

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022**

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None.

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

None.



Essa Public Library Report: February 2022

IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

Outcomes



February's
"Blind Date With A Book"
displays at both branches
brought lots of love.



A teen who saw the Blind Date With A Book promotion on the library's social media said, *"This is great. It's such a good idea."* and *"When is it due? I'll be honest, it'll be done it by the end of the weekend."*

Essa Township Mayor, Sandie Macdonald sent us this email: *"What a fun idea, Essa Library Staff you continue to go up and beyond to give Residents so many creative fun experiences during these unprecedented times. Congratulations, well done."*



A mom with her infant child, visited specifically to pick up of the "Blind Date With A Book" selections. She read about it online and was super excited about it. She says she always reads the same authors and hopes that this will have her reading something different.



At Thornton Branch, a patron come in to grab TWO Blind Date Books.

She said her daughter-in-law was participating and thought it was just the cutest thing, so she had to come in and do it also. She quickly snapped a picture of her book to send to her daughter-in-law.

Brooke was our winner of the Blind Date With a Book prize draw. Congratulations!

Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Cercel de Conversation
Virtuel: 15

Virtual Trivia Nights: 88

Virtual Bookclub - Angus: 3

Virtual Bookclub - Thornton: 3

Virtual Cookbook Club: offered

Tech Learning - Angus (in
person/phone/email): 10

Tech Learning - Thornton (in
person/phone/email): offered

Outreach - Angus Geocache
location: offered

Outreach - Thornton
Geocache location: 2

Art Display continues

Blind Date with a Book: 50

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future Grant & more

Book reviews: offered

Pen Pal Program: offered

UYF Virtual Speaker -
Scott Hammell: 23

One more page Teen Book
Club: 6

Random Acts of Kindness
Bingo: Angus-12
Thornton - offered

Social Media

Facebook: 22 posts
Reactions: 159
Followers: 1,262

Twitter: 18 tweets
Reactions: 70
Followers: 1,050

Instagram: 10 posts
Reactions: 223
Followers: 471

Youtube Views: 3,653
Reactions: 17
Subscribers: 378
Miscellaneous Videos: 1

More

Library Zest blog posts,
videos & email campaigns: 1

Library Zest blog traffic: 33

Library Zest unique visitors:
19

Makerspace: 5

Community Partners

Ontario Parks Passes
available -

Angus: 8 Thornton: 5

Food Drive for Barrie Native
Friendship Centre - collected
8 large boxes of donations.

Kids

Beanstack

New Horizons Books:

Active readers: 14

Books read: 164

Badges earned: 24

New Horizons Minutes:

Active readers: offered

Minutes read: -

Badges earned: 3

For the Love of Reading:

Active readers: 1

Minutes read: 15

Badges earned: 19

Beanstack challenges
offered: 49

Virtual

Storytime: 102

Bilingual Storytime: 40

Baby Group - Angus: 38

Growing together Indigenous
Storytime: 9

Other

Winter Book Bundles: 14

Search & Find- Thornton
Branch: 4

Self-directed Scavenger
Hunt - Angus Branch -
offered

Tween Loot Kits: 16

Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	Feb. 2021	Feb. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	3,195	5,735	12,141
Thornton Branch	1,260	1,129	2,911
Angus Branch Computer Use	0	115	186
Thornton Branch Computer Use	0	6	12
Angus Branch Wireless Use	458	n/a	n/a
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	204	n/a	n/a
eAudio & eBooks	1,083	783	1,660
TOTALS:	6,200	7,768	16,910

Circulation Analysis	Feb. 2021	Feb. 2022	YTD 2022
Print	2,988	4,555	10,038
Non-Print	1,395	2,249	4,883
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	662	121	198
eAudio Books	220	159	350
eBooks	863	624	1,310
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	43	36	69
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	29	24	62

Materials Used In-Library	Feb. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	107	205
Thornton Branch	12	35

Online Resources & New Members

Library website visits	YTD 2022	Simcoe County Libraries App	YTD 2022
2,889	6,199	386	865
Digital Library visits		YTD 2022	
655		1,930	
New Members			YTD 2022
Angus Branch	49	92	
Thornton Branch	3	7	

Library Highlights



Glenda promotes the Random Acts of Kindness Bingo contest for teens. Also featured in February was the Food Drive for the Barrie Native Friendship Centre. We received this comment on social media:

“ I am so proud of the devotion and mentoring of morality all your staff contribute to this community. You make this town what it is known for, that kind and welcoming community. Well done! ”



We received a request from a Grade 4 student who advocated for books in his classroom. He enclosed data to show that some of the books they had were too young, some too old, and only a few "just right". We were able to give him and his classmates a box of books from our book sale and donations.

“Our students wanted to say a big THANK YOU for your donation of books and bookmarks. We are reading some right now!”

Mrs. VanRyn, teacher



Valentine Grab & Go craft project completed by our young patrons.



March 2022

New Horizons for Seniors Program “Seniors Aging Well”

Essa Public Library received a *New Horizons for Seniors Program* grant from the federal government in the amount of \$22,162.00 for a program called, “Seniors Aging Well”.

“Seniors Aging Well” is designed to enrich the lives of Seniors (55+) in our community and will be active until March 27, 2023.

The pandemic created challenges for many in our community, and seniors were strongly impacted by the requirement to practice Social (physical) Distancing. Those who live alone may have felt a great degree of isolation these last couple of years.

Funds from this grant seek to alleviate some of this recent isolation and re-connect seniors with community, activity, friends, and their local library. The project, designed by Glenda Newbatt, Manager of Library Services, includes funding for internet hubs and service, memory cognitive kits, music stimulation and craft kits, and speakers on topics such as First Aid Living at Home and Financial Fraud. A combination of hands-on-projects shared in-person, and virtually – such as creating note cards, or participating in a virtual “paint night” - will also be held.

We want our seniors to feel safe, supported – and very much connected to their community.

Essa Public Library Board Chair, Judith Hunter, and Essa Public Library CEO, Laura Wark, extend thanks to the federal government, EPL staff for ongoing innovative service, the Essa Public Library Board for visioning a library system that strives to serve Essa Township to the best of its ability, and Essa Council for their support and interest in making Essa Township a great place to live and work.



Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: March 1, 2022

Agenda Item: 6.c

Resolution Number: 2022-03-01- 120

Moved by: A. Caste

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: March 16, 2022

"That the Finance and Audit Committee receive the correspondence from the City of Brantford and the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, regarding 'Revolving Door of Justice' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council support the correspondence and that staff forward this to the Provincial officials, PMO and the municipalities in Ontario."

Carried [Signature]
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

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Council Resolution

Moved By W. Cane

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2022-03-16-157

Seconded By J. Henderson

Council Date: March 16, 2022

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committees' Minutes (meetings held on February 28, March 1, and March 2, 2022) with the exception of any items noted which require separate discussion, and/or any items identified by Members which require separate discussion."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried  _____
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

MacDonald, Nancy

From: Sasha Hill Smith <SHillSmith@brantford.ca> on behalf of Kevin Davis <kevindavis@brantford.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 12:36 PM
To: Mayor's Office
Subject: Addressing the Revolving Door of Justice (Draft)
Attachments: Addressing the Revolving Door of Justice - Accountability for Sureties a....pdf
Categories: CTTE Correspondence

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

CAUTION: External E-Mail

Good day fellow heads of council:

I expect your office, like mine, receives many inquiries from residents desperate that something be done to combat the increase in property drug and gun related crime.

Like me, you probably experience a feeling of helplessness, not sure what immediate steps you or your council can take to help residents whose homes and cars have been broken into.

Like me, you have probably made inquiries of members of your police service and found that they too are frustrated. Frustrated that after spending a lot of time and hard work apprehending those who repeatedly commit these crimes, some of which can be very serious, to find that the person they arrested has not been held in jail but released on bail, sometimes even before their shift has ended! When you ask for further information you may be shocked, as I was, to discover that some of the most prolific of wrongdoers, have a long list of outstanding charges, many being repeat infractions of prior bail orders. You then see first-hand what the revolving door of justice looks like and believe me it is discouraging. A system that seems to cater to criminals and gives short shift to protecting the law abiding citizens of your community.

Your next reaction is likely to then blame *"the judges"*.

However if you dig deeper, by speaking to senior police officers and crown attorneys, you will likely discover the problem is not usually *"the judges"* but the rules they are required to follow.

If you dig even deeper, you will discover the rule maker for bail provisions is the federal government, which several years ago passed legislation reforming the bail laws. The impact of those rules makes it much more likely that a repeat offender will not be held in custody pending a final disposition of their charges. Many of those offenders will then continue their crime sprees regardless that they are subject to fairly severe release orders.

I have been there.

I then went one step further and asked our police chief, Rob Davis , and our federal MP Larry Brock (a former 30 year crown attorney), how the federal government should change the bail rules to better protect our law abiding citizens. The end result are the attached resolutions that reflect their

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combined wisdom. The only "political input" was in regards to the preamble and the title. I had to do something to make this stand out from the many resolutions you receive!

I am proud to report that our council have passed these resolutions *unanimously* (see attached). We're asking your council to do the same and join what we hope will be a growing movement with broad support from across the province telling our federal government that we do not want the bail laws weakened we want them strengthened so that our residents feel safer and have greater confidence in our judicial system. I encourage you to do the same in your municipality.

Kind regards,

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January 28, 2022

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Sent via email: policy@amo.on.ca

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford adopted the following resolution at its City Council meeting held on January 25, 2022:

12.5.2 Addressing the Revolving Door of Justice – Accountability for Sureties and Swift Justice – Resolution

WHEREAS the City of Brantford has experienced a substantial increase in criminal activity leaving residents fearful for their personal safety and losing confidence in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford strives to create vibrant, safe, livable neighbourhoods in its community; and

WHEREAS concerns continue to be raised by businesses, the post-secondary institutions in the downtown area and their student bodies, neighbourhood associations, citizens and others; and

WHEREAS bringing matters related to criminal charges more expeditiously through the court system will create a greater deterrence to such behaviour, and therefore improve the safety and security of citizens in this community; and

WHEREAS each year a significant sum of surety money is forfeited further to breaches of the conditions of judicial interim release orders ("bail"); however, the necessary steps are not taken to collect this forfeited money, thus leaving a substantial financial resource unavailable;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Kevin Davis, Mayor of the City of Brantford, on behalf of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford, correspond with the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board and the Honourable Doug Downie, Attorney General of Ontario, insisting that steps be taken immediately by the government to:

- i. provide additional judicial resources dedicated to Brantford to allow for matters to move as expeditiously through the court system as possible; and
 - ii. provide such additional space and/or technological resources for the local court to ensure there is adequate space and technological resources to most efficiently address the significant local caseload and consequently decrease the time a matter takes to be fully resolved; and
 - iii. dedicate the required resources to collect the forfeited surety monies and reinvest that money back into the provincial judicial system; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) and the list of other Ontario Municipalities with a request that those municipalities pass similar resolutions; and
- C. THAT the City Solicitor BE DIRECTED to send the letter referenced in Clause A to Brant County, the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to determine if they are willing to be signatories to the letter.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



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City Clerk
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cc All Ontario municipalities
Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM)
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February 15, 2022

The Corporation of the City of Brantford
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RE: SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION – CLOSING THE REVOLVING DOOR OF JUSTICE

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, at the regular meeting of February 7, 2022, supported your resolution and the following was passed.

MOVED by Councillor Brodie
SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Hendrikx

THAT Council support the resolution from the City of Brantford regarding “Closing the Revolving Door of Justice”. CARRIED.

WHEREAS the City of Brantford has experienced a substantial increase in criminal activity leaving residents fearful for their personal safety and losing confidence in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS the increase in criminal activity is due in part to the failure of the justice system to hold in pre-trial custody many of the likely-to-reoffend individuals, including those who are in serious breach of prior bail conditions, a situation commonly referred to as the “revolving door of justice”; and

WHEREAS those involved in the justice system, from Justices of the Peace to those who have been arrested, acknowledge the “catch and release” bail system contributes to the increase in crime. One individual in particular, who plead guilty to several break and enter charges, together with breaches of probation and release order charges, advised the court during sentencing that he had been arrested 8 times in the previous year and felt that the system bore responsibility for failing to keep him in custody; and that being released repeatedly without the appropriate supports made it all but impossible for him to discontinue the criminal activity he engaged in; and

WHEREAS concerns continue to be raised by businesses, post-secondary institutions in the downtown area and their student bodies, neighbourhood associations, and citizens regarding the increased criminal activity; and



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WHEREAS there is a pressing need for common sense bail reform that gives priority to the dignity and safety of victims over the wellbeing of criminals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Kevin Davis, Mayor of the City of Brantford, on behalf of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford, correspond with the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, insisting that steps be taken immediately by his government to strengthen the bail system, including:
- i. imposing more demanding and stringent surety and supervision requirements; and
 - ii. imposing more substantive and effective consequences for continued breaches of a judicial interim release order (as known as "bail") resulting in pre-trial incarceration, which changes are required to safeguard law abiding citizens and to restore the citizens faith in the criminal justice system; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to Brant/Brantford MP Larry Brock and MPP Will Bouma; and
- C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Brantford Police Services Board, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM); and
- D. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the heads of all Ontario Municipalities with a request that those municipalities consider adopting a similar resolution; and
- E. THAT the City Solicitor BE DIRECTED to send the letter to be sent to the Honourable David Lametti to Brant County, the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to determine if they are willing to be signatories to the letter.

CARRIED.

Kind regards,

Mike Barnier
Legislative Services Manager/Clerk

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March 17, 2022

Dear Head of Council:

With an expected increase in economic development and electrification in the years ahead, our government is taking steps to launch a significant provincewide competitive process to procure new electricity resources through the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

As you likely know, our government's *Green Energy Repeal Act* in 2018 restored municipal authority over siting renewable energy projects and made municipalities full partners in the future of Ontario's electricity system. No matter the method or type of energy creation, we will work with you. Gone are the days of forcing power plants and wind turbines in your neighbours' backyards.

While I am keen to share with you details on the road ahead, I write to ensure you are aware that as a municipal council your support is not only key but critical for any energy development in your community, and to inform you that both the IESO and our government are encouraging all potential developers to engage with municipal councils early and often.

In December 2021, the IESO released its 2021 Annual Planning Outlook, which forecasted an emerging electricity need starting in 2025-2026 and continuing through the next two decades. In response, I reiterated the government's commitment to procuring electricity resources in a competitive, transparent and cost-effective manner that ensures the long-term viability of the system while keeping ratepayers' bills stable.

Finally, in January 2022, I directed the IESO to proceed with designing and undertaking:

- Multiple procurement mechanisms designed to re-contract a number of existing electricity resources as well as contract an innovative grid-scale battery storage project; and
- A Long-term Request for Proposals (LT RFP) to competitively procure new energy resources by providing longer-term certainty to incent capital investment, while continuing to balance risk between ratepayers and electricity resource suppliers. The LT RFP will seek resources that can be in service between 2026 and 2028.

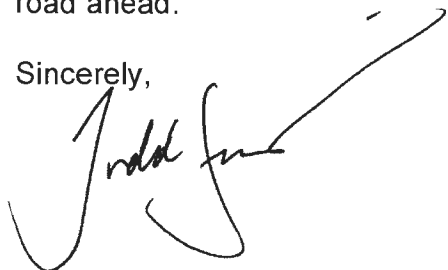
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As you are likely aware, a diverse combination of energy solutions can provide greater flexibility, transparency and reliability for Ontario consumers. Our government continues to be interested in new technologies and business models that drive efficiencies and create new opportunities for consumers – especially solutions that will bring down electricity system costs.

As a starting point, the IESO has released a [stakeholder engagement plan](#) for the LT RFP. The IESO will be reaching out to all municipalities with more information about this engagement, and I encourage you to participate. While I expect the IESO to report back to me with a draft LT RFP in November 2022, I also expect that potential energy infrastructure investors will spend the year ahead preparing project proposals, which will mean securing a host community and seeking municipal support.

As always, your input is important to us, as our local partners are a crucial part of the road ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Smith", written over a white background.

Todd Smith
Minister



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Simcoe County Forest celebrates International Day of Forests

Midhurst/March 21, 2022 – In recognition of the County’s long-standing record of environmental stewardship and the important role that forests play in our region and across the world, the County of Simcoe joins communities across the globe in celebrating March 21 as the International Day of Forests.

“2022 is an important year for the Simcoe County Forest as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary,” said Warden George Cornell. “Originally established in 1922 to rehabilitate ‘wastelands’, these forests provide a multitude of environmental, social, and economic benefits to the County including recreation and the provision of clean water and natural habitats. Today and every day we encourage residents and visitors to join us in appreciating our more than 150 properties, and to share your experiences as we celebrate 100 years of the Simcoe County Forest.”

Spanning more than 33,000 acres, the Simcoe County Forest is the largest and one of the most productive municipal forests in Ontario. In September 2021, the County of Simcoe received national honours by being recognized as the Forest Capital of Canada for 2022 by the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF), which acknowledges leadership in forestry and environmental stewardship.

Celebrating our Roots

In recognition of the 100th anniversary, the County has launched “Celebrating our Roots: 100 years of the Simcoe County Forest. Throughout 2022, interested parties are encouraged to visit findyourforest.simcoe.ca to learn more about our vast history and all the forest has to offer. In addition, to coincide with the International Day of Trees, today we are launching a short film detailing the history behind these incredible lands. This video can be viewed on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

About the International Day of Forests

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed March 21 the International Day of Forests in 2022 to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests. Countries are encouraged to undertake local, national and international efforts to organize activities involving forests and trees.

About County of Simcoe

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe and partners looking at immigration through a different lens

Midhurst/March 21, 2022 – As part of the 2022 #ITSTARTS campaign, and to mark International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the County of Simcoe Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) and area partners are sharing information on tackling racism locally and nationally. Local anti-racism advocates took part in a recorded panel discussion, which is now available for viewing on the [County's YouTube channel](#).

Representatives from Georgian College, Lakehead University, the Simcoe Muskoka District School Board and the County of Simcoe, as well as people with lived experience from within racialized communities, speak on current issues surrounding race and discrimination in Canada. The panelists provide their insights on the challenges we face and how we move forward and take actions to end racial discrimination.

Today (March 21) is International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which is observed annually on the day the police in Sharpeville, South Africa, opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid "pass laws" in 1960. Since then, the apartheid system in South Africa has been dismantled. For more information on International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, visit <https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day>.

About our Moderators

Ishaan Sachdeva arrived in Simcoe County from India 3 years ago as an International Student. Since then, he has worked tirelessly to support his peers and the Simcoe County community. Ishaan co-founded the Enactus student club at Georgian College, designed to address social isolation. The club created the "Say My Name" campaign to encourage community members to learn correct name pronunciation.

Sandra Jeppesen is Professor in Media, Film, and Communications at Lakehead University Orillia. As co-founder of Media Action Research Group (2013-2019), and Lakehead University Research Chair in Transformative Media and Social Movements (2016-2018), they have researched with grassroots and community groups on intersectional antiracism practices in alternative media production and social movement organizing. A book long in the works came out last year: *Transformative Media: Intersectional Technopolitics from Indymedia to #BlackLivesMatter* (UBC Press 2021)

About our Panelists

Angela Knowlton is Anishnaabe from the Red Rock Indian Band. Ms. Knowlton was born and raised in Midland, Ontario in Simcoe County. Angela obtained an undergraduate degree in history with a focus on Indigenous Studies. She is pursuing a Masters degree on Canadian Studies with an emphasis on Indigenous relations and reconciliation. She is a consultant with the Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women's Circle (BRAWC) as an Indigenous Implementation Coordinated Access Consultant.

Amy Hsiao is a Multilingualism Facilitator, with Simcoe County District School Board. She is a seasoned educator and active member of ERGO (ESL/ELD Resource Group of Ontario), ORNG (Ontario Reception Network Group), and ACENet (Asian Canadian Educators Network).

Debbie Opoku holds a Masters degree in Counselling Psychology. Debbie is a registered psychotherapist, speaker and a mental health advocate. Debbie's work is guided from an anti-oppressive, healing focused, trauma informed and anti-Black racism lens.

Irfan Toor is currently working as the Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for the Ontario Principal's Council after serving as an educator with the Simcoe County District School Board and in other communities for over 25 years.

About the #ITSTARTS Campaign

The nationally recognized #ITSTARTS initiative aims to raise awareness about the value and importance of developing welcoming communities in Simcoe County. The social movement encourages Simcoe County residents to complete an #ITSTARTS card and share a photo or video through social media using the hashtag #ITSTARTS. Residents are asked to tag @simcoecounty (Twitter), @CountyofSimcoe (Facebook) and @CountyofSimcoe (Instagram) in their messages.

The initiative, in its sixth year, is supported by the Local Immigration Partnership including the Barrie Chamber of Commerce, Barrie Public Library, Barrie Police Services, Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County, Catulpa Community Services, Collège Boréal, Collingwood Public Library, County of Simcoe Economic Development Office, Georgian College, Lakehead University, Making Change, Ontario Provincial Police, Orillia Public Library, Simcoe County District School Board, Simcoe Muskoka Catholic School Board, Simcoe County Library Cooperative, South Simcoe Police, and YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka.

For more information on how to participate in #ITSTARTS and the significance of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, visit simcoe.ca/ITSTARTS.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County and area partners host Virtual Job Fair to connect local job seekers and employers on April 26

Midhurst/March 23, 2022 – On April 26 between 2 and 6 p.m., the County and area partners, including member municipalities, the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, Georgian College, Lakehead University, Employment Ontario, the Simcoe Muskoka Workforce Development Board, Regional Tourism Organization 7 and the Province of Ontario, are collaborating on another virtual Work in Simcoe County job fair.

Data collected from the County of Simcoe's www.workinsimcoecounty.ca website shows that in the month of February there were 9,684 active job openings in our region. The most in-demand skills were: sales and service occupations; trades; transport and equipment operation; business, finance and administration occupations; and occupations in education, law and social, community and government services.

The event will be hosted on an innovative, user-friendly platform where job seekers and employers can connect through one-on-one text chat, audio and video. The County and area partners have hosted several successful virtual job fairs during the COVID-19 pandemic to support local residents and businesses. Two events hosted in June and November 2021, connected 167 employers with 812 job seekers, with 2,101 conversations between employers and job seekers occurring during the live events.

Multiple sectors will be represented at the job fair, including employers in manufacturing and distribution, hospitality and tourism, healthcare and social assistance, construction and trades, and government and public administration. To view a list of registered employers, please visit <https://workinsimcoecounty.ca/virtual-job-fair-april/>

EVENT: Work in Simcoe County Virtual Job Fair

Where: Virtual – details to be provided upon registration

When: Tuesday, April 26, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Register: This is a FREE event, but registration is required. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

- [Employer Registration](#)
- [Job Seeker Registration](#)

About Work in Simcoe County

The *Work in Simcoe County* site includes local resources and job opportunities, as well as vital information to empower and inspire residents. Using an automated fetching tool to aggregate job listings from over 20 popular job boards, career sites and new user-friendly features, the portal provides services for job seekers, students, parents and local government and helps to link residents with local opportunities.

To learn more, visit: www.workinsimcoecounty.ca.

Workforce Connect Conference

Employers are also invited to the virtual Workforce Connect Conference being held on Tuesday April 5, and Wednesday April 6, 2022 (9 a.m. - 11 a.m. both days). This event is presented by the County's Economic Development Office (EDO), in collaboration with member municipalities, the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, the Henry Bernick Entrepreneurship Centre and the Simcoe Muskoka Workforce Development Board. Join us for two mornings of fresh ideas, proven resources and new connections to build and retain your workforce. Key topics will include strategies for inclusive workplaces, best practices for talent attraction, pathways to prepare for the new world of work, and more! To register, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/workforce-connect-conference-2022-tickets-264605099977>

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From: County Of Simcoe Communications <Communications@simcoe.ca>
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Subject: Release: County relaunches Bursary Program to support local students and families

The following release was issued today by the Office of the Warden and CAO for the County of Simcoe.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County relaunches Bursary Program to support local students and families

Midhurst/March 29, 2022 – The County of Simcoe is committed to working with member municipalities to support the pursuit of higher education. Through the County’s long-standing Education Bursary Program, up to 21 \$3,000 bursaries are available to County of Simcoe students attending a post-secondary institution in Ontario. One bursary is guaranteed for a resident of each participating member municipality.

“Our student bursary program works to support students and families across the County, and prepares our young people to be competitive in the future jobs market,” said Warden George Cornell. “We thank participating member municipalities for supporting the bursary program and look forward to supporting deserving students with access to education and skill development across our region.”

The Bursary Program provides those residents accepted into the program with financial assistance to access post-secondary education and training. This program is consistent with the County of Simcoe’s commitment to education, as well as encouraging community involvement and civic responsibility.

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Eligible applicants must reside in Simcoe County, and:

- Be a resident of a [participating Simcoe County municipality](#) and a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Have graduated, or be eligible for graduation in the year of application, from a secondary school in Simcoe County
- In the year of application, be enrolled and commencing studies in the first or second year of an undergraduate program at an Ontario university or college as a full-time student
- Demonstrate interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extracurricular activities at their school and/or in community organizations

Eligible applicants are invited to complete an [online application](#), which includes the submission of a 500-word essay on a pre-determined topic, as well as an explanation as to why they should be awarded a bursary. Applicants must also provide a copy of their Grade 12 or first year post-secondary transcript and proof of enrollment at an Ontario University or College in an undergraduate program as a full-time student. Applicants must submit their online application **by July 29, 2022**.

For more information about the program, visit simcoe.ca/studentbursary.

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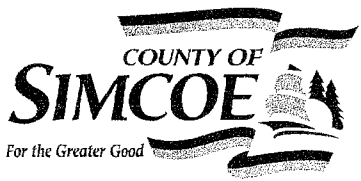
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New tourism innovation program offering mentorships and grants launching in Simcoe County

Midhurst/March 30, 2022 – Tourism Simcoe County is partnering with the Tourism Innovation Lab and Regional Tourism Organization 7 (RTO7) to announce the Simcoe County “Spark” Program. The “Spark” Mentorships & Grants Program is being launched in Simcoe County to encourage entrepreneurs, small businesses and non-profits to apply with their new tourism ideas for the region.

EVENT: Simcoe County “Spark” Program Launch

Date	Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Time	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location	Virtual Event - Please register to receive the Zoom access information: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/5716481284830/WN_b4qU64auReugEU1awnAMYw
Details	Join Minister of Colleges and Universities MPP Jill Dunlop, County of Simcoe Deputy Warden Lynn Dollin, representatives from the Tourism Innovation Lab, and Tourism Simcoe County as they officially announce the Simcoe County “Spark” Program. Applications will be accepted from April 6th to May 12th.

About Tourism Simcoe County

Tourism Simcoe County (TSC) promotes Simcoe County as a four season destination of choice by developing products and experiences and executing comprehensive marketing campaigns across a variety of digital and print platforms. 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 Tourism Innovation Lab

The Tourism Innovation Lab is a non-profit initiative created to find, foster and support new tourism ideas, experiences and partnerships, to cultivate and propel collaborations between the tourism and tech sectors, and to build a community of tourism innovators, idea makers and entrepreneurs in Canada. First launched in 2018, the Lab and its "Spark" Mentorships & Grants Program are expanding to new regions in British Columbia and Ontario. The Tourism Innovation Lab is a program of Hackforge and is based at the University of Windsor-EPICentre.

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Proposed OHSA Amendments to Require Naloxone Kits in Workplaces

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development is currently [accepting comments](#) on proposed amendments to the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* (OHSA) that would require naloxone kits in workplaces. This amendment is part of [Bill 88, Working for Workers Act, 2022](#).

The proposal, if accepted, would require an employer who becomes aware, or ought reasonably to be aware, that there may be a risk of a worker having an opioid overdose at a workplace, where that worker performs work for the employer, to provide a naloxone kit in that workplace. The employer would be required to maintain the naloxone kit in good condition and to ensure that at any time there are workers in the workplace, the naloxone kit is in the charge of a worker who works in the vicinity of the kit and has received training on recognizing an opioid overdose, administering naloxone, and any hazards related to its administration.

Municipal governments will likely fall under this legislation as employers. Many municipal staff and municipally funded services already have naloxone kits. Comments on the proposed amendments are due by March 29th, 2022.

Municipal Reimbursement for Northern Fire Services

On March 19th, the province announced a new program through the Northern Fire Protection Program to reimburse municipalities that provide protection services in unincorporated areas. The funds will help northern municipalities recover costs associated with responses into areas without fire protection services such as search and rescue, medical, motor vehicle collision, and property fires that are not covered by any other funding agreements.

The program will be administered by Ontario's Office of the Fire Marshal. AMO welcomes this new funding which will help to ensure fire protection services for unincorporated areas and reduce unanticipated budgetary impacts for northern Ontario fire services.

Community Engagement for IESO Long-Term Request for Proposal & Call for Nominations to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has launched a Long-Term Request for Proposal (LT RFP) for new and expanded facilities to meet Ontario's emerging reliability needs. As part of this process, IESO launched its Community Engagement Plan on March 18, 2022. The plan outlines how IESO will engage municipalities and Indigenous communities as well as other interested parties. The first information session for municipalities and Indigenous communities is scheduled for April 12, 2022. To register, click [here](#).

On March 17, 2022, the IESO initiated a new call for Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) nominations to represent the Ontario communities' constituency, specifically targeting a municipal representative. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, April 14th at engagement@ieso.ca.

Register Now for the Upcoming AMO/LAS Municipal Energy Symposium

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Local Authority Services (LAS) are excited to present the only event focused on opportunities for the municipal

sector to address climate change and energy consumption through innovations in municipal services.

Dr. Sarah Burch, Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Management at the University of Waterloo and Executive Director of the University's Interdisciplinary Centre on Climate Change (IC3), will open the symposium with an examination of what COP26 means to municipal governments, providing examples of strategies and innovations some municipalities are undertaking to address climate change.

The Symposium is scheduled for the mornings of March 31st and April 1st, 2022. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

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March 30, 2022

AMO Policy Update – *More Homes for Everyone Plan*, Non-Resident Speculation Tax, and Fee Elimination for Volunteer Police Record Checks

Ontario Announces *More Homes for Everyone Plan*

Today, the Ontario government introduced the [More Homes for Everyone Plan](#) which proposes legislative and regulatory changes in an effort to make it easier for Ontarians to buy a home by increasing housing supply in the province.

Ontario's plan was informed by the [Housing Affordability Task Force report](#), in addition to consultation with municipal governments and the public. The provincial plan aims to build homes faster, make it easier and less expensive to build affordable housing, and protect home buyers and renters through changes to the legislation and regulations of the *Planning Act*, *Development Charges Act*, *New Home Construction Licensing Act*, and *Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act*, as well as the *City of Toronto Act*.

The proposed amendments will:

- make changes related to zoning, plan of subdivision and site plan application processes in an effort to expedite approvals and inset decisions within the designated timelines,
- make sure provincial housing policies are implemented and priority projects are expedited by providing the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing with new tools including a Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator (CIHA) which will include public notice and consultation requirements,
- introduce modest changes that increase public reporting, public consultations, and bylaw renewals that will apply to the use of Development Charges or Community Benefit Charges, and
- strengthen protections for purchasers of new homes.

Various consultations and cross-ministry initiatives are also included in today's announcement, including consultation on the [housing needs of rural and northern communities \(ERO #019-5287\)](#) and [opportunities to increase missing middle housing and gentle density \(ERO #019-5286\)](#). The [draft CIHA guidance document ERO #019-5285](#) is also open for consultation. As well, there is a consultation on the [Development Related Charges](#). These consultations will close on April 29th.

The government is consulting through the Environmental Registry and Regulatory Registry on the proposed changes over the next several weeks. AMO will continue to provide input and engage with the province on the implementation of the *More Homes for Everyone Plan* and other initiatives to address Ontario's housing crisis.

Today's announcement also included a funding announcement of \$19 million to help the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) and Landlord and Tenant board reduce case backlog which is welcome news.

AMO has been working on these issues for years and has consistently advocated for a comprehensive and integrated approach to housing affordability, with our [February 2022 Housing Blueprint](#) as part of our consultation input on the province's ongoing housing response.

The housing market in Ontario is truly complex including factors that affect supply and factors that drive demand. Housing affordability is equally complex because it is affected by both escalating prices and lagging incomes. Today's announcements are part of a much larger process that will require action, commitment and support from all orders of government, funding for the not-for-profit sector, and new approaches from the for-profit industry.

The provincial government has stated that the Housing Affordability Task Force is their long-term housing roadmap and that they are looking to implement the Task Force's recommendations with a housing supply action plan each year for the next four years. The province understands that the Housing Affordability Task Force's recommendations were not broadly supported by the municipal sector. They have also noted that they are looking for increased municipal take up of introduced policies such

as the Community Benefits Charges Framework and the Additional Residential Units Framework to again increase housing options in communities.

It is understood by all that addressing the housing supply challenges will be a long-term strategy that will require the continuing commitment and partnership across all orders of government. AMO and municipal governments look forward being actively involved in the dynamic, long-term work needed on all aspects of the housing challenges ahead.

Ontario Announces Increase to Non-Resident Speculation Tax to Address Foreign Real-Estate Speculation

On March 29th, 2022, the province announced it is increasing the Non-Resident Speculation Tax rate from 15 to 20 per cent and expanding its application from the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region to the entire province effective March 30, 2022. The change is one component of Ontario’s efforts to tackle Ontario’s housing crisis by prioritizing Ontario families and homebuyers by deterring non-resident investors from speculating on Ontario’s housing market.

Rebates for new permanent residents of Canada and related exemptions will be available to eligible newcomers to ensure Ontario continues to be welcoming to new Canadians. This includes an opportunity for foreign nationals studying and working in Ontario who become permanent residents of Canada to apply for the rebate.

Ontario also announced it is working with municipalities that are looking to establish a Vacant Home Tax and will establish a working group with municipal representatives to facilitate the sharing of information and best practices.

Fees Eliminated for Police Record Checks for Volunteers

The Ontario government has announced that it is eliminating the cost of police record checks for volunteers of all ages as of April 1, 2022. This includes Criminal Record Checks and Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Checks, which are commonly required by organizations that work with volunteers. Amendments to the *Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015* will remove the fee for up to five copies of these two types of police record checks.

AMO is supportive of this change. Volunteers contribute to strong and vibrant communities, and the elimination of fees makes it easier for those who want to give back to our communities.

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March 23, 2022

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**RE: Resolution from the City of Waterloo passed March 21st, 2022 re: Ontario
Must Build it Right the First Time**

Dear Minister Clark,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo at its Council meeting held on Monday, March 21st, 2022 resolved as follows:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 30% by 2030, and emissions from buildings represented 22% of the province's 2017 emissions,

WHEREAS all Waterloo Region municipalities, including the City of Waterloo, adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 80% below 2012 levels by 2050 and endorsed in principle a 50% reduction by 2030 interim target that requires the support of bold and immediate provincial and federal actions,

WHEREAS greenhouse gas emissions from buildings represent 45% of all emissions in Waterloo Region, and an important strategy in the TransformWR community climate action strategy, adopted by all Councils in Waterloo Region, targets new buildings to be net-zero carbon or able to transition to net-zero carbon using region-wide building standards and building capacity and expertise of building operators, property managers, and in the design and construction sector,

WHEREAS the City of Waterloo recently adopted a net-zero carbon policy for new local government buildings and endorsed a corporate greenhouse gas and energy roadmap to achieve a 50% emissions reduction by 2030 for existing local government buildings and net-zero emissions by 2050 (provided the provincial electricity grid is also net-zero emissions),

WHEREAS the draft National Model Building Code proposes energy performance tiers for new buildings and a pathway to requiring net zero ready construction in new buildings, allowing the building industry, skilled trades, and suppliers to adapt on a predictable and reasonable timeline while encouraging innovation;



WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is consulting on changes for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code (ERO #: 019-4974) that generally aligns with the draft National Model Building Code except it does not propose adopting energy performance tiers, it does not propose timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier, and, according to Efficiency Canada and The Atmospheric Fund, it proposes adopting minimum energy performance standards that do not materially improve on the requirements in the current Ontario Building code;

WHEREAS buildings with better energy performance provide owners and occupants with lower energy bills, improved building comfort, and resilience from power disruptions that are expected to be more common in a changing climate, tackling both inequality and energy poverty;

WHEREAS municipalities are already leading the way in adopting or developing energy performance tiers as part of Green Development Standards, including Toronto and Whitby with adopted standards and Ottawa, Pickering, and others with standards in development;

WHEREAS the City of Waterloo is finalizing Green Development Standards for its west side employment lands and actively pursuing Green Development Standards in partnership with the Region of Waterloo, the Cities of Kitchener and Cambridge, and all local electricity and gas utilities through WR Community Energy;

WHEREAS while expensive retrofits of the current building stock to achieve future net zero requirements could be aligned with end-of-life replacement cycles to be more cost-efficient, new buildings that are not constructed to be net zero ready will require substantial retrofits before end-of-life replacement cycles at significantly more cost, making it more cost-efficient to build it right the first time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to include energy performance tiers and timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code, consistent with the intent of the draft National Model Building Code and the necessity of bold and immediate provincial action on climate change;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to adopt a more ambitious energy performance tier of the draft National Model Building Code as the minimum requirement for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code than those currently proposed;



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THAT Council request the Province of Ontario provide authority to municipalities to adopt a specific higher energy performance tier than the Ontario Building Code, which would provide more consistency for developers and homebuilders than the emerging patchwork of municipal Green Development Standards;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to facilitate capacity, education and training in the implementation of the National Model Building Code for municipal planning and building inspection staff, developers, and homebuilders to help build capacity; and

THAT this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to area MPPs, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Julie Scott
City Clerk, City of Waterloo

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Subject: Ontario Investing in Additional Supports for People Experiencing Homelessness in Simcoe County



Ontario Investing in Additional Supports for People Experiencing Homelessness in Simcoe County

*New Homelessness Prevention Program Helping Break the Cycle of Home
Insecurity*

NEWS RELEASE

March 24, 2022 — The Ontario government is investing an additional \$25 million annually in a new Homelessness Prevention Program to help more people experiencing or at risk of homelessness find the right housing services and other supports. The new program will simplify and streamline operations so municipal service managers can spend less time on paperwork and more time working with their clients to help find housing and other supports and help those at-risk of homelessness stay in their homes. The additional funding brings Ontario's total yearly investment in the program to close to \$464 million - almost half a billion dollars.

This includes a 2022-23 investment of \$11,352,900.00 for Simcoe County homelessness initiatives, up from the \$10.4 million provided last year under three separate programs.

“Too often well-meaning government programs disappoint because they come wrapped up in bureaucracy and red tape,” said Simcoe-Grey MPP Jim Wilson. “Ontario’s new Homelessness Prevention Program, and the additional funding that comes with it, will address a growing social challenge in our communities and help ensure that everyone in Simcoe County has a safe place to call home.”

“Our government inherited a homelessness prevention system administered through several different government programs that was underfunded, fragmented and overly complex,” said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “With Ontario’s new Homelessness Prevention Program, we are simplifying the delivery of services and increasing funding so our municipal partners can spend more time focusing on providing vulnerable Ontarians with the supports they need to stay in their homes or get the housing they need.”

The Homelessness Prevention Program launching on April 1, 2022, combines three programs: Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, Home for Good, and the Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program. It will give service managers more flexibility to target funding where it is needed the most and allow for greater financial accountability by measuring service managers’

progress in reducing and preventing homelessness in their communities.

Access to this funding will be based on having in place a **By-Name List** that meets the provincial requirements and contains detailed, up-to-date information from individuals experiencing homelessness to help connect them to local supports.

The government is also investing an additional \$6.7 million in the Indigenous Supportive Housing Program, bringing the total annual investment to \$30 million.

The shortage of housing supply impacts all Ontarians, no matter their background or budget. The province's ongoing work to increase the supply of market housing complements historic investments to increase the supply of supportive and affordable housing for the most vulnerable. As part of the consultations through the Community Housing Renewal Strategy, the government is working with service managers and housing providers to make community housing more efficient and sustainable – helping to protect essential community housing stock and ensure Ontario's most vulnerable people remain housed.

QUICK FACTS

The new investments can be used to fund the operation of supportive housing units created through the province's \$1 billion Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) – one of the biggest investments the province has made in affordable housing and homelessness supports in Ontario's history. Thanks to Ontario's SSRF, the government is helping to create approximately 1,200 new supportive housing units.

Ontario is also providing the **Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness** with up to \$600,000 in 2022-23 to deliver by-name list training and implementation support related to HPP.

HPP is a direct response to feedback from the 2020-21 Supportive Housing Consultation. The changes made through the creation of the new program address recommendations in the Auditor General's 2021 value-for-money audit on homelessness.

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March 24, 2022

Dear Head of Council:

**RE: Phase 2 Consultation on Urban River Valleys to Grow the Greenbelt:
Proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (2017) and Greenbelt Area
Boundary Regulation (O. Reg 59/05) and Ideas for Adding more Urban River
Valleys to the Greenbelt**

I am writing today to announce that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) is launching the next phase in its consultation on Growing the Greenbelt.

In Ontario's 2020 and 2021 budgets, the government committed to protecting and expanding the Greenbelt.

In the spring of 2021, our government held consultations focused on ways to grow the size and enhance the quality of the Greenbelt, which included seeking ideas for adding, expanding and further protecting Greenbelt lands.

Since the close of the [first phase of consultation](#), our government has been undertaking work to identify potential boundaries to grow the Greenbelt that takes a balanced approach to supporting smart growth to create much-needed housing and jobs.

As a result, this phase of the consultation (Phase 2) will seek feedback on both:

1. **Proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (2017) and the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation (O. Reg 59/05)** that includes the addition of 13 new and expanded Urban River Valley areas. The consultation is open for 30 days and ends on April 23, 2022; and
2. **Ideas for adding more Urban River Valleys to the Greenbelt** through new Urban River Valleys and expansions to existing Urban River Valleys that could include tributaries or parcels of publicly owned land. This part of the consultation is open for 30 days and ends on April 23, 2022.

This proposal is about growing the size and quality of the Greenbelt, and the government will not consider the removal of any lands from the existing Greenbelt, nor will it consider any changes that reduce existing policy protections in the Greenbelt.

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For more information on these proposals, please visit [ERO 019-4485 - Proposed Amendment to the Greenbelt Plan - Growing the size of the Greenbelt and Ontario.ca/Greenbelt](#) where you will find information including the proposed amendments to Greenbelt Plan Schedules 1, 2 and 4, proposed mapping amendments to the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation (O. Reg 59/05) and interactive mapping displaying the proposed URV additions at various scales.

If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact the ministry at greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca

I look forward to receiving your input on this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark
Minister

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For Consent please. Thanks

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Making it Easier to Volunteer

Government eliminating fees for police record checks for volunteers

March 30, 2022
[Ministry of the Solicitor General](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is eliminating the cost of police record checks for volunteers of all ages looking to give their time and skills to the causes they care about. This includes Criminal Record Checks and Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Checks, which are commonly required by organizations that work with volunteers.

Beginning April 1, 2022, amendments to the [Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015](#) will remove the fee for these two types of police record checks, making it easier for Ontarians to support animal shelters, food banks, emergency response initiatives, and



many more organizations in their communities. Volunteers can also receive up to five copies of these types of police record checks for free, making it easier to apply to multiple volunteering positions.

“Volunteers enrich our communities and making it free to get police record checks is a tangible way our government is making it easier for Ontarians to give back,” said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. “Taking fees out of the equation will benefit charities and organizations that rely on the helping hands of volunteers, as well as senior volunteers with fixed incomes.”

This change will make it easier than ever to participate in initiatives like [Volunteer Corps Ontario](#), which is [currently recruiting](#) and training volunteers to help their communities during emergencies like natural disasters.

“Removing the cost of these essential police record checks is one way our government is making it easier for people across the province to embrace the Ontario Spirit and volunteer in their communities,” said Parm Gill, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. “It is our hope that this initiative will make it easier for non-profit organizations to attract committed and talented people to help those who need it most.”

Quick Facts

- A [police record check](#) is a search of police database records about an individual and is often used as part of a screening process for employment, volunteering, education, professional licensing, rental housing, insurance, adoption, child custody, foster care and other purposes in Ontario. The [Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015](#) governs the types of record checks that can be conducted for screening purposes.
- These changes are intended to encourage volunteerism. They exclude people who perform a service in exchange for a form of credit, such as an academic credit. Students who have completed their full academic volunteer requirements and go on to additional non-credit volunteering will become eligible.
- Prospective volunteers will still need to pay any fees charged by police services for Vulnerable Sector Checks, which are considered the most thorough type of police record checks and require a comprehensive search of national and local police databases.
- The amendments to the *Police Record Checks Reform Act* were included in Schedule 20 of [Bill 13, The Supporting People and Businesses Act](#), which received Royal Assent on December 2, 2021.
- These amendments expand the Lieutenant Governor in Council’s regulation-making authority to prescribe requirements for how police services conduct police record checks for volunteers, and how long a police record check for a volunteer for a prescribed purpose could be relied upon.

Quotes

"The Ontario Nonprofit Network is pleased to see the elimination of fees for certain levels of police record checks for volunteers. Volunteers are vital to our communities through nonprofit organizations across Ontario. We know communities could not function without the supportive web of nonprofits that contribute to our quality of life. This has been even more evident during the pandemic."

- Cathy Taylor
Executive Director, Ontario Nonprofit Network

"Volunteers contribute to building stronger, more vibrant communities. We can all support making volunteering easier for those who want to give back to our communities. Eliminating volunteer police check fees helps to do that."

- Jamie McGarvey
AMO President and Mayor of the Town of Parry Sound

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario is Making It Easier to Buy a Home

Province introduces plan that will crack down on market speculation, protect homebuyers, and increase housing supply.

March 30, 2022

[Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government introduced legislation that, if passed, will support a plan to crack down on speculators who are driving up the cost of housing, protect homebuyers from predatory development practices, and create more housing options for homeowners and renters by accelerating development timelines to get more homes built faster. The More Homes for Everyone Act outlines the next suite of concrete actions the province is taking to address Ontario's housing crisis. This plan, built on recommendations from the [Housing Affordability Task Force](#) and the first-ever [Provincial-Municipal Housing Summit](#), will deliver both near-term solutions and long-term commitments to provide more attainable housing options for Ontario families.

"Ontario is the best place to live, start a business and raise a family, but we can only build on our success if all hardworking Ontarians and their families are able to find the home they need and want," said Premier Doug Ford. "As Ontario's population and our economy continue to grow, building more homes is another way that we're keeping costs down for families across the province."

More Homes for Everyone is a plan that would deliver real solutions to address Ontario's housing crisis by:

- Increasing the non-resident speculation tax rate to 20 per cent, expanding the tax beyond the Greater Golden Horseshoe to apply provincewide and closing loopholes to fight tax avoidance, effective March 30, 2022. The tax applies to



homes purchased anywhere in Ontario by foreign nationals, foreign corporations or taxable trustees.

- Working with municipalities to identify and enhance measures that will crack down on land speculation and protect home buyers. This is in response to feedback the province solicited from municipalities regarding projects that are approved by the municipality, but unbuilt by the developer.
- Strengthening consumer protections for purchasers of new homes by doubling fines and extending building license suspensions to address unethical conduct by developers, while ensuring penalties for cancelled projects are aligned with the impact on homebuyers. The government is also proposing to enable Tarion to extend warranties on unfinished items in a new home.
- Supporting municipalities with resources, tools and standards to provide timely review and adjudication processes by both extending legislated timelines for decisions while focusing the decision-making process.
- Creating a new tool specifically designed to accelerate planning processes for municipalities. The Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator would help municipalities expedite approvals for housing and community infrastructure, like hospitals and community centres, with clear requirements for both consultation and public notice. The tool could not be used in the Greenbelt, maintaining the government's commitment to protecting this valued area.
- Investing more than \$19 million to help the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) and the Landlord and Tenant Board to reduce their backlogs. This funding will enable the tribunals to appoint new adjudicators, have resources on hand for mediation, and resolve land use planning and tenant and landlord disputes more quickly. This will also allow the OLT to expand their digital offerings to further enhance efficiency and provide more e-services.
- Conducting consultation on the concept of a multi-generational community, which will begin the process of implementing "missing middle" housing policies that will work to implement gentle density and multi-generational homes on the ground across different types of municipalities.
- Making it easier to build more community housing by making better use of provincially-owned lands for non-profit housing providers. To preserve the existing stock of community housing and modernize the system for those who depend on it, the government has established a new regulatory framework under the [Community Housing Renewal Strategy](#) that encourages housing providers to stay in the system and help vulnerable Ontarians get back on their feet.



Ontario commits to a housing supply action plan every year over four years, starting in 2022-23, with policies and tools that support implementing the recommendations from the housing affordability Task Force's report.

"Through consultations with the public, the first ever Provincial-Municipal Housing Summit, and the Housing Affordability Task Force, we heard that speculative behavior in the market and long, drawn-out approval processes are making it too difficult for Ontarians to realize the dream of home ownership. Our government's plan proposes smart, targeted measures to protect consumers, and make the process work better and faster, help more Ontarians find the home that's right for them and their families," said Minister Clark. "However, there is no silver bullet to addressing the housing crisis. It requires a long-term strategy with long-term commitment and coordination at all levels of government. We are committed to introducing an update to Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan every year over four years in partnership with municipalities and sector associations and deliver long-term solutions for all Ontarians."

"Our government is cracking down on bad actors and defending future homeowners from unethical and egregious practices, ensuring developers looking to make a quick buck will think twice before trying to take advantage of hard-working Ontarians," said Ross Romano, Minister of Government and Consumer Services. "These changes will not only improve access to housing but will also protect Ontarians making one of the biggest purchases of their lives – a new home."

Quick Facts

- In 2021, two years after implementing [More Homes, More Choice](#), Ontario had more than 100,000 new housing starts, the highest level since 1987, and the highest level of new rental starts in 30 years (since 1991).
- A [Scotiabank housing report](#) found that Ontario is one of the few provinces in Canada below the national average for the supply of homes per capita, with Canada having the lowest amount of housing per capita of any of the G7 countries.
- More Homes for Everyone is the result of a three-part consultation with industry, municipalities, and the public. This includes the [report from the Housing Affordability Task Force](#), which highlights expert recommendations to increase supply and serves as Ontario's long-term housing road-map to address the housing crisis.
- Along with the measures to cut red tape and get homes built faster, our government is helping municipalities make their planning and approvals processes more efficient and identify potential savings through the new [Streamline Development Approval Fund](#) (over \$45 million provided) as well as the [Municipal Modernization Program](#) (over \$68 million provided through three intakes) and the [Audit and Accountability Fund](#) (over \$23 million provided through three intakes). This funding is helping municipalities streamline and modernize their planning processes including official plan and zoning updates,



plan of subdivision and site plan approvals, and improve their delivery of other local services.

- [Ontario is consulting with the public, municipalities and stakeholders](#) to develop recommendations on how to support gentle density for multi-generational and missing middle housing, as well as addressing housing needs in rural and northern communities.
- Ontario is also consulting with the public on proposed regulation changes to address unethical condo cancellations. Provide your input at: [Proposed regulations to better inform and protect purchasers of condominium homes \(ontariocanada.com\)](#)

Additional Resources

- [Ontario's More Homes for Everyone Plan](#)
- [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)
- [Phase Two Public Consultations of Growing the Greenbelt](#)

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