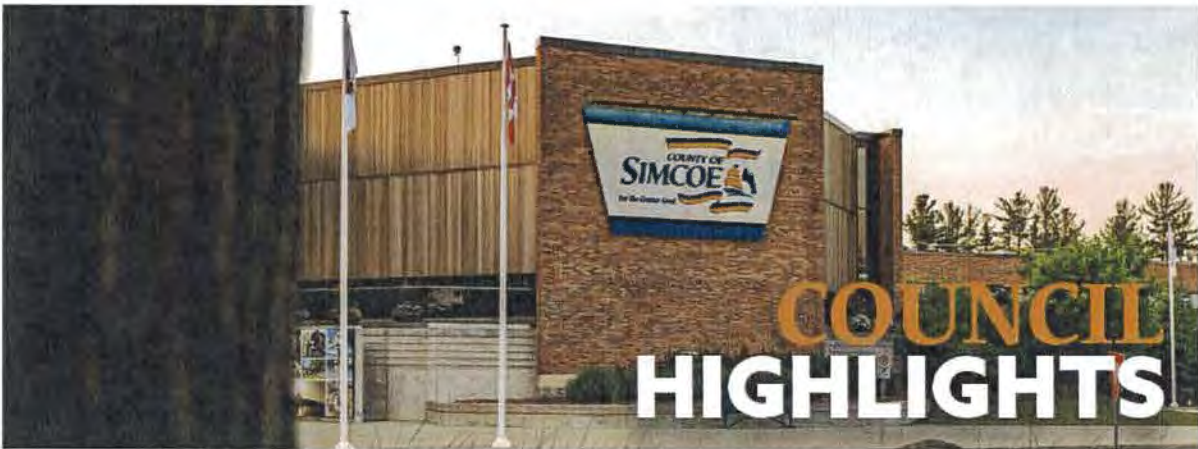
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A recording of these sessions is also available for public viewing on the [County's YouTube channel](#).

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## Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Board

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# Blue Box Program Transition Update

In April 2022, the Province of Ontario amended their regulation for a province-wide plan to shift management of recycling material management to producer responsibility. Moving forward, companies that produce plastic packaging and other recycling products will be fully responsible for recycling their products after use by residents.

Producer Responsibility has already been implemented elsewhere in Canada, including in British Columbia, and is popular across the globe, including within the European Union. Many Ontario municipalities, including the County of Simcoe, have long been supportive of the provincial transition to full producer responsibility, as it is considered a key step in reducing long term environmental impacts and costs on taxpayers.

On June 14, Committee of the Whole directed staff to enter into negotiations with Circular Materials Ontario (CMO), one of four producer responsibility organizations in Ontario, and to determine whether to enter into agreements for collection, depot and promotion and education services with CMO. This agreement will cover the transition period only, which would be from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

## Simcoe County Hospice Alliance

June 28, 2022



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## Simcoe County Hospice Alliance and Simcoe County Hospice Alliance - Funding Request

On June 28, 2022, members of the Simcoe County Hospice Alliance gave a presentation to Council on the performance of the five area hospices (Hospice Simcoe, Matthew's House, Hospice Georgian Triangle, Hospice Huronia, Mariposa House Hospice). Council were advised of current regional capacity and the priorities for the Simcoe County Hospice Alliance.

Later in the meeting, Council approved the Simcoe County Hospice Alliance's funding request, providing continued support to hospices that relieve suffering and improve the quality of living and dying. The Simcoe County Hospice Alliance is scheduled to received \$500,000 annually between 2021 and 2025.

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## Temporary Motel Shelter Model Wind Down and Transition Plan

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## Trails Connecting Communities Program (TCCP)

The Trails Connecting Communities Program (TCCP) was established in 2009 to assist municipalities in funding trails and active transportation projects around the County. The program operates through a 50/50 matching structure whereby County funds are matched to local municipal investment, to a maximum County contribution of \$30,000. The County's budget for each calendar year of funding is \$250,000. Since 2009, the County's Trails Connecting Communities Program has provided over \$2.6 million in funding to local municipalities through the program.

In 2022, the County received fifteen applications for TCCP funding. The County continues to fund a total of \$250,000. The applications received have requested a total of \$342,304 in funding. On June 28, 2022, Council authorized the withdrawal of \$92,304 from the reserve account to fund all projects received in 2022.

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## Phase 1 Growth Management Official Plan Amendment

On June 28, 2022 at 10 a.m., Council hosted a statutory public meeting on a proposed first phase growth management amendment to the County's Official Plan. Interested parties who wished to speak at the meeting pre-registered and were allotted 5 minutes to voice an opinion on the Official Plan Amendment (OPA).

This proposed first phase growth management OPA has been prepared in association with the County's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) to bring the County Official Plan into conformity with the Provincial Growth Plan which requires the County to plan for a population of 555,000 and 198,000 jobs by 2051. This proposed OPA represents the first of multiple amendments to the existing County Official Plan that will establish where and how growth is to occur over the next 30 years.

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**Joint Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda - June  
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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Tourism Destination Development Action Plan underway in Simcoe County

**Midhurst/July 12, 2022** – The County is partnering with its member municipalities, residents, tourism operators, and stakeholders to create a Destination Development action plan focused on promoting Simcoe County as a first-class travel destination. This plan will steer the County of Simcoe's tourism role and responsibilities for the next three to five years.

"Tourism is a vital part of our local economy, and County Council is working to help this industry recover post-COVID through the enhanced funding opportunities and supports offered by Tourism Simcoe County," said Warden George Cornell. "Simcoe County remains a premier destination, and there has never been a better time for a staycation. Working with our tourism partners, we are planning for the future to help residents and visitors experience the best of what Simcoe County has to offer."

Over the course of the project, several research and engagement activities, as well as innovative tools, will be carried out by Bannikin, a Canadian-based professional strategy and development company. Together, the County and Bannikin will develop a strong understanding of the tourism context and prioritize inclusive stakeholder-driven and community-based participatory research toward identifying and setting the direction for Tourism Simcoe County's future work as a destination steward.

### **About Tourism Simcoe County**

TSC provides tourism leadership throughout Simcoe County by developing the local tourism industry and forging and strengthening community partnerships. TSC is committed to supporting the sustainable growth of the region's tourism assets, including, but not limited to, Agritourism, Arts, Culture and Heritage Tourism, Indigenous Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.

### **About Bannikin Travel & Tourism**

Bannikin is a Canadian-based professional services company that specializes in two things: strategy & development and implementation & growth. As part of their strategy & development work, they design and conduct research and analysis to inform tourism development and develop tourism strategies with destination stakeholders. Bannikin also co-designs strategic, business, and product development plans and programs with tourism and tourism-related organizations and government bodies. Their work in implementation & growth sees their team collaborating with small- and medium-sized travel companies as well as destination organizations to create strong brands and develop storytelling capacity. They also provide media relations and support clients' travel trade development. <https://bannikin.com/>.

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### **Paramedics from across the Region receive Governor General's EMS Exemplary Service Medal**

**Muskoka/July 20, 2022** – 24 Paramedics from across the District of Muskoka, County of Simcoe and the Chippewas of Rama First Nation were awarded the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medals, recognizing their years of exceptional service. The Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon was represented by Lt. Col Jean-Martin Brault from Canadian Forces Base Borden at a special ceremony held July 19.

Those honoured at this event were part of a group of Ontario-based paramedics who received this medal in 2020 and 2021, and due to COVID-19 restrictions, the traditional ceremony was delayed. The special awards ceremony was held in Gravenhurst, joined by partners and fellow award recipients from the District of Muskoka, the County of Simcoe and the Chippewas of Rama First Nation Paramedic Services.

The Governor General's Medal recipients have achieved 20 years of exemplary service in emergency medical services – at least 10 of those years performing duties with potential risk. The Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal, created on July 7, 1994, recognizes professionals in the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services to the public, who have performed their duties in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency. For more details, visit [www.gg.ca](http://www.gg.ca).

#### **Quotes:**

"We are very proud of the work that Carrie Hassberger accomplished in her time with Rama Paramedic Services. She served as both a paramedic and Chief, and always worked with dedication, determination, and a commitment to the community. We are better because of her, and we are happy to see her recognized with this medal." ~ Jeremy Parkin, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief, Chippewas of Rama First Nation

"Today's honourees have served with distinction, acting as tremendous ambassadors for not only their service, but for paramedicine as a whole. Their compassion and commitment has left an indelible mark, and on behalf of the residents and visitors to the County of Simcoe, thank you and congratulations." ~ Warden George Cornell, County of Simcoe

"I am proud that the District of Muskoka is served by such amazing Paramedics, and I am very pleased to be part of this special recognition ceremony. Our community is well served by such outstanding paramedics." ~ District of Muskoka Chair John Klinck

#### **About Chippewas of Rama First Nation:**

Rama Paramedic Services provides assistance for the Chippewas of Rama First Nation and surrounding area. This covers a total population of approximately 10,500 people and generates approximately 1,200 calls annually.

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**About the District of Muskoka:**

The District of Muskoka is made up of six area municipalities and is responsible for delivering critical public services and programs to residents in our community. To learn more about the District and Muskoka Paramedic Services, please our website at [muskoka.on.ca](http://muskoka.on.ca)

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Representatives from the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka joined together to recognize Paramedics who were awarded the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medals, recognizing their years of exceptional service in 2020 and 2021.



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### County provides record investment in trails connecting communities

**Midhurst/July 21, 2022** – This year, the County is investing almost \$350,000 to help fund 13 projects throughout Simcoe County under the Trails Connecting Communities Program (TCCP). This 50/50 cost sharing scheme provides up to \$30,000 per project, to expand, create, and/or enhance the extensive network of trails across Simcoe County.

“Since 2009, when the Trails Connecting Communities Program was established, the County has provided approximately \$2.7 million in funding to assist in the completion of 119 trail and active transportation projects across all 16 member municipalities,” said Warden George Cornell. “These funds will enhance and expand our developing multi-use trails network to promote environmentally friendly links between our communities, as well as providing safe and accessible ways for residents and visitors to relax, unwind and exercise.”

To qualify for County TCCP funding, projects must enhance an existing trail or establish a key trail linkage to improve network connectivity and improve trail accessibility for people with disabilities in accordance with applicable provincial standards. Projects in the following municipalities are eligible to receive 2022 TCCP funding:

- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
- Township of Clearview
- Town of Collingwood
- Township of Essa
- Town of Innisfil
- Town of Midland
- Town of New Tecumseth
- Township of Oro-Medonte
- Township of Ramara
- Township of Severn
- Township of Springwater
- Township of Tay
- Township of Tiny
- Town of Wasaga Beach

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## County and area partners continue to address area homelessness needs

**Midhurst/July 29, 2022** – With the temporary emergency motel shelter model ending on July 31, 2022, the County is reporting that appropriate temporary and permanent housing options have been identified for individuals willing to be housed within the homelessness prevention services system.

Through intensive on-site services and engagement by County staff and shelter providers, individuals sheltering in the temporary motel model have identified their needs and preferences. Of the 106 individuals using the model in Barrie (as of July 6), more than 76 per cent have been connected with other housing/shelter options including more permanent housing, regular homeless shelter settings, reunification with family, residential seniors' services, supportive housing and repatriation to home communities where employment and housing were available. Of the individuals who chose not to exercise any of these options, outreach teams will continue to work with unsheltered individuals to strengthen connections to the wide-range of homelessness prevention services and supports throughout the region.

"We appreciate the efforts and cooperation of our service providers to work with County staff during this period of transition to support the needs of homeless individuals," said County of Simcoe Warden George Cornell. "We recognize that the needs are growing across Ontario and Canada. By working collaboratively and utilizing funds, resources and knowledge of federal, provincial, regional and municipal governments, combined with support from community partners, we can and have made a difference. We know more needs to be done and the County is committed to building sustainable solutions to further address the growing impacts of homelessness within our region."

Through the commitment and under the direction of County of Simcoe Council, staff continue to work with partners to build upon sustainable options and solutions, including:

- New 14-room supportive housing program in the City of Barrie (anticipated completion: late 2022-early 2023)
- Increase of six supportive housing units at Lucy's Place in the City of Barrie (anticipated completion: late summer-early fall 2022)
- Funded an additional 41 shelter beds in regular and temporary shelter settings, bringing the number of shelter beds in the City of Barrie to 152
- Simcoe County Housing Corporation build at 20 Rose Street in the City of Barrie (in pre-development)
- Recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to initiate a new temporary homeless shelter facility on County-owned property in the City of Barrie, with a potential completion date of mid-November 2022
- Immediately issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Warming Centre Operations for winter 2022-2023

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Additionally, County staff will be engaging the services of a consultant through an upcoming procurement process to assist with a comprehensive review of the system of homelessness services and supports in Simcoe County, with recommendations to Council planned for the first quarter of 2023. This review will identify current needs to best position the system to assist homeless individuals and families.

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**Krista Pascoe**

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**From:** Lisa Lehr  
**Sent:** August 13, 2022 8:37 AM  
**To:** Krista Pascoe  
**Subject:** Fw: County Council Highlights - meeting held August 9, 2022

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**From:** County Of Simcoe Communications <Communications@simcoe.ca>  
**Sent:** August 12, 2022 2:12 PM  
**To:** Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>  
**Subject:** County Council Highlights - meeting held August 9, 2022



Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. The information contained within the Highlights is based on approved material from within the associated agenda packages, linked at the bottom. These reports were part of the agendas from the **Joint Council and Committee Meeting on August 9, 2022**. 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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**MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW**



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## County of Simcoe Official Plan Amendment No. 7 (Municipal Comprehensive Review, Phase 1 Growth Management)

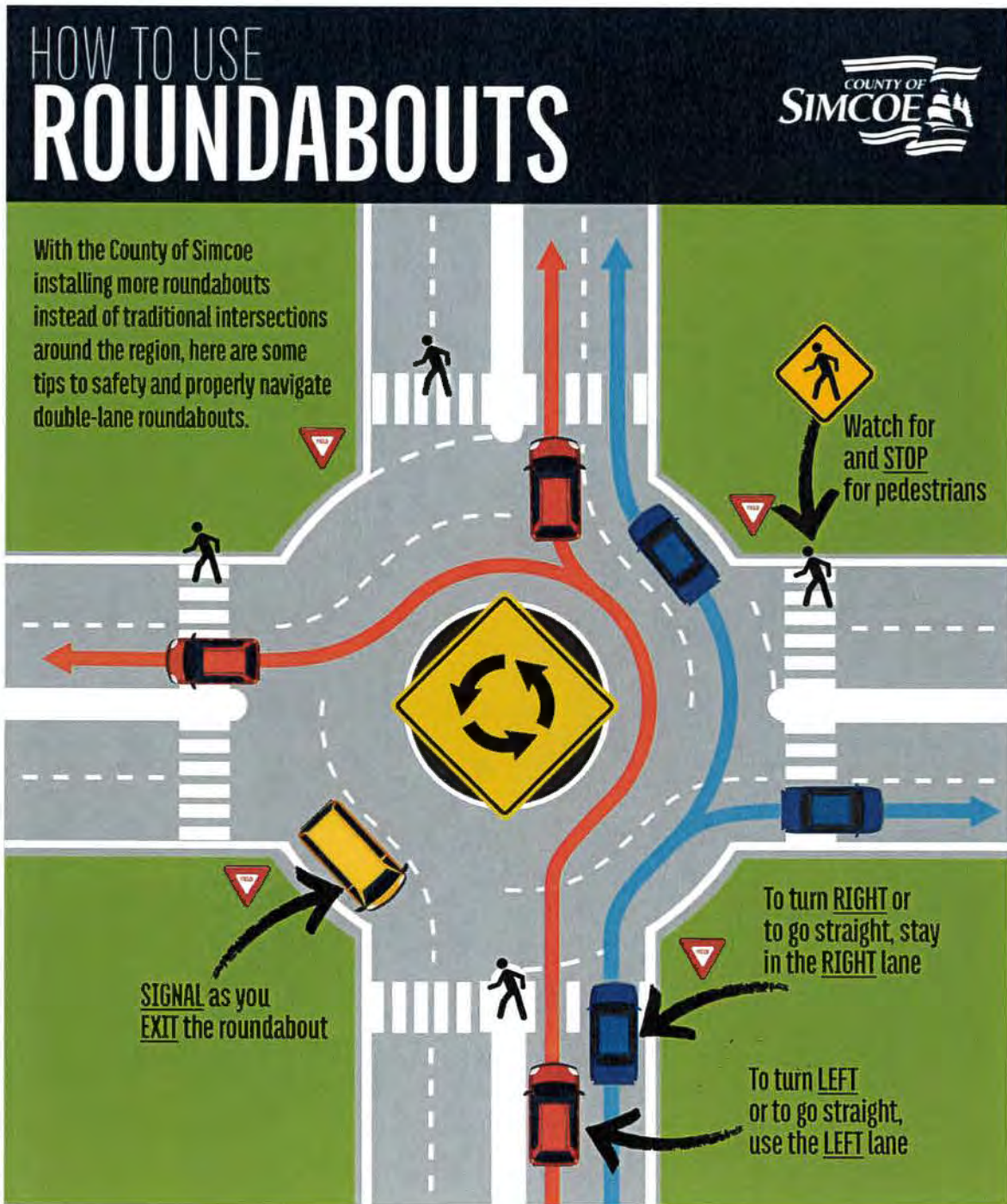
The County is undertaking a Municipal Comprehensive Review to bring the County Official Plan into conformity with the Provincial Growth Plan. To meet the provincial targets, the County must plan for a population of 555,000 and 198,000 jobs by 2051.

Official Plan Amendment No. 7 establishes population and employment forecasts to local municipalities to 2051, as well as intensification and density targets for each municipality and Community Area and Employment Area expansion lands. Local municipalities are free to amend their official plans to include more intensification and higher density.

Throughout the MCR process, the County has been working with all our relevant stakeholders, holding more than 70 meetings with municipalities, provincial agencies and other key groups.

On August 9, 2022, Council adopted County of Simcoe Official Plan Amendment No. 7 (Municipal Comprehensive Review, Phase 1 Growth Management). This is the first phase in a multi-phase MCR process. Future MCR work to be completed and brought to County Council will address additional MCR components outlined in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. These include Settlement Area Boundary expansions, designating Employment Lands, and refining the mapping for both the Natural Heritage System and Agricultural System.

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Click on the image above to visit the County's roundabout page and learn how to navigate roundabouts as a motorist, cyclist or pedestrian.

## Temporary Road Closure – CR 14 – Roundabout Construction

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As part of the approvals for the Colgan 1 and Colgan 2 residential subdivisions located on County Road 14 in Colgan, the developer is required to construct road improvements as a result of the expected increase in traffic. All costs for the required improvements are being paid for by the developer, Tribute Communities.

On August 9, 2022, Council approved the request to temporarily close County Road 14 between Concession Road 7 and Concession Road 8, within the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio for a duration of 9 weeks to facilitate the construction of a new roundabout. The actual dates of closure and reopening of the road will be confirmed with the developer's contractor and communicated to residents in advance and is anticipated to be between August and September.

 **2023** Draft Budget



2023 High level Draft Budget Assumptions

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The County's 2023 budget schedule has Council providing initial direction and assumptions for the development of the budget draft, with consideration, projected recommendation, and final approval in January 2023 due to the October 2022 municipal election. Historically the budget is approved in November, which allows the County to begin issuing tenders and completing budget work earlier in the year.

Staff proposed draft budget assumptions and directions for 2023 that included a tax levy increase ranging from 3 to 5% to support existing service levels and capital contribution. This figure is based on several factors, including maintaining programs and services with funding and expense assumptions as outlined, general inflation rate set at 2% based on the Bank of Canada's target CPI approximate rate of 2%, Non-residential Building Construction price index estimated at 12%, and fuel and utility cost increases updated with recent trends.

On August 9, 2022, Council approved the proposed draft budget assumptions and directions which staff will incorporate into the draft 2023 County of Simcoe budget. As noted above, the budget will follow a review and approval process through the new County Council.

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## New Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility

County staff and area partners worked extremely hard to transition out of the temporary emergency motel model with pandemic specific funding from other levels of government coming to an end. More than 76 per cent of those who were sheltering in the temporary emergency motel shelter model have been connected with services and supports and other housing/shelter options. Of those who chose not to exercise any of these options, outreach teams continue to work to strengthen connections to the wide range of homelessness prevention services and supports throughout the region.

The County is committed to working with community partners to identify additional supportive and transitional housing options in Simcoe County.

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On August 9, 2022, Council approved the plan to temporarily expand emergency homelessness shelter capacity in the City of Barrie and area through the procurement of a temporary homeless shelter facility on County-owned land. A procurement process will identify a modular, temporary solution that could be opened as early as November 2022 – ahead of the winter months. The County expects the temporary shelter to include up to 50 beds. Costs related to the acquisition and site preparation, in addition to operating costs, will be accommodated through the approved \$800,000 contribution from the County of Simcoe Social Services Reserve and the \$400,000 contribution from the City of Barrie’s Reinvestment Reserve.

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Nomination Period Opens for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual County of Simcoe Newcomer Recognition Awards

**Midhurst/August 15, 2022** – The County of Simcoe has opened the nomination period for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Newcomer Recognition Awards. The deadline to recognize deserving community champions is September 23, 2022.

Over the past nine years, the Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) has hosted this annual celebration, both virtually and in person, to recognize outstanding community leaders and champions who take decisive action to enhance the lives of newcomers in Simcoe County. In honour of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Newcomer Recognition Awards, plans are underway to return to an in-person celebration in late fall, though we will continue to monitor and follow all public health guidelines. Special thank you to our Gold Sponsor [Honda of Canada Manufacturing](#) for their tremendous support of this event.

Application submissions should be returned via fax to 705-725-9539, or email to [sclip@simcoe.ca](mailto:sclip@simcoe.ca). Individuals and/or organizations/businesses can be nominated for the following categories:

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

For more information on the upcoming Newcomer Recognition Awards, or to download an application package, visit <https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ccs/lip/newcomer-recognition-awards>.

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## County hosts second virtual Public Information Centre on the Barrie Collingwood Railway Active Transportation Trail

**Midhurst/August 15, 2022** – The County of Simcoe is hosting a second virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) on the Barrie Collingwood Railway Active Transportation Trail. Starting today, August 15, PIC materials pertaining to the Study, and an online comment form, are available at <https://www.simcoe.ca/BCRYTrail>.

The County of Simcoe has identified an opportunity to provide inter-community active transportation with the development of the Barrie Collingwood Railway (BCRY) Active Transportation Trail, between Stayer (Township of Clearview) and Angus (Township of Essa) for a distance of 23 km. The popular and unique trail already runs from the Town of Collingwood through parts of Clearview Township, ending in the Town of Stayner.

The County is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to consider options for the development and expansion of the BCRY Trail.

An initial virtual PIC was held in February 2022. This second PIC is now available on the County's website to describe the Study, the preferred design, identify next steps in the process and gather public feedback. The comment period is open until September 14, 2022.

For more information on the Barrie Collingwood Railway Active Transportation Trail and the planning process, visit <https://www.simcoe.ca/BCRYTrail>.

### About the process

The Study will follow Schedule B of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, & 2015), which is an approved process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The MCEA process includes: consultation with agencies, stakeholders, Indigenous communities and public; alternative design concepts for the preferred solution; an assessment of potential environmental impacts; and, identification of reasonable measures to mitigate any potential adverse impacts. At the conclusion of the Study, a Project File Report (PFR) will be prepared for public review.

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### County of Simcoe works to support the “missing middle” in the housing spectrum

**Midhurst/August 18, 2022** – With the rising cost of living, the County of Simcoe will be pursuing a new project aimed at addressing the housing needs of middle-income residents who are struggling with housing affordability, often referred to as the “missing middle”. County Council has authorized staff to move forward with a strategy to address attainable housing across Simcoe County, with the intention of developing a suite of tools that municipalities can use to help address the housing attainability in their communities.

“While our communities remain more affordable than many of our neighbouring jurisdictions, County Council is concerned with the rising cost of living for many of our residents,” said Warden George Cornell. “It is our hope that this project will identify creative solutions to help ease the burden for our residents and offer effective solutions to help our municipalities prioritize the right attainable housing product for our communities.”

Staff at the County of Simcoe have been working with various local municipalities to explore partnership opportunities. The vision for the project is to develop a strategy examining factors that are driving home prices, the range of attainable homes across the region, land use planning supports, and identify what can be done by municipalities to ease the burden on our residents. The project is expected to begin September 2022 and will involve a cross-section of partners in the housing system.

With this new initiative, the County continues to expand the work it offers across the housing spectrum: from transitional housing and shelter support, to social and affordable housing, to financial assistance with affordable secondary/garden suites and age-friendly renovations, to seniors living and long term care.

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**NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF AN  
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT**



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**THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE  
OFFICIAL PLAN**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Corporation of the County of Simcoe enacted By-law No. 6977 to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 7 to the Official Plan for the County of Simcoe on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 2022, pursuant to Sections 17, 21 and 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended.

Official Plan Amendment No. 7 (**MCR Phase 1 Growth Management**) applies to all lands within the County of Simcoe and as such, no key map has been provided in this notice.

**THE PURPOSE and EFFECT** of the amendment is to amend the County of Simcoe Official Plan through the implementation of the Phase 1 Growth Management policies and updates to Schedule 5.1 Land Use Designations for the purpose of completing ongoing work relating to the Municipal Comprehensive Review. The effect of the amendment will be to begin the process of bringing the County Official Plan into full conformity with the provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe in accordance with Section 26 of the Planning Act. This amendment will primarily be to introduce or update policies relating to settlement hierarchies, population and employment growth forecasts, density and intensification targets, identification of Major Transit Station Areas and to establish policy frameworks for managing new growth areas and future settlement area boundary expansions.

**PRIOR TO** adoption of Official Plan Amendment No. 7, a statutory public meeting was held on June 28, 2022 to receive public input on the proposed official plan amendment in accordance with Section 17(15) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990. With the adoption of Recommendation 2022-576 of the Committee of the Whole, Council deems it expedient to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 7 to the County of Simcoe Official Plan.

**PUBLIC INPUT** in the form of oral submissions at the Public Meeting and written submissions in advance of and following the Public Meeting, was received by the County. Details regarding how the public input was considered is available in County staff report Item CCW 2022-235. The County is satisfied that all submissions were given full consideration prior to adoption of Official Plan Amendment No. 7. To view Item CCW 2022-235, visit <https://www.simcoe.ca/Planning/Documents/CCW%202022-235.pdf> A hardcopy of Item CCW 2022-235 will be made available upon request.

**THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT** and background materials are available for viewing on the County of Simcoe website at <https://www.simcoe.ca/Planning/Pages/MCR.aspx>.

**ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** will be entitled to receive a Notice of Decision of the Approval Authority, being the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, if a written request to be notified of the Decision is made to:

**Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**  
**Municipal Services Office - Central Region**  
777 Bay Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3  
Attn: Maya Harris, Manager, Community Planning & Development  
Email: [maya.harris@ontario.ca](mailto:maya.harris@ontario.ca)

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**DATED** at Midhurst this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2022.

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Monday, September 19, 2022 | Staggered Tee Times beginning at 9 a.m.  
Mad River Golf Club, 2008 Airport Road, Creemore

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June 30, 2022

The Honourable Stephen Lecce  
 900 Bay Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Toronto, ON  
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Dear Minister Lecce,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees for the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), I would like to take this opportunity to highlight our concerns related to the child care sector in Ontario and the impact on before and after school programs in Simcoe County.

As per the *Education Act*, school boards are required to ensure the provision of before and after school programs in each elementary school where there is sufficient demand, and it is deemed viable. Up until 2018, all elementary schools in the SCDSB offered a before and after school program. However, in recent years, shortages of registered early childhood educators and other qualified staff have created significant challenges in the sector that has directly impacted the operation of before and after school programs in SCDSB schools. As a result of the recruitment and retention challenges in the sector, nine before and after school programs at SCDSB schools will not operate in 2022-2023, despite sufficient demand. In addition, the SCDSB anticipates an increase in program waitlists and the potential for further program closures. While the impact of program closures is felt at all schools, these closures disproportionately impact small and rural schools where families have fewer child care options.

The SCDSB has been proactive and taken several steps to assist child care partners with program implementation and viability. Some examples and highlights include, but are not limited to:

- employing a dedicated Early Years and Child Care Coordinator;
- collaborating with the County of Simcoe, other school boards and not for profit childcare providers to ensure a high-quality roster of experienced operators is available;
- regularly consulting with the Ministry of Education, Early Years and Child Care Division and provincial colleagues to create best practices and support effective partnerships in the Early Years programs;
- supporting the creation of low enrolment programs by absorbing administrative costs;
- where feasible, coordinating transportation between schools to allow students access to programs in other communities;
- assisting with hiring and retention strategies with all partners;
- piloting other program models, such as a.m. or p.m. only programs in order to avoid complete closures;
- providing board professional learning and development opportunities for all child care partners; and,
- ensuring the programs are supported through resources such as the board created guidelines and handbooks, inclusion facilitators, inspections (e.g. fire, health and licensing).

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It is acknowledged that the current climate for employment, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, has created unprecedented challenges never seen before in the sector. In addition to the steps the board has already taken, the SCDSB is committed to further action, where reasonably possible. Steps currently in progress include: assessing the feasibility of shared staffing models between board and operators; exploring educational partnerships to build capacity in the sector (e.g. Early Education co-op programs, summer co-op programs, Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) programs in Early Childhood Education, Recreation, Outdoor Education); marketing and advertising employment opportunities with child care partners within school communities; and, assessing the impacts of the new Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system. The SCDSB will continue with all reasonable efforts in collaboration with all child care, County and provincial partners in the provision of these services.

The staffing and recruitment challenges are not a localized phenomenon, or issues that can be solved by the SCDSB and its partners alone. While it is acknowledged that the Canada-Ontario Early Years and Child Care Agreement and Ontario's associated action plan mention supporting the child care workforce, the SCDSB Board of Trustees respectfully request that the province direct further focus on supporting the recruitment, development and retention of child care sector staff, along with a review of the current regulations and requirements. Without this support, the viability of legislated child care programs in schools and elsewhere will continue to remain in jeopardy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jodi Lloyd  
Chairperson  
Simcoe County District School Board

- c:
- Hon. Karina Gould, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
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  - Child care operators who provide programs in SCDSB schools
  - John Dance, Director of Education, SCDSB
  - Michael Giffen, Superintendent of Education, SCDSB
  - Corry Van Nispen, Superintendent of Business and Facility Services, SCDSB

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**And Further That** should the current moratorium on accommodation reviews and school closures be lifted, we ask that the moratorium remain in place for schools that qualify for the RNEF until a thorough review of the education funding formula is completed;

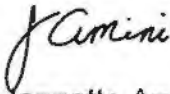
**And Further That** before templates required by the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review Guide (PARG) are developed, there be consultation with school boards and community groups including the Community Schools Alliance.

**And Further That** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Ontario municipalities, Community Schools Alliance, local MP's and MPP's and the Premier of Ontario.

**Carried**

I trust you will find this in order; however should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-548-9400, ext. 302 or via email at [jamini@frontenacounty.ca](mailto:jamini@frontenacounty.ca).

Yours Truly,



Jannette Amini, Dipl.M.M., M.A. CMO  
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July 4, 2022

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
1 Stone Road West  
Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2

Dear Minister:

Re: Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

We are writing to you today on behalf of our municipality regarding the administration fees related to wildlife damage claims. This program is necessary to protect our farm producers from the devastating losses incurred when they lose livestock to predators.

At the June 28, 2022 Regular Council Meeting the attached Resolution was passed by Council.

Our Council's concern is the administration fee paid to municipalities to administer the program on the Ministry's behalf which was recently increased from \$30.00 per claim to \$50.00 per claim.

We have recently contracted for a new Livestock Investigator resulting in the following costs directly related to wildlife claims:

- Hourly Rate: \$25.00/hour
- Mileage Rate: .50/km

On the most recent invoice for this service there were three wildlife claims with costs as follows:

1. April 28, 2022 – 3 hours + mileage = \$95.00
2. May 5, 2022 – 2.5 hours + mileage = \$75.00
3. May 8, 2022 – 3.5 hours + mileage = \$120.00

There is also time spent by municipal staff in preparing the wildlife claims for submission and monitoring the claims for payment to the livestock owner.

This results in a loss on each wildlife claim for our taxpayers to bear to be able to provide this necessary service to our farm producers.

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Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

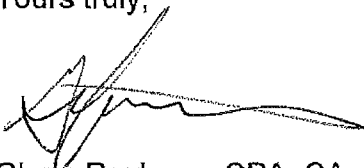
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We respectfully request that the Ministry consider increasing the administration fee on wildlife claims to help offset the increasing costs associated with Livestock Investigation.

We look forward to hearing from you about this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gloria Raybone', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gloria Raybone, CPA, CA  
CAO/Treasurer

Encl.

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities

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Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 42.  
Title: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Moved by Brian Treanor  
Seconded by Jacob Palmateer

WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs administers the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program to provide compensation to farm producers for livestock killed by wildlife;  
AND WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities administer the Program on behalf of OMAFRA by appointing a Livestock Investigator and staff to work on wildlife damage claims;  
AND WHEREAS the costs associated with wildlife damage claims typically exceed the administration fee of \$50.00 per claim as provided to the Municipality by OMAFRA;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Tweed request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to review the administration fee provided to Municipalities for the administration of the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program:  
AND FURTHER, that this Resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

Carried

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Mayor *J. Albert*

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Jamie Eckenswiller, Deputy Clerk  
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July 6, 2022

Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay St.  
Toronto ON M7A 2J3

**Via Email**

Dear Minister Clark:

**Re: Removal of Municipal Councillors Under Prescribed Circumstances**

City Council, at its meeting held on May 30, 2022, considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-220530-013 as follows:

**"WHEREAS across municipal councils in Ontario there have been appalling instances of misogyny and hatred; and**

**WHEREAS the powers of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner do not include the ability to recommend expulsion of councillors;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with copies being sent to the federal government, provincial government, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities, requesting that the Ministry:**

- 1. Study the merits of allowing the recall of municipal councillors under carefully prescribed circumstances, including displays of hatred, misogyny and all forms of discrimination; and**
- 2. Facilitate strengthened and ongoing orientation and training sessions for councils, local boards, and committees."**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)  
Deputy Clerk  
City of Owen Sound

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August 3, 2022

## **AMO Policy Update – Mental Health and Addictions Submission and Automated Camera-Based Enforcement Guidance Released**

### **An Integrated Approach to Mental Health and Addictions**

AMO has submitted [An Integrated Approach to Mental Health and Addictions](#) to the Ministry of Health. Issues of mental health and addictions consistently top the list of concerns expressed by AMO members – in particular, the lack of an integrated and comprehensive provincial-municipal response to mental health in terms of community services, supports, prevention and equitable access. Many municipal governments have stepped in to fill the gap where provincial services are lacking at the community level; however, more provincial funding, engagement, and service connections can help facilitate a more integrated approach. Addressing mental health and addictions through a whole of government response is essential to the health and economic development of our communities.

The 15 recommendations to the provincial government in this submission offer a starting point for this work. The recommendations were developed with input from AMO's Health Task Force and approved by AMO's Board of Directors. The submission has been reviewed by and incorporates input from the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario (CMHA – Ontario) and the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres (OFIFC). Conversations with municipal service managers responsible for the administration of human service programs have also informed this timely document.

## Automated Camera-Based Enforcement

As municipalities face challenges with higher driving speeds and road safety in their communities, AMO has heard great interest in more support for municipalities who are interested in developing their own effective camera-based enforcement programs. The Ministry of Transportation has now released guidance on how to implement an Administrative Penalty program which is subject to the rules and procedures included in the *Highway Traffic Act* and its regulations.

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**Krista Pascoe**

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August 4, 2022

## **AMO Policy Update - High-Speed Internet Access Announcement**

Today the Ontario government announced that it has signed agreements with eight internet service providers (ISPs) to bring high-speed internet access to as many as 339 municipalities across Ontario. The ISPs were selected through a two-stage competitive process called Ontario Connects. It is part of Ontario's investment of nearly \$4 billion to bring access to reliable high-speed internet across the province.

Municipal governments that will receive new broadband services as a result of these agreements were notified earlier today by the province. In those communications information is provided on the Technical Assistance Team and Broadband One Window processes that the province has created in conjunction with Infrastructure Ontario. For general information from the Ministry of Infrastructure, please click here, or contact: [broadband@ontario.ca](mailto:broadband@ontario.ca). For general questions related to the onboard process for the AHSIP projects, please contact: [OntarioConnects.Onboarding@infrastructureontario.ca](mailto:OntarioConnects.Onboarding@infrastructureontario.ca).

In 2021, Ontario passed Bill 257 – Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021 to help speed up construction of broadband projects. In April 2022, the province passed Bill 93 – the Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022, to build upon this legislation. Note that there are timelines in each piece of legislation with

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which municipalities are required to comply. This includes providing timely access to infrastructure, including municipal rights of way. Municipalities are encouraged to understand the implications of this legislation.

AMO and municipal governments place critical importance on internet and cellular connectivity and infrastructure for our residents and businesses. AMO's advocacy on broadband can be found [here](#).

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August 9, 2022

## AMO Policy Update – Throne Speech and Budget

### Throne Speech

Today Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell read the Throne Speech outlining the provincial government's legislative objectives for the remainder of its mandate. The provincial government is seeking to deliver on ongoing and new priority actions, particularly in the health, long-term care, and housing sectors.

Priorities of interest to municipal governments include:

- A five per cent increase in payments made through the Ontario Disability Support Program, with a commitment to introduce changes that will increase ODSP rates annually, tied to inflation.
- The introduction of a strong-mayor system, which the province has announced will be tabled in the legislature on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. (Note – A separate policy update will be sent out after introduction tomorrow.)
- Continued investments in the implementation of the Roadmap to Wellness, Ontario's plan to build a connected and comprehensive mental health and addictions system.
- A commitment to expand the scopes of practice for community paramedicine programs to allow paramedics to care for people at home, rather than in hospital or long-term care.
- A recommitment to build 30,000 new long-term care beds by 2028, with 31,705 new and 28,648 upgraded beds now in development, with a total investment of nearly \$5 billion over four years to hire the more than 27,000 new staff that will be needed to provide long-term care home residents an average of four hours of direct care per day by 2025.

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- A commitment to explore partnering with municipalities to leverage surplus provincial lands and add new incentives to build attainable housing that lowers costs for potential buyers and puts home ownership in reach for more families.

## Budget

Today the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, reintroduced the 2022 provincial budget shortly after the Throne Speech.

The budget also includes a plan to raise rates for the Ontario Disability Support Program by 5% starting in September 2022. This is an addition to the previously announced budget. This change will be funded from within existing contingencies in the 2022 fiscal plan. In addition, higher than projected tax revenues have reduced the deficit forecast by \$1.1 billion and is now projected to be \$18.8 billion for 2022-23.

AMO previously highlighted areas of municipal interest in the *Plan to Build Act (Budget Measures)*, 2022 when it was first tabled on April 28, 2022.

Using the strength and local knowledge of our members, AMO brings practical advice and frontline information to Queen's Park where AMO interacts with Ministers and their staff in one-on-one meetings and most notably through the Ontario-AMO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

AMO looks forward to continuing the collaborative working relationship we have established with the provincial government as they move forward with their outlined priorities by providing details of funding for infrastructure projects across the province and addressing the social and economic challenges facing Ontario today.

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August 10, 2022

## **AMO Policy Update – *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act***

The Government of Ontario today introduced the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*, a Bill that would, if passed, alter the governance and public administration of the cities of Ottawa and Toronto by providing the mayors of both cities with new powers.

According to the government news release, the Mayors of Ottawa and Toronto would have new authority over agenda setting, budget processes, and council by-law decisions relating to prescribed provincial priorities (to be established in regulation).

The Bill would also provide the Mayors of Ottawa and Toronto with new authority to appoint committee chairs, to hire certain municipal public administrators, and to reorganize the public administration of the two cities.

Please see the government's [news release](#) for available details.

AMO will monitor the progress of the draft legislation and keep members informed.

AMO will also urge the government to consult broadly and extensively with the public and with Ontario's professional and political municipal organizations, including AMO, if it is considering extending these powers to other municipalities, to avoid unintended consequences.

The bill is positioned as a way to provide municipalities with additional tools to increase the supply of housing and to make housing more affordable.

AMO's February 2022 [Blueprint for Action](#) builds on years of AMO advocacy to increase housing affordability in Ontario, including tangible actions for all orders of government and the development industry. AMO looks forward to a comprehensive response from the government of Ontario to these important recommendations.

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August 19, 2022

## **AMO Policy Update – Provincial Health News from a Municipal Lens, Canada Child Care Plan Update, Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program**

### **Provincial Health News from a Municipal Lens**

The Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, made a series of health system announcements on August 17th at the close of the AMO conference and on August 18th that are of direct interest to municipal councils and staff.

Items of direct municipal interest include:

- The province announced nearly \$764 million in funding to assist municipalities with the cost of their paramedic services operations. This is an average increase of five per cent provincially compared to 2021-22 funding levels.
- The expansion of patient care models for eligible 9-1-1 patients to provide timely access to appropriate treatment in the community and help reduce unnecessary emergency department visits.
  - Currently, these patient care models enable paramedics to treat and refer mental health and addictions and palliative care patients to appropriate services in the community where available.
  - The government is working with key partners to expand these models to different patient groups, such as people with diabetes and epilepsy, and implement a new treat and release model with recommendations to patients for appropriate follow-up care.

- Ontario is providing approximately \$47 million through to the end of 2023 to public health units and municipalities to provide financial stability so they can deliver key public health services across the province.
  - This funding announcement is very welcome.
  - It is in addition to continuing the increased provincial investments to support the public health sector's response to COVID-19.
- Ontario is implementing processes to improve ambulance offloading currently being experienced by patients and paramedic services.
- Ontario is introducing legislation that, if passed, will support patients whose doctors have said they no longer need hospital treatment and should instead be placed in a long-term care home while they wait for their preferred home.
- Ontario will continue to fund community paramedicine to provide additional care for seniors in their own homes before their admission to a long-term care home.
  - AMO is very supportive of community paramedicine programs as it is cost-efficient and keeps people in their homes where they prefer to be. However, for years we have urged that it needs a legislative base and stable funding rather than pilot funding. AMO's June 2021 joint paper with the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs (O AFC) on our proposed CP policy framework is here for your reference.
- The province will continue to provide COVID-19 and flu shots to Ontarians so they can stay up to date with their vaccinations to protect themselves and reduce the number of hospitalizations.

We understand that additional details will follow over the fall from the Ministries of Health and Long-Term Care on these expanded initiatives. We will provide updates when available.

### **Canada Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Implementation Plan Update**

The Ministry has updated the 2022 CWELCC Guidelines and O. Reg 137/15, making key changes to support participation in the CWELCC System. These include:

- extending enrolment dates to November 1, 2022, for licensees to sign on to the CWELCC system
- directing service system managers (SSMs) to process applications and confirm eligibility within 10 calendar days of date of application
- directing SSMs and licensees to execute an agreement within 30 calendar days of date of application
- requiring licensees to provide rebates to families within 20 calendar days of receiving funding from the SSM
- confirming that licensees applying to the CWELCC System may withdraw their application at any time, or terminate their participation in the System, subject to the terms of their CWELCC System service agreement; CMSMs/DSSABs may not impose any penalties related to a licensee's termination

- clarifying that licensees operating as for-profit corporations or individuals can continue to earn profit and licensees operating as not-for-profit corporations will be permitted a surplus amount to build reserves or reinvest in the organization.

Municipalities must share an example of a standard agreement with all licensed operators in their region by August 29, 2022 and meet corresponding deadlines for processing of applications. Despite these extended deadlines, parents should still see savings on average of 50% by December 31, as originally scheduled.

As next steps, consultations have begun with the Minister's Advisory Group to support the development of the Child Care Funding Formula which is planned for implementation in 2023. The Ministry also plans to consult with child care partners on additional CWELCC priorities, including workplace recruitment and retention, and the development of a growth and inclusion framework to support space expansion priorities as well as the needs of vulnerable and diverse populations. CMSMs/DSSABs will be expected to develop space expansion plans and build on existing community service plans for submission to the Ministry in late 2022.

### **Ontario Now Accepting Applications for Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program (FHIMP)**

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), in partnership with Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN), launched applications for the Federal Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program. Up to 50% matched federal funding can be received for eligible flood mapping projects.

Applications from municipalities, Indigenous communities, planning authorities, and conservation authorities are encouraged and will be accepted until 4:30pm EST on September 16, 2022.

The Ministry is hosting two identical information webinars on August 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30am, and August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30am. To register for one of these events, please complete this [form](#). For additional program information visit [www.ontario.ca/page/flood-hazard-identification-and-mapping-program](http://www.ontario.ca/page/flood-hazard-identification-and-mapping-program) or contact [FHIMPapplications@ontario.ca](mailto:FHIMPapplications@ontario.ca) should you need to reach out to MNR staff.

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## POLICY UPDATE

August 29, 2022

### **AMO Policy Update – Standing Committee on *Bill 3*, Strengthening Public Health, Increasing and Preserving Purpose-Built Rental Housing Strategy**

#### **Presentation to Standing Committee on *Bill 3*, *Strong Mayors*, *Building Homes Act*, 2022**

AMO's Executive Director, Brian Rosborough, presented today to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding Bill 3, *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*, 2022. AMO's comments on the Bill are summarized in a letter to the Committee that can be found [here](#). While the AMO Board did not take a position on the Bill in general, the letter outlines a number of AMO Board recommendations, including the need for broad public and municipal consultation as the government considers the extension of Bill 3 measures to additional municipalities.

#### **Strengthening Public Health: Now and for the Future**

AMO has consistently advocated for and provided the government with advice on behalf of municipal governments about public health. A new submission



"[Strengthening Public Health in Ontario: Now and for the Future](#)" has been provided to the Ministry of Health.

Ontario's municipal governments have a vested interest in strengthening the public health system for the residents they serve given their role as governors, co-funders, employers and in some cases, direct service deliverers. AMO's goal is to work with the Province of Ontario to strengthen public health, help end hallway health care, and reduce overall health costs through finding efficiencies to reinvest into services, not by increasing the municipal cost-share contribution.

Much has changed since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. AMO believes that this requires a fresh look at what is needed to sustain and enhance the public health system. AMO is calling for an inquiry on lessons learned from the pandemic, for local and provincial public health, and then a resumption of the consultation on public health modernization once the pandemic has ended. In addition, more immediate needs for the system have been identified including funding and specific attention paid to public health in provincial health human resource planning. For more details, please see the [submission](#) on the AMO website.

### **Increasing and Preserving Purpose-Built Rental Housing: The Need for an Ontario Strategy**

The province's housing plan must include a 'made-in-Ontario' strategy to both increase and preserve purpose-built rental. While home ownership is important, rental housing is the only viable option for many Ontarians. There is scarce rental supply in most communities, and it is often unaffordable for moderate and low-income people. New rental housing needs to be built, and existing stock, especially affordable units, must be preserved.

AMO recommended, as part of the [Blueprint for Action: An Integrated Approach to Address the Housing Crisis](#), that the provincial government develop and implement a rental housing strategy and put in place other measures for this type of housing stock. This and other recommendations were provided to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in the AMO submission titled "[Increasing and Preserving Purpose-Built Rental Housing: The Need for an Ontario Strategy](#)".

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July 13, 2022

## CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

At the meeting held on July 6, 2022, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution.

### **Moved by Boxem Seconded by Clark**

WHEREAS the impacts of climate change are being felt in Mulmur and will continue to intensify, posing acute and lasting risks to people, business, and natural ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS these risks include, but are not limited to, extreme weather, threats to human health and wellbeing, economic disruption, food and water insecurity, social instability and threats to all other life on earth;

AND WHEREAS Mulmur has a crucial role to play in responding to, changing and mitigating the contributions to climate change through responsible planning and budgeting;

AND WHEREAS Council's Strategic Plan identifies a priority path of "Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: being proactive in sustainable initiatives to ensure the long term well-being of Mulmur";

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur's Official Plan provides a policy for growth management where land use patterns shall "minimize negative impacts to air quality and climate change, and promote energy efficiency";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Mulmur declare a Climate Emergency for the purpose of recognizing and deepening our commitment to protecting our economy, ecosystems, and community from climate change;

AND THAT, in response to this Climate Emergency, Council seeks to limit its contributions to the climate crisis, by way of the following actions:

1. That Council review the current Strategic Plan action items for "Growing a Sustainable Mulmur" to reprioritize commitments and identify additional areas to take action.
2. That Council direct staff to identify climate change options at budget time for Council consideration.
3. That Council direct staff to arrange training on climate change and climate lens adaptation to be scheduled in 2023.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities for their information and potential action.

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

*Tracey Atkinson*

Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner  
Township of Mulmur



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We want to remind all our members who have a love of history, value the importance of preserving and promoting the heritage of Simcoe County,

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and who want to actively support our organization, to please contact us if interested or just curious about more ways to get involved.



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[EXTERNAL]

# Brookfield Properties

July 15, 2022

Township of Essa  
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Attention: Mayor Macdonald and Members of Council

RE: Brookfield Residential Subdivision  
Background Information on Baxter Park and Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Dear Mayor Macdonald and Members of Council,

As you are aware, Brookfield delivered a delegation to Council at the June 29, 2022 Council Meeting, in anticipation of a report regarding our Baxter Subdivision Agreement being included on the agenda. Following the delegation, a number of questions and concerns were raised by Council as it relates to the development of the Park Block and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It appears that Council may not be aware of all of the background information and work conducted to date related to these two (2) components of our development.

We would like to ensure that Brookfield, Township Staff, and Council have a common understanding of these two items. As such, we have provided a brief summary of the evolution of the Park Block and the Wastewater Treatment Plant below.

## Park Block

- 2017 – Council passed a resolution permitting Brookfield to develop the park block in Baxter through a Park Development Agreement.
- 2018 – Council approved the park design concept and approved a Parkland Development Agreement.
- 2019-2020 – Township Engineers were not supportive of development of the park block until the downstream stormwater management and sanitary infrastructure was completed. As a result, the Agreement was not executed and became stale dated.
- 2021 – It was noted that the Township's 2017 EA for the Baxter Water Supply Upgrades and the design of the Township's new Water Supply Upgrades and Booster Station did not anticipate demands for a splash pad. Discussions took place between Brookfield and Township Staff regarding water supply and water consumption for the splash pad as well as alternatives for the splash pad (smaller splash pad with lower consumption; splash pad with its own water supply; and elimination of the splash pad). It was agreed by all that the splash pad was to be eliminated and Brookfield commenced modifying the design. Additionally, Township Staff raised concerns that the overall park budget (which was consistent with the 2018 DC Background Study) exceeded the parks component of the development charges to be collected from the Brookfield development.
- May 2022 – Brookfield met with Township Staff to review alternative park design concepts and associated cost estimates. Township Staff advised that they are not prepared to accept Brookfield constructing the park and would like to go back to the default draft plan condition and have Brookfield

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simply deliver a graded and seeded park block. The Township will deliver the park programming at a later date under the direction of the Manager of Parks and Recreation.

Having a high quality, programmed park for the enjoyment of our new residents and the existing community continues to be a priority for Brookfield. Should Council wish to reconsider having Brookfield design and construct the park block, we are agreeable to discussing this option once again.

#### Wastewater Treatment Plant

- 2012 – Schedule B Environmental Assessment (EA) completed. The preferred alternative was a sewage pumping station (SPS) which conveys wastewater to the existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in Angus via a 9km forcemain (FM).
- 2019 – Following the completion of the detailed design, preparation of the SPS 100% design cost estimate and tendering of the FM, Brookfield reopened the Class EA to review the preferred alternative and to consider alternative solutions.
- 2020 – The Draft Phase I/II Report identified the preferred alternative as a local WWTP.
- 2021 – The Phase III Report considered alternative treatment technologies and two discharge locations (north tributary to Nottawasaga River and directly to the Nottawasaga River). The Report identified the preferred design as a local WWTP using modified sequence batch reactor (modified SBR) technology, with discharge to the main branch of the Nottawasaga River.
- 2022 – The final Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been finalized and summarizes the Phase I to III Reports. The ESR addresses additional comments received from the Township, Ainley, and the MECP. The preferred design is consistent with the Phase III Report, as well as the addition of odour control technology at the plant.

We have been working with our design consultants and will be providing the Township a 40% submission in support of a Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) in the upcoming days. The design is consistent with the information presented in the ESR.

As outlined above, the design and approvals processes for the park block and WWTP have been refined over time with input from various stakeholders. We believe that we have established plans for both of these components which are rooted in fiscal responsibility, good design, regard for the environment, and consideration for the desires of the Community. As we continue to progress through our development approvals with the Township, we would be pleased to provide Council with project updates and answer any questions from Council as necessary. It is our pleasure to work alongside staff and Council at the Township to enhance the Community of Baxter, and we thank each of you for your contributions to date.

Sincerely,



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TOWN OF  
**SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA**

July 22, 2022

Premier Doug Ford  
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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Physician Shortages in Ontario**

Ontario has one of the most revered health care systems in the world. The residents of Ontario have been fortunate to have access to medical professionals from all branches of the medical field.

Our Province continually monitors the needs of its citizens and strives to make progressive changes to continue to meet the needs of Ontarians. Evidence of this progressive action on the part of the government was the identification of the shortage of Personal Support Workers. Recognizing the vital role that they play in health care, the Province supported Ontario colleges in providing free tuition for students who agreed to study for and become Personal Support Workers. We applaud the Province for this progressive action.

Like many municipalities, we have noticed that as each year goes by, we begin to see fewer physicians. The shortage is becoming alarming as we hear daily that many people are without a physician and do not have access to a primary medical care giver. The shortage of physicians is reaching our hospital emergency rooms as many in our rural communities are forced to close periodically as there are no physicians to staff them.

Another issue which is exacerbating the physician shortage is the limited spaces available in Canadian Universities for medical school and in residency programs. Increases to the number of students who are accepted could go a long way to ensure that more students graduate and become contributing physicians in our communities.

A third issue that causes concern is the seemingly onerous process for foreign and international physicians to become accredited to practice in Ontario. We have had interactions with individuals who have come to our community and are accomplished physicians but are not able to practice in Ontario as they at times cannot afford the cost for accreditation and in other instances, the process is quite lengthy meaning that they must take other positions, outside of their field, thus wasting their talent.



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**SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA**

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula has seriously contemplated all of these issues and has taken steps to address the shortage experienced in our community. Council has monetarily supported a local Physician Recruitment Committee and has held money in reserves to assist with the hiring of a recruiter and to be used to assist new physicians requiring funds to set up an office and find housing.

We are reaching out to you to ask for your assistance in addressing the physician shortage. We would like to see subsidy opportunities for students who commit to becoming practicing physicians and would expect that the Province would put protective measures in place to ensure that students receiving funding commit to practicing in Ontario. We would support an expedited accreditation process for foreign physicians. We would encourage the increase of additional student spaces in medical school and residency programs.

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula is not alone in its convictions to address the physician shortages. We welcome you to contact us directly to have conversations about how all levels of government can work together to end this shortage.

Yours very truly,

Mayor Janice Jackson

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## Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2022

### 23. Notice of Motion – Mayor Jackson – Physician Subsidy

Mayor Jackson explained the meeting with the Physician Recruitment Committee and how a retired recruiter is willing to help the Committee but that we need to support medical students. The motion would be forwarded to the Minister, the Premier, the Prime Minister and all Ontario municipalities.

Discussion included the closing of hospital ERs, people without family doctors, the difficulty for professionals to obtain accreditation to work in our Province, having levels of accreditation to relieve pressure, community health models including nurse practitioners, ideas that the recruiter has and how she recruited 77 doctors.

**R-266-2022**

It was **Moved** by J. Jackson, **Seconded** by K. Durst and **Carried**

**Whereas** the Province of Ontario and particularly rural areas such as South Bruce Peninsula, are experiencing a severe shortage of physicians, leaving many people without access to medical care;

**And whereas** when the Province of Ontario realized the shortage of Personal Support Workers, they took progressive action to support Ontario colleges to provide free tuition for students who agreed to enter into this field of study and work;

**And whereas** it is recognized that the education costs for a physician can be a deterrent for students contemplating entering the medical field;

**And whereas** the Town of South Bruce Peninsula has taken steps to support the recruitment of physicians by earmarking money to hire a recruiter, by monetarily supporting a recruitment Committee and by providing money for new physicians to use to set up office space and for housing;

**Now therefore** be it resolved that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada recognizes that the shortage in health care workers is not unique to Personal Support Workers but is also relevant to physicians including specialists and general practitioners;

**And that** in order to support Ontario municipalities and their residents, the Provincial and Federal Governments take steps to provide support and subsidy to students entering

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medical school with the intention of becoming practicing physicians in the Province of Ontario and particularly in underserved rural and northern municipalities;

**And that** the Provincial and Federal Governments work with Canadian universities to increase the number of students accepted into medical school and residency programs;

**And that** the Province expedites the accreditation process for foreign medical practitioners ;

**And further that** the Town of South Bruce Peninsula supports whatever protective measures the Provincial and Federal Governments place on the subsidy given to ensure that the students receiving the funding become practicing physicians in the Province of Ontario.



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August 4, 2022

Honourable Sylvia Jones  
Minister of Health and Deputy Premier  
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**Re: Warming and Cooling Centre Policy**

Dear Honourable Sylvia Jones,

At their meeting of July 13, 2022, Aylmer Town Council adopted the following resolution regarding a request for increased federal and provincial funding for Health Units to develop uniform and comprehensive local responses to extreme heat and cold events:

That Report CAO 49-22 entitled Warming and Cooling Centre Policy, be received for information; and

That Council approve adoption of the Warming and Cooling Centre Policy; and

That Council request increased federal and provincial funding for Health Units to develop uniform and comprehensive local responses to extreme heat and cold events; and,

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Minister of Health Canada, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Ontario, Ontario Minister of Health, Ontario municipalities and the Southwestern Public Health Unit.

Thank you,

**Owen Jaggard**  
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*"MAKING ONTARIO A SAFER PLACE FROM FIRE."*

**DATE:** August 8, 2022

**TO:** Ontario Fire Chiefs  
Municipal CAOs

**FROM:** Jon Pegg  
Chair, Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council

**SUBJECT:** Firefighter Certification

On July 1, 2022, [O. Reg. 343/22: Firefighter Certification](#) came into force in the Province of Ontario.

Following the consultation period, the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) Board of Directors has been working with the Office of the Fire Marshal to understand the requirements of the certification regulation and its impact on Ontario's fire services. Over the course of the next 4 to 6 years, departments will be required to certify their members to the level of fire protection service established by their municipality.

It became apparent in our discussions and understanding of feedback provided throughout the regulation's consultation period that municipalities were seeking financial support to assist with the requirements under O. Reg. 343/22. Some departments will require online access to training material whereas others will be required to purchase textbooks to support their members in achieving certification.

Today, on behalf of the FMPFSC, I am pleased to announce the creation of a \$750,000 grant to support firefighter certification in Ontario. This grant will be provided over three years and is open to all Ontario fire departments who can demonstrate a need for educational materials to support training and certifying their members. The grant will be administered through the FMPFSC's Distribution Centre with details to follow on the application process and what materials will be eligible as part of this funding.

The FMPFSC has worked closely with both Jones and Bartlett and the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) to provide a suite of both hard copy and online materials that will benefit the fire service in meeting the requirements of the regulation.

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The Board and FMPFSC is honoured to be able to provide this funding to the fire service in Ontario and will continue to look for opportunities to give back to the Ontario fire service to continue to support a fire safe Ontario.

It would be appreciated if fire chiefs could share the news of this grant with their training officers and others so that thought can be given on what is needed at the local level to support training and certification.

Details on the grant application process will be available through Jamie Kovacs, Executive Director, in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Jon Pegg  
Chair

cc: Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

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**Subject:** SMOS Final Report 2018 - 2021

Good morning,

**Please forward to Mayors and Councils**

*The Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy (SMOS) is a multi-sectoral collaborative of local agencies, organizations and individuals working together to address opioid related harms in our communities.*

As chair of the SMOS steering committee, I am pleased to share that the final report, [Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy \(SMOS\) A Report on Actions \(2018-2021\)](#), is now available. This report reviews the goals and actions completed as part of the three-year SMOS action plan. Originally the action plan was developed with all activities wrapping up in 2020, however in March of that year the COVID-19 global pandemic was declared. It was soon recognized that the pandemic greatly impacted people who use drugs locally, provincially and nationally. Due to this, SMOS activities continued into 2021. → available through Clerks Dept.

Even though all activities from the SMOS action plan were completed, the rate of opioid-related deaths has not gone down. The initial large spike in deaths that occurred in 2017, both in Simcoe Muskoka and provincially, stabilized in Simcoe Muskoka from 2017 to 2019; however, it increased significantly again in 2020 along with the COVID-19 pandemic, both in Simcoe Muskoka and the province. With the great need that exists, there is still much progress to be made on many of the SMOS goals and activities, and on new priority areas that have emerged since the action plan was created.

SMOS Steering Committee members have developed priorities for 2022 to continue the work while an approach is developed to plan for a refreshed drug strategy. Priorities being considered in a refreshed drug strategy include:

- Exploration of broadening the scope of the strategy to include all illicit substances.
- Exploration of the initiation of safer opioid supply programs.
- Increasing access to Opioid Agonist Treatment in our communities.
- Ongoing advocacy to decriminalize personal use and possession of illicit substances, paired with enhanced health and social services to reduce the stigma and other harms of criminalization.
- Continuing to support the Barrie Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) site application
- Continuing to pursue evidence-based initiatives for substance use prevention and mental health promotion throughout the life span.



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A great deal has been achieved and learned while the SMOS Action Plan (2018-2020) was implemented. An equal amount of attention and priority will be needed over the coming years to address the continuing opioid crisis. The SMOS Steering Committee is extremely grateful to all individuals and organizations who have made contributions to help prevent and address the harms related to substance use in our communities.

For more details from the Report on Actions visit [smdhu.org/SMOS](https://smdhu.org/SMOS).

For previous reports and status updates on SMOS actions visit [PreventOD.ca](https://PreventOD.ca).

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** Ontario Expanding Broadband Access in Rural Communities



## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Expanding Broadband Access in Rural Communities

More residents in Dufferin County will receive high-speed internet

**August 19, 2022**

[Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs](#)

**DUFFERIN COUNTY**– The governments of Canada and Ontario, in partnership with Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Inc., have completed construction on a significant broadband infrastructure project. More than 630 families, farms and businesses in Dufferin County will have access to fast, reliable high-speed internet service.

“Our government is delivering on its commitment to provide access to high-speed internet throughout rural Ontario,” said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “Projects like this in Dufferin County that connect more communities to high-speed internet are crucial to building a stronger Ontario. We’re helping rural residents stay in touch with loved ones, enabling them to access supports they need while providing a much-needed boost to the local economy.”

Both levels of government have each committed more than \$538,000 to the project, to provide the communities of Laurel, Salem and Camilla with access to high-speed internet.

“Reliable broadband infrastructure is a necessity for Canadian families and businesses in this increasingly connected world,” said Maninder Sidhu, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Member of Parliament for Brampton East, on behalf of the Honourable Dominic



LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities. “The completion of new fibre technology and additional network infrastructure in Dufferin County gets us one step closer to connecting all Canadians to high-speed internet by 2030.”

The completion of this project brings Ontario one step closer to delivering on its commitment to bring access to high-speed internet to every community in the province by 2025, while also building stronger rural communities and laying the foundation for long-term economic growth.

“Today’s broadband expansion announcement is another example of how our government is making broadband access a priority in Dufferin - Caledon”, said Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin - Caledon. “There is no doubt that reliable, high-speed internet access is critical for families and businesses in our community and throughout Ontario. Whether it is for students completing school assignments, operating a business, or keeping in touch with friends and family, our government continues to expand broadband access for residents in Mono, Laurel and across Dufferin-Caledon.”

The contract to expand broadband services in Dufferin County was awarded by Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Inc., a not-for-profit corporation initiated by local municipalities to address connectivity in Southwestern Ontario. More than \$255 million has been invested by the governments of Canada and Ontario and the private sector to bring high-speed internet to more than 63,000 households and businesses in Southwestern Ontario through SWIFT.

“With the support of the federal and provincial governments, SWIFT is making important progress throughout Dufferin County to expand access to reliable broadband,” said Gary McNamara, SWIFT Board Chair. “Today’s announcement brings us one step closer to a more connected Southwestern Ontario as more than 630 additional homes and businesses within the region now have access to high-speed internet connectivity.”

## Quick Facts

- The governments of Canada and Ontario are each contributing more than \$63 million to SWIFT through the New Building Canada Fund’s



Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – Small Communities Fund.

- In July 2021, the governments of Canada and Ontario announced an historic agreement that will deliver high-speed Internet to nearly 280,000 rural Ontario households in hundreds of communities across the province, through an equal federal-provincial investment totalling more than \$1.2 billion.
- The Ontario government has committed nearly \$4 billion to bring high-speed internet access to every corner of the province by the end of 2025. This proactive approach is the largest single investment in high-speed internet, in any province, by any government in Canadian history.
- In 2021, Ontario passed the [\*Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021\*](#) to help speed up construction of broadband projects. Ontario is also helping to remove barriers, duplication and delays, making it easier and faster to build high-speed internet infrastructure through the [\*Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022\*](#), which was passed unanimously by the Legislature on April 11, 2022. This legislation helps ensure underserved and unserved communities across the province have access to reliable high-speed internet sooner and will help the government achieve its commitment to connect every region with access to high-speed internet by the end of 2025.
- Expanding access to broadband and cellular service is part of [\*Ontario Onwards: Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government\*](#), which includes more than 30 projects that are changing the way people and businesses interact with government.

## Additional Resources

[Ontario Connects: Making High-Speed Internet Accessible in Every Community](#)

[Ontario Builds: Our infrastructure plan](#)

[High-Speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy](#)



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# OntarioSheep

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## Livestock Guardian Dog use in Ontario

Predation is a significant cost and ongoing threat to sheep flocks in Ontario. Preventative measures are the first line of defense for producers. Livestock Guardian Dogs are one of the most effective preventative measures available because they are actively protecting the flock 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Livestock Guardian Dogs have been used in Ontario since the 1960's. Their use has increased in the past 40 years as the province's coyote population has increased and expanded throughout the entire province. Livestock Guardian Dog are now used by a great majority of sheep producers in Ontario to protect their flocks from predation by (primarily) coyotes, but also wolves, bears and other wildlife.

Livestock Guardian Dogs live with the sheep flock.

They provide protection to the flock by patrolling pastures, marking the perimeter of their territory. They also bark, run at, and try to intimidate any threats to the livestock they are protecting, which in this case is sheep.

Barking is one of the primary means by which livestock guardian dogs provide protection to the sheep flock. It is their way of communicating with other canines, and the guarding bark warns predators to avoid the area. Because dogs' sense of smell and hearing are many times more acute than that of humans, they often appear to be "barking" at nothing, when in fact, they hear, or smell something that humans are not able to.

Except perhaps for sheep flocks totally confined to barns with no access to outdoors, very few sheep flocks would survive predation attacks if it weren't for the effectiveness of livestock guardian dogs.

Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) considers the use of livestock guardian dogs to provide protection to livestock against predation as a normal farm practice.

The Farm and Food Production Protection Act (administered by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) defines normal farm practice as a farming practice which:

- is consistent with proper, acceptable customs and standards of similar operations; or
- uses innovative technology according to proper, advanced farm management practices.

The Farm and Food Production Protection Act was established to promote and protect agricultural uses and normal farm practices in agricultural areas, in a way that balances the needs of the agricultural community with provincial health, safety and environmental concerns.



# OntarioSheep FARMERS

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On behalf of Ontario's 2700 sheep farmers, I am reaching out to begin a dialogue with your municipality on the increasing challenge livestock farmers face in dealing with problem predators, and the role that Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGD) and your municipal dog control bylaws play in helping our farmers protect their sheep.

Problem predators are an increasing challenge and cost for Ontario livestock farmers requiring considerable effort and resources on the part of farmers and the Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF). The financial cost of predation not only costs farmers, in terms of preventative measures, such as fencing and LGD; it also costs Ontario taxpayers, with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) paying farmers over \$717,000 in the 2021 FY for losses of livestock caused by wildlife. This cost does not include the cost borne by municipalities and OMAFRA in sending investigators out to farms and administering the program. Nor does this cover the costs of veterinarians to help those maimed by predators to recover, the production losses of animals who are stressed from predation and the mental health toll predation takes on the farmer. Without being able to properly protect livestock from predation, taxpayers should expect to see an increased incidence of predation and increased costs.

Livestock guardian animals are one of the most common forms of predation prevention control used by Ontario sheep producers. These include Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGDs), donkeys, and llamas, with LGD being the most popular choice. However, there are instances when municipal by-laws hinder the efficient use of LGDs on farming operations as the by-laws are intended primarily for dogs kept for companionship, breeding, or non-working purposes. We have reviewed work done by several Ontario municipalities where LGDs have been specifically addressed when creating or revising existing by-laws. Below are some of the primary areas of concern and suggested options for consideration by your municipality.

### **Add Definition of Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGDs) and Herding Dogs to by-laws**

We propose that:

"Livestock Guardian Dog" (LGD) be defined as a dog that works and/or lives with domestic farm animals (e.g. cattle, sheep, poultry) to protect them while repelling predators and is used exclusively for that purpose.

"Herding Dog" means a dog that has been trained and is actively being used in a bona fide farming operation for the purposes of controlling livestock on the farm.

There are different breeds of LGDs of which the most popular breeds in Ontario include Great Pyrenees, Akbash, Kuvasz, Maremma and Anatolian Shepherd and crosses between these breeds. Although not an exhaustive list, dogs generally used for herding include Border Collies, Australian Shepherds, Blue & Red Heelers and Huntaways.



**Dog Registration/Licensing Requirements**

Paying annual dog registration/license fees for numerous working farm dogs can become a significant cost for sheep producers. We would encourage municipalities to exempt LGDs and herding dogs from annual license fees as is done in many jurisdictions for assistance/service dogs and working police dogs. The definition of

**Requirement for Dogs to Wear a Collar and Tag**

LGDs' instincts are to guard and follow the flock, sleeping and working outdoors in all kinds of weather. Collars can become snagged on branches or fences and become a skin irritant in hot or wet weather. We suggest that municipal by-laws allow owners to remove the collar and license tag (if applicable) from a guardian or herding dog while the dog is being actively used in farming practices provided that the owner uses an alternative means of identification linking the animal to the name and address of the owner, e.g. either a tattoo or microchip containing the required information.

**Requirements for Kennel Licensing and/or Limitation on Number of Dogs Kept**

In some areas bylaw requires a person with more than three dogs at the same premises to secure a kennel license. Coyotes are very smart and will lure the dogs away while the remaining coyotes kill the sheep or lambs from behind or will attack the dogs directly. It is not uncommon for farmers to have more than two LGDs, especially when they are training younger dogs. This is especially true in areas where there is heavy predation. As well, larger sheep flocks in Ontario (several over 1500 animals), require numerous dogs to provide adequate protection especially where higher numbers of predators are present.

We would propose for your consideration that a person may keep more than three dogs at a premise without obtaining a kennel license provided:

- the person is keeping sheep (or other livestock) upon the same premises.
- the premises is on land that is zoned rural and agricultural.
- the person provides proof of producer registration issued in the name recorded by the Ontario Sheep Farmers, Beef Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Goat,
- the dogs are registered/licensed annually in accordance with relevant municipal by-laws (if required)
- and that the dogs are LGDs and or herding dogs.

**Running At Large**

A dog shall not be running at large if it is a LGD and is on their leased or owned property.

**Barking Restrictions**

LGD are exempt from barking restrictions if actively engaged in guarding livestock against predators. Under the Farming and Food Production Protection Act farmers are protected from nuisance complaints made by neighbours provided they are following normal farming practices. The use of LGD on sheep farms is a widely used practice in Ontario and other sheep producing jurisdictions.





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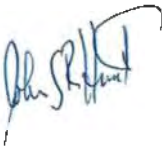
**Aggressive/ Dangerous Dog designation**

LGD act aggressively and show aggression towards things they view as a threat to the livestock they are protecting. As such, an exemption, like that for police dogs should be considered.

OSF wishes to work cooperatively with you to ensure that municipal bylaws take into consideration the use of LGD when developing their bylaws. We would be pleased to communicate with the appropriate municipal officials to review with you Ontario sheep producers' needs and concerns in this area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



John Hemsted,  
Chair



# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

## Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to raise its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2023.

### Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2023, based on a rate-setting framework and other adjustments previously approved by the Ontario Energy Board for the period 2019-2023. The rates are set using a formula that is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency.

If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer of Enbridge Gas Inc. would see the following increases:

Rate Zones	Residential Annual Bill Increase
EGD	\$ 22.61
Union South	\$ 19.84
Union North East	\$ 31.51
Union North West	\$ 36.22

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

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider Enbridge Gas Inc.'s application. We will question Enbridge Gas Inc. on its case. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual customers and groups that represent the customers of Enbridge Gas Inc. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate increase will be allowed.

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

#### BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

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

- You can review Enbridge Gas Inc.'s application on the OEB's website now
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about Enbridge Gas Inc.'s application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Enbridge Gas Inc.'s request. Apply by **August 5, 2022** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

#### LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2022-0133**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2022-0133** on the OEB website: [www.oeb.ca/participate](http://www.oeb.ca/participate). You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

#### ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 5, 2022**.

#### PRIVACY

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

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



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**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment  
Angus Infrastructure Master Plan  
Notice of Study Commencement – 14 July, 2021**

The Township of Essa has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to complete an Infrastructure Master Plan (IMP) for the Community of Angus. The purpose of the IMP is to complete a 25-year forecast of proposed capital projects for water, wastewater, transportation and stormwater servicing requirements to facilitate future growth expected in Angus. The IMP will also further assist the Township with the on-going development of their municipal infrastructure asset management plan (including modeling) for the Community of Angus, with the assistance of a decision support tool with respect to project prioritization.

The primary objective of this assignment is to ensure the municipality has a reliable baseline framework for assessment of future development projects and infrastructure needs, including both capital and maintenance projects.

This study is being conducted in accordance with the Municipal Class EA process, a Schedule 'B' activity as defined by the Municipal Engineers Association Class EA documentation. The Class EA process looks at potential environmental, cultural and economic effects, develops alternatives, determines preferred measures, and incorporates mitigation methods. This type of EA includes public and agency consultation.

Project updates and notices will be posted on the Township's website (<https://www.essatownship.on.ca/>) to inform the public of the Class EA's progress. Residents and interested parties are encouraged to regularly visit the website to find out more about the Project.

If you have any questions or concerns, and/or would like to be added to the project mailing list, please contact one of the study representatives listed below via email.

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## Initial Project Information

1. **Title:** Angus Infrastructure Master Plan

2. **Project Description:**

The objective of the Angus Infrastructure Master Plan (IMP) is to identify and select preferred alternative water supply and storage, wastewater collection, treatment and disposal servicing strategies for the Community of Angus and its ultimate development horizon (25 years) which minimizes impacts to both the natural and social environments and are both technically feasible and economically sensible. The IMP will also provide existing conditions infrastructure modeling and asset management/planning recommendations for all of these systems as well as high level recommendations related to stormwater management and road infrastructure.

A summary of the EA process and preliminary preferred servicing alternatives, including assessment process completed to date has been provided in the attachment "Angus IMP PIC Presentation 07-14-22 - FINAL"

3. **Location:** Angus, Essa Township, Ontario

4. **Map:** see attachment "Study Area"

5. **Timing:** The draft Summary Report for the Infrastructure Master Plan will be complete the week of 29 August 2022, with the 30-day public review period expected to start 09 September 2022. The final report will be posted on the Township website ([essatownship.on.ca](http://essatownship.on.ca)). A copy of the draft report can be provided upon request.

Capital projects required to keep pace with development for the next 25-year horizon have been proposed. Prior to construction, some of the major water and wastewater capital projects will undergo a more detailed public and stakeholder review process (i.e. Schedule 'C' Class EA associated with proposed WWTP upgrades) prior to the detailed design phase. Some projects will also require additional technical studies such as hydrogeology investigations. There requirements are summarized in both the PIC materials and the draft report.

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# Angus Infrastructure Master Plan

Public Information Centre

July 14, 2022

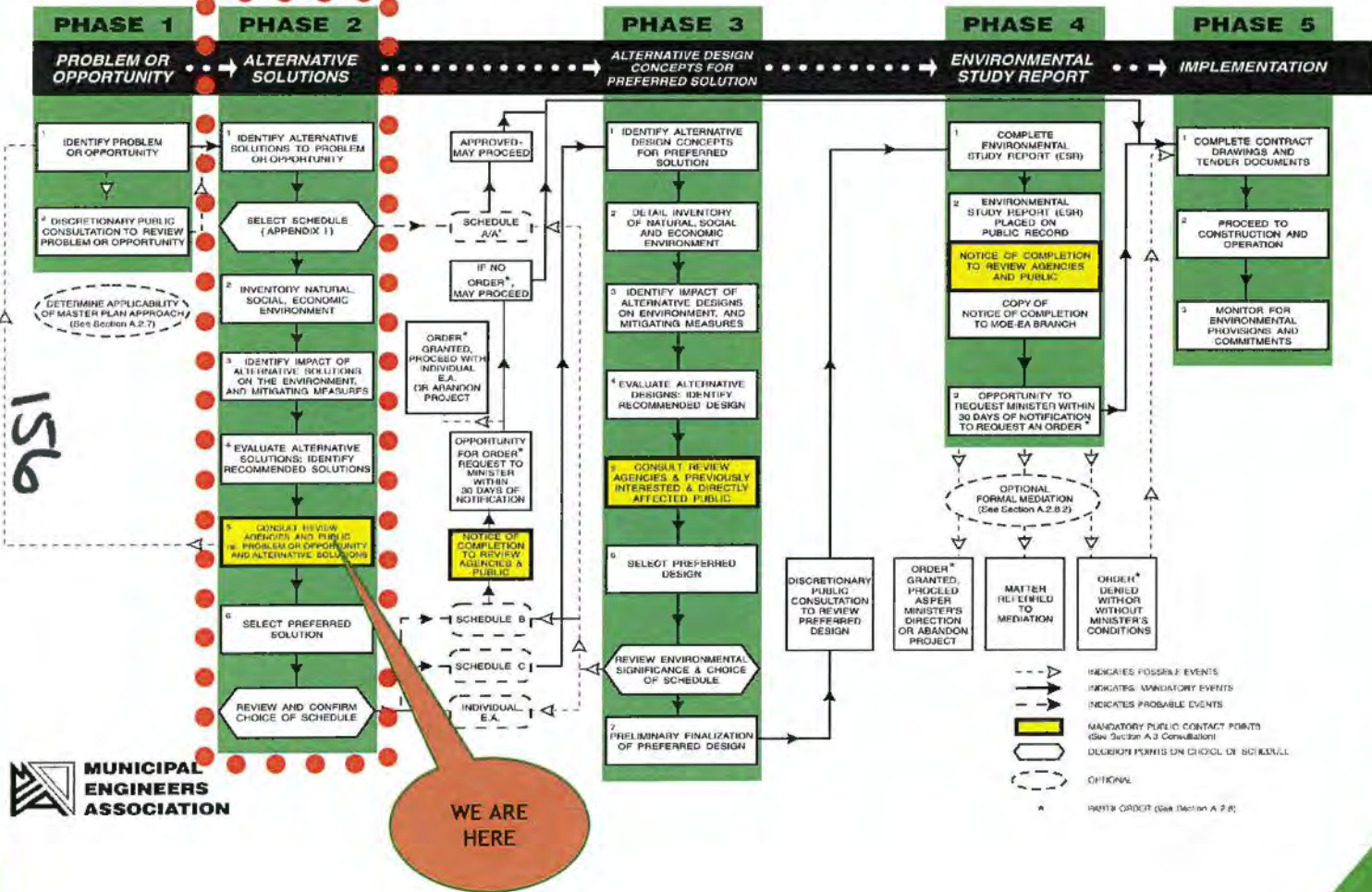
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# EA Process

NOTE: This flow chart is to be read in conjunction with Part A of the Municipal Class EA



# EA Process

This Schedule “B” Environmental Assessment is being prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process. Alternative Solutions will be evaluated, selected, and recommended for implementation.

## Schedule “A/A+” Projects

- ❖ Considered minor operation and maintenance activities and are selected for pre-approval without requirements for further assessment.
- ❖ These projects are typically limited in scale and present minimal impacts to the surrounding environment.
- ❖ Schedule A+ projects require that the public be advised prior to project implementation.

## Schedule “B” Projects

- ❖ Generally include improvements and minor expansions to existing facilities where there is potential for some environmental impacts.
- ❖ These projects require screening of alternatives for their environmental impacts and completion of Phases 1 and 2 of the Class EA planning process.
- ❖ Provided no significant impacts are identified, Schedule “B” projects are approved and may proceed directly to Phase 5.

## Schedule “C” Projects

- ❖ These projects have the potential for significant environmental effects and therefore must proceed under full planning and documentation procedures.
- ❖ Requires that an Environmental Study Report be prepared and filed for review by the public and review agencies.
- ❖ Generally consist of construction of new facilities and major expansions to existing facilities (e.g. new Wastewater Treatment Plant with surface water discharge).

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## Study Purpose

- ▶ Complete a 25 year forecast (ultimate development horizon) of proposed capital projects for water, wastewater, roads and stormwater management in Angus
- ▶ Servicing solutions to facilitate future growth expected in Angus
- ▶ Assist Township in development of the municipal infrastructure Asset Management Plan

## 158 Problem / Opportunity Statement

*The Objective of the Angus Infrastructure Master Plan (IMP) is to identify and select preferred alternative water supply and storage, wastewater collection, treatment and disposal servicing strategies for the Community of Angus and it's ultimate development horizon which minimizes impacts to both the natural and social environments and are both technically feasible and economically sensible.*

*The IMP will also provide existing conditions infrastructure modeling and asset management/planning recommendations for all of these systems as well as stormwater management and road infrastructure.*



## Study Area

- ▶ Angus has an existing population of 13,669 people
- ▶ Primary Settlement Area for Essa Township
  - ▶ Complete community providing full municipal services and a full range and mix of services and facilities
  - ▶ Majority of future growth in Essa Township will be directed toward Angus



# Study Area - Existing & Proposed (Ultimate) Population & Servicing Demands Summary

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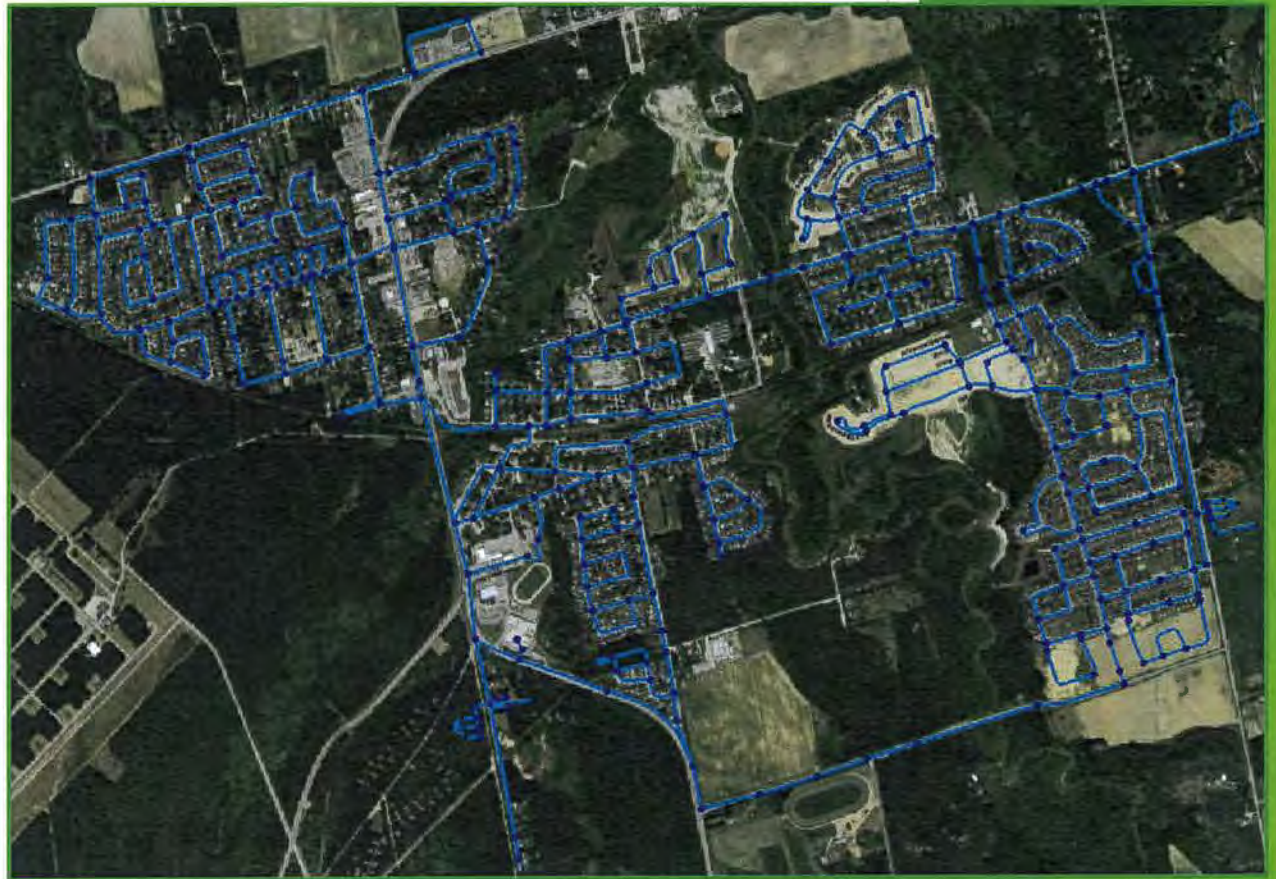
	Residential Units	Residential Population (Persons)	Equivalent Residential Units (ERU - 3 ppu)	Equivalent Residential Population (Persons)
<b>Updated* Existing Population</b>	4,581	13,669	4,591 (Water) 4,610 (Wastewater)	13,773 (Water) 13,830 (Wastewater)
<b>Ultimate Population</b>	7,390	22,096	7,526 (Water) 7,577 (Wastewater)	22,578 (Water) 22,731 (Wastewater)

\*Current serviced population (OCWA data) updated to include Angus developments currently under construction

# Existing Municipal Systems

## Water

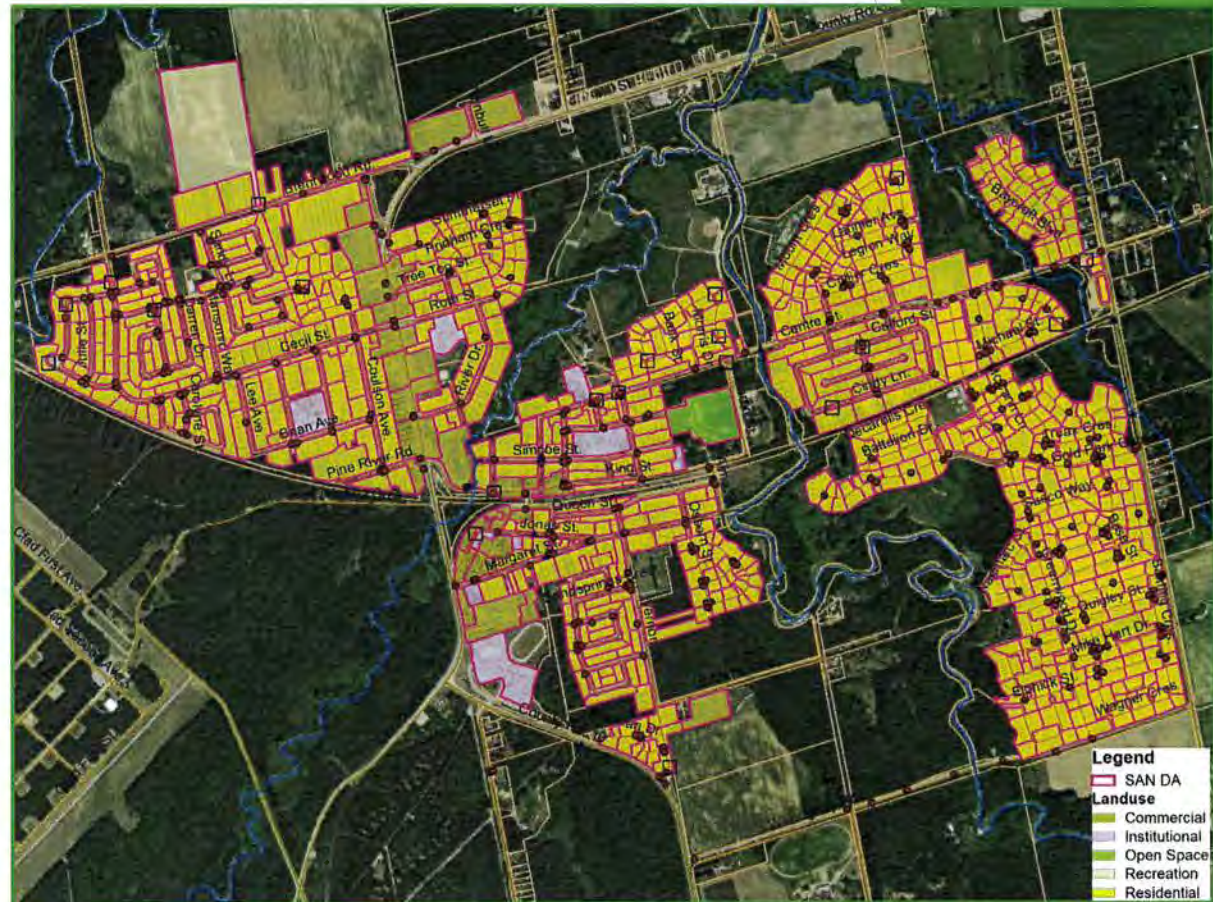
- ▶ 62 KM of watermain
- ▶ 3 well sites, each containing a pump station and reservoir
  - Water supply residual capacity of 1,572 m<sup>3</sup>/d or 568 Equivalent Residential Units
  - 124 nodes fail to meet updated minimum pressure requirements under a fire flow scenario (draft updated standard flow of 150 L/s)
  - Water storage residual capacity of 1,010 m<sup>3</sup>



# Existing Municipal Systems

## Sanitary

- ▶ 50 km of gravity sewer
- ▶ 2 km of force main
- ▶ 4 Sewage Pumping Stations (1 private @ 305 Mill St.)
- ▶ 1 WWTP
- Residual capacity of 1,159 m<sup>3</sup>/d or 858 ERUs
- No manholes flood (i.e. to surface elevation) under existing conditions (modeled)
- 16 manholes with potential surcharge issues under peak flow conditions (modeled)





# Existing Municipal Systems Roads

- ▶ 71 km of road in Angus
- ▶ Average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 78 (good)



# Ultimate Conditions - Water

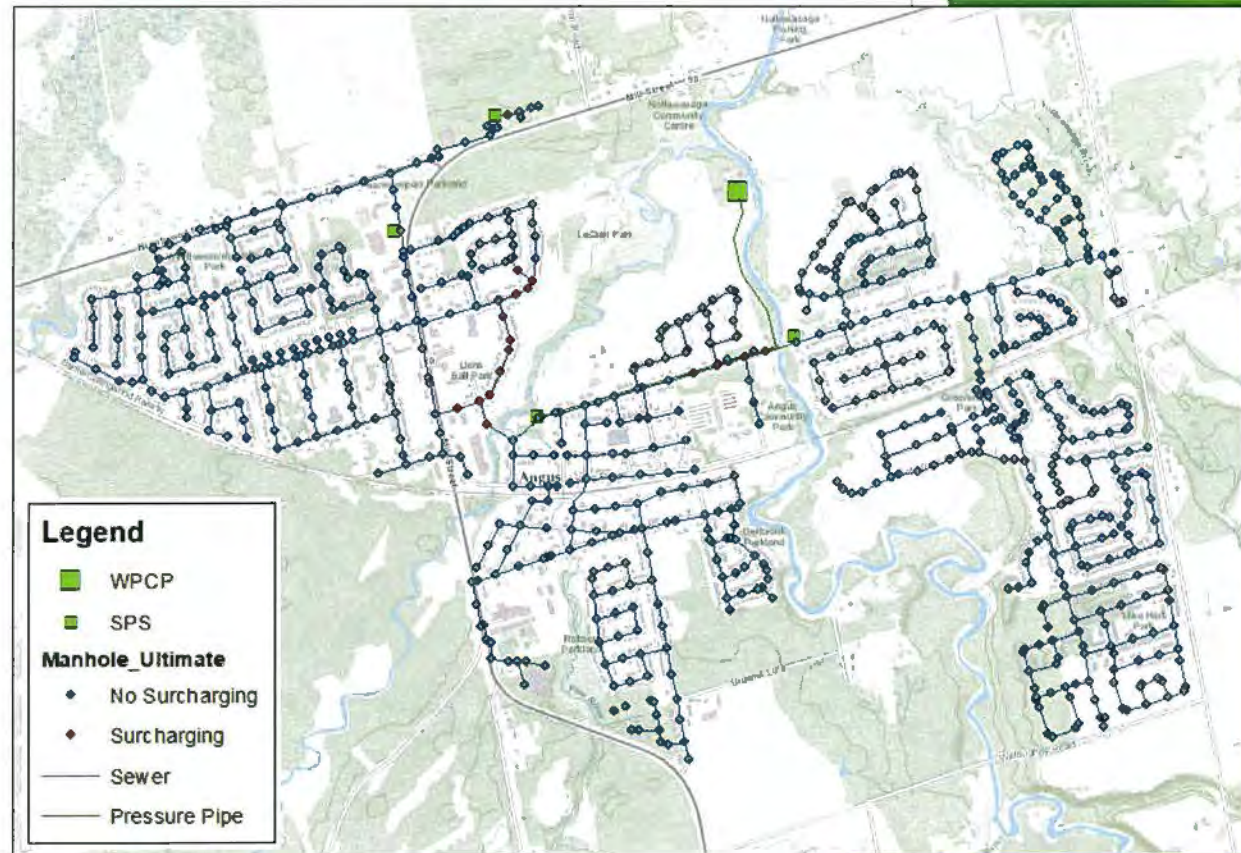
- Water supply shortfall of 4,635 m<sup>3</sup>/d
- 156 of 315 locations fail to meet pressure requirements under a fire flow scenario (Shown in Red based on draft Township Standard of 150 L/s, increased from 38 L/s)
- Water Storage shortfall of 4,199 m<sup>3</sup>

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## Ultimate Conditions - Sanitary Collection

- ▶ Shortfall of 1,750 m<sup>3</sup>/d treatment capacity at WWTP
- ▶ No manholes flood (i.e. to surface elevations) under peak flows (modeled)
- ▶ 19 manholes surcharge under peak flow conditions (modeled)





# Evaluation Process

As part of the final evaluation process, “short listed” alternative solutions will be ranked against one another in relative terms for each of the evaluation criteria presented below.

## Natural Environment Impacts:

- ▶ Impacts of the option to vegetation, wildlife & the Natural Environment; and
- ▶ Surface/groundwater quality and quantity implications;

## Social/Cultural Environment Impacts:

- ▶ Land Use & Archaeological Considerations (Including First Nations);
- ▶ Required Inter-Municipal agreements & infrastructure
- ▶ Visual landscape/aesthetic impacts and Interruption to residents.

## Technical/Operational Considerations:

- ▶ Difficulty to construct/implement the Option relative to other alternatives; and
- ▶ Operation & Maintenance Efficiency;

## Economic Impacts:

- ▶ Capital/construction costs, flexibility & phasing;
- ▶ Long term/operation & maintenance cost burden



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# Evaluation Process

- ▶ Preliminary screening of servicing options for this IMP included a high-level review of all alternative solutions against these criteria within the context of the background information and calculations presented herein.
- ▶ Any solution which does not satisfy one or more of these criteria (i.e. options which could clearly not be implemented due to prohibitive costs, detrimental environmental effects, or inability to meet the technical criteria such as satisfying the projected servicing demands) were eliminated without further detailed analysis.
- ▶ Alternative solutions that appeared to be feasible within the context of these criteria were selected as potential “short-listed” alternative solutions and evaluated further in terms of their relative advantages and disadvantages within each evaluation criteria category.

Screening Question	Screening Decision By Answer	
	Pass	Fail
1. Can the proposed solution satisfy the Class EA Problem Statement?	Proceed	Eliminate
2. Does the solution have detrimental environmental, social, technical or economic impacts (i.e. prohibitive costs, agreement or land requirements, or technical difficulty)?	Proceed	Eliminate
3. Can impacts associated with the solution be mitigated?	Proceed	Eliminate

# Long List of Servicing Strategies Water Supply & Treatment

Servicing Strategy Alternative	Description
Option W-1 - Do Nothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the status quo.</li> </ul>
Option W-2 - Increase Current PTTW and Well Capacity to Supply Ultimate Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Well (Same Location), Expanded Treatment, Booster Pumps, Storage and Fire Protection</li> </ul>
Option W-3 - Use New Tecumseth-Collingwood Trunk Main for All Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Booster Pumps, Storage and Fire Protection, Watermain Network, Connection to New Tecumseth Main.</li> </ul>
Option W-4 - Maximize Use of Current Well (Increase PTTW) for Near Term Growth, Connect to New Tecumseth Main for Ultimate Build Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Pumps, Expanded Treatment, Storage and Fire Protection, Watermain Network, Connection to New Tecumseth Main.</li> </ul>
Option W-5 - Maximize Use of Current Well (Increase PTTW) for Near Term Growth, Construct New Well in New Location for Ultimate Build Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Well (New Location), Expanded Treatment, Booster Pumps, Storage and Fire Protection, Watermain Network.</li> </ul>
Option W-6 - Water Conservation - Construct Reclaimed Water System to Reduce Demand Within the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reclamation and Disinfection system at WWTP, Booster Pumps, Storage and Fire Protection, Second Watermain Network</li> </ul>

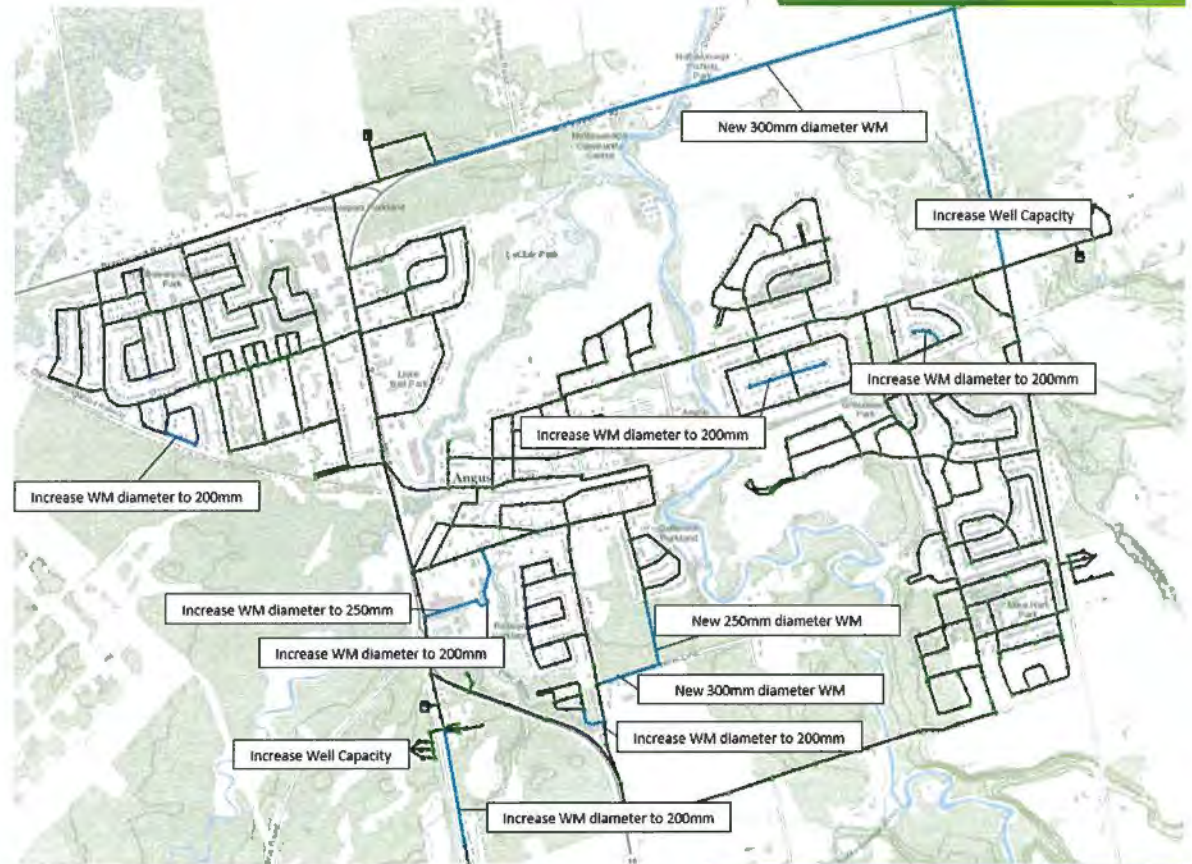
Angus IMP Water Supply Shortlisted Options & Rankings			
Evaluation Criteria	Option W-2	Option W-4	Option W-5
	Increase Current PTTW & Well Capacity to Supply Ultimate Demand (Approx 40 L/s)	Maximize Use of Current Well (Increase PTTW) for Near Term Growth, Connect to New Tecumseth Main for Ultimate Build Out	Maximize Use of Current Wells (Increase PTTW) & Construct New Well in New Location for Ultimate Build-out (Approx 40 L/s)
<b>Natural Environment Impacts</b>			
Impacts of the option to vegetation, wildlife & the Natural Environment	Minimal impacts due to maximizing use of existing systems. No disturbance to new areas.	Similar impacts to Option W-2 as connection to Regional watermain is already available.	Slightly higher impact than W-2 due to disturbance of a new site for new well construction and potential WM work depending on selected location.
Surface/groundwater quality implications	Impacts (and available capacity) will need to be confirmed via Hydro-G study and pump tests.	Similar GW impact to Option W-2, SW impacts limited to increased takings at the Collingwood WTP	Requires same studies as W-2 plus additional location and testing for new site to confirm impacts.
<b>Natural Environment Overall Rating</b>			
<b>Social / Cultural Environment Impacts</b>			
Land Use & Archaeological Considerations (Including First Nations)	No known Archaeological issues with proposed servicing alternative due to use of existing sites.	No known Archaeological issues with proposed servicing alternative due to use of existing sites.	Archaeological study will be required for any new well site. Higher land use requirement due to additional well site.
Visual landscape/Aesthetic impacts, Traffic impacts & interruption to residents	Minimal impacts due to maximizing use of existing systems. No disturbance to new areas.	Minimal impacts due to maximizing use of existing systems. No disturbance to new areas.	Higher impact than WW-2 due to use of an additional well site. Site location will determine resident impact.
Required Intermunicipal Agreements & Infrastructure	No Intermunicipal Infrastructure or Agreements Required.	Intermunicipal Water Supply Sharing Agreements & infrastructure Required.	No Intermunicipal Infrastructure or Agreements Required.
<b>Social / Cultural Environment Overall Rating</b>			
<b>Technical/Operational Considerations</b>			
Difficulty to construct or implement the Option relative to other alternatives	Least complicated option - Expansion of existing facilities at current locations will be required.	In addition to W-2 requirements this Option will be reliant on Collingwood WTP Upgrades. Most complicated option from technical perspective.	Same technical requirements as Option W-2 in addition to construction of a new well at new location.
Operation & Maintenance Efficiency	Most efficient from maintenance perspective.	Partial reliance on Collingwood WTP & transmission main will add operational/maintenance complexity.	Same maintenance requirements as W-2 plus maintenance on an additional well system.
<b>Technical/Operational Considerations Rating</b>			
<b>Economic Impacts</b>			
Capital/construction costs	Initial study requirements estimated to be approximately \$40,000. Estimated capital cost of \$2.1 Million, subject to testing results.	Study requirements will be similar to Option W-2, capital requirements will likely be higher due to Town of Collingwood connection charges in addition to well maximization.	Initial study requirements estimated to be approximately \$90,000 (incl. W-2 studies). Capital costs estimated to be \$3.4 Million, subject to testing results.
Long term/operation & maintenance cost burden	Maintenance costs will be scaled up proportionally from existing conditions based on increased flow.	More costly maintenance than Option W-2 due to maintenance of Regional (Collingwood - New Tec) supply system in addition to Angus wells.	More costly maintenance than Option W-2 due to addition of an additional physical well site.
Payment structure, cost recovery options for Municipality, Phasing Flexibility	Cost recovery and phasing will likely be development based.	Cost recovery and phasing will be more complicated due to inter-municipal infrastructure. Higher water system costs and lower flexibility.	Cost recovery and phasing will likely be development based.
<b>Economic Ranking</b>			
<b>Overall Ranking:</b>	<b>MOST PREFERRED OPTION</b>	<b>LESS PREFERRED OPTION</b>	<b>LESS PREFERRED OPTION</b>

# Preliminary Preferred Alternative: Water Supply

## Increase PTTW & Well Capacity to Supply Ultimate Demand: Option W-2

The recommended overall preferred alternative solution for water supply in Angus includes the following components:

- Preliminary hydrogeological investigation to confirm ability to increase PTTW
- Increase total well capacity by 40 L/s across existing well sites to supply ultimate demand (Option W-2)
- Dependent on results of hydrogeological study, a Schedule 'B' addendum to the IMP may be required prior to implementation. Water quality implications (i.e. chlorine contact time) should be reviewed and confirmed as part of this process also.



## Long List of Servicing Strategies Water Storage & Fire Flow

Servicing Strategy Alternative	Description
Option WS-1 - Do Nothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the status quo.</li> </ul>
Option WS-2 - Storage at Single Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a storage system (elevated, in-ground or at grade) at a single site, preferably at (or adjacent to) an existing reservoir location</li> </ul>
Option WS-3 - Storage at Two (2) Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct two (2) storage systems (elevated, in-ground or at grade) located at two (2) sites, preferably at (or adjacent to) existing municipal well locations in the Southwest (1) and Northwest (1) areas of Angus.</li> </ul>
Option WS-4 - Storage at Three (3) Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct three (3) storage systems (elevated, in-ground or at grade) located at three (3) sites, preferably at (or adjacent to) existing municipal well locations in the Southwest (1), Northwest (1) and Northeast (1) areas of Angus.</li> </ul>

### Angus IMP Water Storage & Fire Flow Shortlisted Alternative Servicing Strategies

Evaluation Criteria	<u>Servicing Strategy WS-3</u>	<u>Servicing Strategy WS-4</u>
	4,200 m <sup>3</sup> of New Storage across Two (2) Locations (SW & NW Angus)	4,200 m <sup>3</sup> of New Storage across Three (3) Locations (NE, SW, NW Angus)
<b>Natural Environment Impacts</b>		
Impacts of the option to vegetation, wildlife & the Natural Environment	Moderate impacts due to construction at one new site, retrofits at one existing site and 1.7 km of watermain upgrades.	Slightly less impact due to two (2) existing facility retrofits in lieu of watermain upgrades. Storage at one new site still required as well.
Surface/groundwater quality implications	Minimum impact expected except for construction dewatering. Slightly higher impacts due to substantial watermain replacements.	Minimum impact expected except for construction dewatering.
<b>Natural Environment Overall Rating</b>		
<b>Social / Cultural Environment Impacts</b>		
Land Use & Archaeological Considerations (Including First Nations)	New property required for Northeast storage site. Some property impacts for retrofit site.	New property required for Northeast storage site. Some property impacts for two (2) retrofit sites.
Visual landscape/Aesthetic impacts, Traffic impacts & interruption to residents	Significant potential for interruption to residents due to 1.7 km WM replacement requirement. Limited visual impacts, subject to ultimate site selection.	Limited visual or traffic impacts, subject to ultimate site selection.
<b>Social / Cultural Environment Overall Rating</b>		
<b>Technical/Operational Considerations</b>		
Difficulty to construct or implement the Option relative to other alternatives	Higher difficulty due to length of watermain replacement, two (2) storage sites (1 retrofit)	Moderate difficulty due to three (3) storage sites (2 retrofit), no major watermain replacements.
Water Supply Security	Slightly less redundancy due to two larger facilities. No external supply concerns.	Slightly more redundancy due to presence of three smaller facilities. No external supply concerns.
Operation & Maintenance Efficiency	Slightly more efficient due to use of only two (2) storage facilities (larger pumps & reservoirs).	Slightly less efficient for maintenance due to three (3) total storage facilities (smaller pumps & reservoirs).
<b>Technical/Operational Considerations Rating</b>		
<b>Economic Impacts</b>		
Capital/construction costs	Storage Costs estimated to be \$6-8 Million plus \$2.6 Million for Watermain replacements	Storage Costs estimated to be \$8-10 Million. No major watermain replacements required.
Long term/operation & maintenance cost burden	Lower life cycle costs due to less facilities.	Slightly higher life cycle cost due to third facility.
Cost Recovery & Phasing Flexibility	Less flexible due to watermain requirements and two (2) potential phases.	Higher flexibility due to three (3) potential phases and limited watermain upgrade requirements.
<b>Economic Ranking</b>		
<b>Overall Ranking:</b>	<b>LESS PREFERRED OPTION</b>	<b>MOST PREFERRED OPTION</b>

## Preliminary Preferred Alternative: Water Storage

### 4,200 m<sup>3</sup> of Storage across Three (3) Locations: Option WS-4

The recommended overall preferred servicing strategy for water storage in Angus includes the following components:

- Increase available storage by 4,200 m<sup>3</sup> over 3 locations (NW, NE and SW Angus)
- Add storage systems at or adjacent to existing locations where possible to reduce costs (SW, NE Angus)
- Precise storage locations and elevations/type (in-ground, at-grade, elevated) will need to be confirmed through a Schedule 'B' Class EA Process and detailed design process prior to implementation (also subject to final municipal fire flow standards update)





## Long List of Servicing Strategies (Wastewater)

Servicing Strategy	Description
Option WWT-1 - Do Nothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the status quo.</li> </ul>
Option WWT-2 - Expand Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through upgrades to existing WWTP, expand capacity and continue discharge to Nottawasaga River</li> </ul>
Option WWT-3 - Transport Effluent to Georgian Bay for Treatment, Discharge to Georgian Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a forcemain system between Angus and Collingwood/Wasaga Beach and treat/discharge effluent using existing infrastructure located within that municipality</li> </ul>
Option WWT-4 - Transport Effluent to Alliston for Treatment, Discharge to Nottawasaga River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a forcemain system between Angus and Alliston and treat/discharge effluent using existing infrastructure located within that municipality</li> </ul>
Option WWT-5 - Development Specific WWTP's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option would involve construction of individual WWTP's for each new development Area.</li> </ul>
Option WWT-6 - Second Community Conventional WWTP, Surface Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a new municipal conventional WWTP in Angus with surface water disposal to one of the major watercourses</li> </ul>
Option WWT-7 - Second Community WWTP, Subsurface Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a new municipal WWTP in Angus, with subsurface disposal</li> </ul>
Option WWT-8 - New Community WWTP (Decommissioning Existing WWTP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct new municipal WWTP in Angus to treat all flows, decommission the existing WWTP</li> </ul>
Option WWT-9 - Second Community Modular MBR WWTP, Surface Water Discharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a new municipal modular MBR WWTP in Angus with surface water disposal to one of the major watercourses</li> </ul>

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**Angus IMP Wastewater Treatment & Discharge Shortlisted Options & Rankings**

Evaluation Criteria	Option WWT – 2	Option WWT – 6	Option WWT – 9
	Expand Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant (Approx 1,750 m <sup>3</sup> /d)	Second Community WWTP (Conventional), Surface Water Discharge (Approx 1,750 m <sup>3</sup> /d)	Second Community WWTP (Modular), Surface Water Discharge (Approx 1,750 m <sup>3</sup> /d)
<b>Natural Environment Impacts</b>			
Impacts of the option to vegetation, wildlife & the Natural Environment	Minimal impacts due to minimal construction footprint (limited to vicinity of the existing site).	Slightly higher impact than WWT-2 due to increased footprint associated with a second WWTP site.	Slightly higher impact than WWT-2 due to increased footprint associated with a second WWTP site, less impact than WWT-6.
Surface/groundwater (GW) quality implications	Limited surface water impact due to use of existing facility and discharge location. Verification of impacts required via Assimilative Capacity Study (ACS). MBR treatment assumed. Minimal GW impact aside from onsite construction.	Slightly higher GW impact during construction than WWT-2 due to larger footprint of a new conventional facility vs. retrofit. Slightly higher surface water impact due to use of a new discharge location, subject to verification via ACS.	Slightly lower GW impact during construction than WWT-6 due to smaller footprint of a modular facility vs. conventional. Slightly higher surface water impact due to use of a new discharge location, subject to verification via ACS.
<b>Natural Environment Overall Rating</b>			
<b>Social / Cultural Environment Impacts</b>			
Land Use & Archaeological Considerations (Including First Nations)	No known Archaeological as work limited to existing disturbed site. Minimal additional land requirements.	Archaeological investigation required for any new site selected. Moderate to high land requirements to facilitate new WWTP	Archaeological investigation required for any new site selected. Moderate land requirements to facilitate new WWTP (Less than WWT-6).
Visual landscape/Aesthetic impacts, Traffic impacts & interruption to residents	Lowest impact to residents due to retrofit work being contained to existing site.	Greater construction impacts due to lengthier construction of new WWTP at a new site.	Slightly less impact than WWT-6 due to smaller footprint of modular WWTP.
Required Intermunicipal Agreements & Infrastructure	No intermunicipal approvals required.	No intermunicipal approvals required.	No intermunicipal approvals required.
<b>Social / Cultural Environment Overall Rating</b>			
<b>Technical/Operational Considerations</b>			
Difficulty to construct or implement the Option relative to other alternatives	Lowest difficulty subject to confirmation via Schedule 'C' Class EA	Higher difficulty due to requirement for siting and construction of a new WWTP.	Higher difficulty due to requirement for siting and construction of a new WWTP. Modular construction slightly less difficult vs. WWT-6
Operation & Maintenance Efficiency	Maintenance will be similar to existing conditions, scaled up for higher flows.	Higher maintenance burden due to operation of two (2) separate WWTP facilities.	Higher maintenance burden due to operation of two (2) separate WWTP facilities.
<b>Technical/Operational Considerations Rating</b>			
<b>Economic Impacts</b>			
Capital/construction costs	Capital Cost of Option is expected to be approximately \$8.0-10.5 Million	Capital Cost of Option is expected to be approximately \$22-26 Million	Capital Cost of Option is expected to be approximately \$13-16 Million
Long term/operation & maintenance cost burden	Moderate ongoing maintenance costs associated with current MBR WWTP.	Highest ongoing maintenance burden due to operation of a second complex MBR WWTP.	Moderate to High ongoing maintenance burden to operation of a second WWTP.
Payment structure, cost recovery options for Municipality, Phasing Flexibility	No significant phasing or cost recovery challenges (development driven). Expansion can be completed as needed subject to results of Schedule 'C' EA.	Initial phase will require high capital outlay for a new WWTP. Subsequent phases an option to aid in cost recovery (development driven). Schedule 'C' EA required.	Relatively flexible option due to the nature of modular design vs. conventional design (development driven). Schedule 'C' EA required.
<b>Economic Ranking</b>			
<b>Overall Ranking:</b>	<b>MOST PREFERRED OPTION</b>	<b>LESS PREFERRED OPTION</b>	<b>LESS PREFERRED OPTION</b>

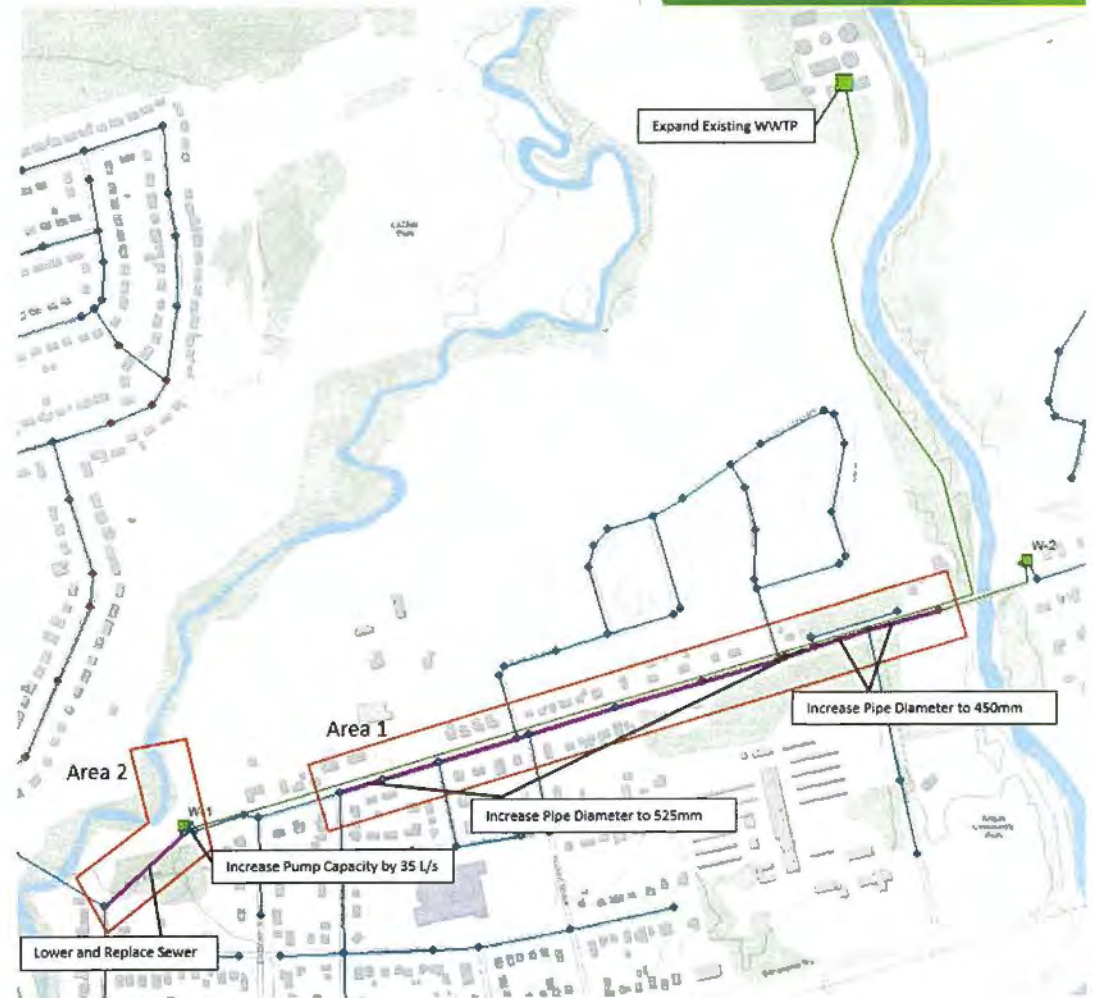
# Preliminary Preferred Alternative: Wastewater

## Expand Existing WWTP:

### Option WWT-2

The recommended preferred alternative solution for wastewater servicing in Angus includes the following components:

- Complete a Schedule 'C' Class EA for expansion of the existing WWTP prior to implementation (including updated Assimilative Capacity Study)
- Expand the Angus WWTP by approx. 1,750 m<sup>3</sup>/d (Option WWT-2)
- Upgrade gravity sewers that are above 100% capacity (Est. Cost \$1.5 Million)
- Increase pumping capacity at SPS 1 by 35 L/s (Est. Cost \$3.5 Million)



## Preliminary Preferred Alternative: Road Maintenance

### Initiate Maintenance Program per Streetlogix Software Modelling

The recommended preferred servicing strategy for transportation in Angus includes the following components:

- Implement a road maintenance program as identified by the Streetlogix model to improve average road conditions to a PCI of 85 in the next 10 years (Est. \$3.6 Million)
- Reconstruct highest priority roads within the next 2 years, as identified by Streetlogix
- Continue to maintain and update software as projects are completed to ensure maintenance budgeting and project identification is up-to-date



# Asset Management Costs

- ▶ In addition to infrastructure upgrades, on-going asset management budgeting is required to ensure continued levels of service (lifecycle costing)
- ▶ Potential costing efficiencies may be identified in future EA's for proposed servicing strategies. Condition assessments should also be completed for major infrastructure (i.e. WWTP) to confirm estimated backlog & ongoing costs

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Replacement Timeline	Sanitary Costs	Water Costs	SWM Costs	Total
Backlog	\$ 11,614,619.00	\$ 1,283,412.00	\$ 1,160,000.00	\$ 14,058,031.00
0-5 years	\$ 1,589,831.00	\$ 1,003,614.00	\$ -	\$ 2,593,445.00
6-10 years	\$ 2,146,881.00	\$ 1,375,810.00	\$ -	\$ 3,522,691.00
11-25 years	\$ 13,366,906.00	\$ 4,002,423.00	\$ 1,427,677.00	\$ 18,797,006.00
Total	\$ 28,718,237.00	\$ 7,665,259.00	\$ 2,587,677.00	\$ 38,971,173.00

## Next Steps

- Incorporate PIC and Agency comments into the Final Design Concept Selection;
- Finalize Implementation Strategy & Mitigation Measures for preferred Design Concept
- Finalize the Environmental Summary Report and Publish Notice of Study Completion; and,
- Place the Class EA Summary Report on file with the MECP and Township for public review and comment for a period of 30 days.
- If no Part II Order Requests are received during the ESR 30 day review period , the Class EA would be concluded and the project would proceed to the next stage of approvals following the 30 day review period. This stage would include the following initial steps:
  - Initiate hydrogeological investigation for final Water Supply Solution
  - Completion of Schedule 'C' Class EA for final Sewage System and Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Discharge Solution;
  - Implement final WWTP and Discharge Solution in accordance with Schedule 'C' Class EA; and,
  - Completion of Schedule 'B' Class EA addendum for final Water Storage Solution
  - Implement final Water Supply and Storage solutions in accordance with Schedule 'B' Class EA
  - Implement Road Maintenance Program in accordance with Streetlogix software
  - Consider completing a detailed SWM Master Plan with Updated Hydraulic Model

# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

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