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None.

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**Subject:** Ontario Helping Municipalities Build Storm and Wastewater Infrastructure



## NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Helping Municipalities Build Storm and Wastewater Infrastructure

### Province investing \$25 million to build efficient and reliable critical infrastructure

**January 27, 2022**

Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks

The Ontario government is investing \$25 million to build, upgrade and rehabilitate storm and wastewater infrastructure.

“We know that critical storm and wastewater infrastructure in many municipalities are under pressure,” said David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. “This is why our government is making this crucial and much-needed investment to build the storm and wastewater infrastructure necessary to ensure cleaner water and tackle the pollution and toxic overflows facing many communities across the province.”

This investment includes dedicating \$15 million to improve the aging and outdated storm and wastewater infrastructure in 18 municipalities. This will help modernize water management in these areas to make them more efficient and reliable, to ensure Ontarians can continue to access safe and clean water today and for generations to come. Municipalities can use this funding to build storm and wastewater infrastructure, upgrade sewers and pumping stations and clean out debris from stormwater management ponds.

Wastewater and stormwater from urban areas can add pollutants, such as phosphorus to lakes and rivers, resulting in negative impacts on water quality and causing harmful algal blooms. In 2020, 597 tonnes of



phosphorus were discharged into Lake Ontario by sewage treatment plants, with over 80 per cent of this discharge in the western part of Lake Ontario.

“Improving wastewater infrastructure is an essential part of maintaining healthy and safe communities,” said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. “Investing in these projects will help manage stormwater runoff, sewage overflows, and reduce contaminants from entering our waterways. It’s one of the many ways our government is providing greater environmental protection, while building cleaner, more sustainable infrastructure.”

In addition, the government is investing \$10 million to help 20 municipalities upgrade sewage monitoring and public reporting capacity, as well as launching a public consultation and releasing a draft guidance document to improve wastewater and stormwater management and water conservation in Ontario. The province is also seeking input on a proposed subwatershed planning guide to help municipalities and other planning authorities with land use and infrastructure planning.

“This is very welcome news for the Hamilton area and demonstrates our government’s commitment to protecting Ontario’s Great Lakes, local waterways, and communities from pollution and toxic overflows,” said Donna Skelly, MPP for Flamborough-Glanbrook. “Funding for the City of Hamilton, coupled with a strong proposal for monitoring and reporting of sewage overflows will support the improved municipal management of storm and wastewater our community deserves.”

“I’d like to thank the provincial government for their investment today and for their ongoing commitment to clean water management that will protect our environment now and into the future,” said Fred Eisenberger, Mayor of Hamilton. “This investment will improve the quality of life for residents and also lead to a cleaner future for all. I look forward to continuing to work together and explore ways to build and sustain clean water solutions and infrastructure.”

## Additional Resources

- [Improving Wastewater and Stormwater Infrastructure in Lake Ontario](#)
- [Improving Storm and Wastewater Management Monitoring and Public Reporting](#)



- [Learn how Ontario is protecting the Great Lakes](#)

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**STATEMENT**

Government Programs and Services Now More Convenient, Reliable and Accessible for People and Businesses

Expanded access to high-speed internet, more convenient online services, and less red tape thanks to Ontario Onwards Action Plan

**January 28, 2022**

Treasury Board Secretariat

TORONTO — Today, Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board, issued the following statement about how programs and services have been improved thanks to the *Ontario Onwards Action Plan*:

“Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, our government has focused on protecting the health and well being of the people and businesses of Ontario. The pandemic revealed that now, more than ever, Ontario’s programs and frontline services need to be more accessible, more reliable, and more convenient.

That is why, in October 2020, we launched *Ontario Onwards: Ontario’s COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government*. Through more than 30 projects and a \$500 million Acceleration Fund, our goal was to put the people of Ontario and Ontario businesses at the centre of everything we do.

As a result of the Action Plan, and the dedicated Future State Modernization Committee, our progress has been sweeping and government looks much different today than when we started. For example:



- Patients can now speak to their physicians from the comfort of their own home or book appointments on their smartphones.
- It is now easier and more convenient for Ontarians to get a recommendation on what to do next if they have been exposed to COVID-19, have symptoms or for screening by using the province's COVID-19 self assessment and screening tools. These tools have been used more than 58 million times by Ontarians.
- Our government made a historic investment of nearly \$4 billion to connect every community with reliable access to high-speed internet by the end of 2025. We have already committed over \$900 million in provincial funding that is expanding access to high-speed internet to more than 375,000 homes and businesses across the province. This includes over 175 unique projects that are either in planning or underway.
- People can electronically submit more than 500 types of court documents, virtually witness wills, securely pay court fees remotely, search court cases online, and verify legal and business documents from the convenience of home or a mobile device. As part of Ontario's Justice Accelerated Strategy, new online case management platforms are helping Ontarians interact more seamlessly with courts and tribunals.
- Information now flows more seamlessly from police to the courts through the implementation of the eIntake platform. This initiative has freed up thousands of hours for police and hundreds of hours for court staff, and allowed police officers to file over 46,000 criminal charges electronically.
- People can get digital notices to renew common government documents, driver's licences and health cards thanks to a digital reminders system. This convenient system is expected to save more than \$29 million in postage and mailing costs over five years and reduce the need for 80 million pieces of paper (roughly 16,000 boxes, equivalent to the height of 6 ½ CN towers).
- It is faster and easier for the people of Ontario to renew their Ontario Photo Card by using an online renewal system. Since the start of the



pandemic, more than 24,000 people have renewed their cards online.

- By eliminating red tape and simplifying policies, businesses and people in Ontario have saved approximately \$373 million annually and there has been a 6.5% reduction in the number of requirements businesses must comply with to operate.
- Supply Ontario, a new provincial agency, was established to address challenges in Ontario's supply chain system. It will transform and move public procurement forward, leveraging Ontario's \$29 billion annual purchasing power to further advance modernization to benefit our economy, businesses, and Ontarians.

While the work of the Future State Modernization Committee has now ended, the work will continue, benefiting people and businesses for years to come."

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January 28, 2022

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

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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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cc All Ontario municipalities  
Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)



**Nottawasaga Valley**  
Conservation Authority

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Mariane McLeod and Gail Little to continue to lead 2022 NVCA Board of Directors**

UTOPIA, Ontario (January 28, 2022) – Councillor Mariane McLeod of the Town of Collingwood, and Councillor Gail Little of the Township of Amaranth were acclaimed to lead the 2022 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Board of Directors as Chair and Vice Chair.

"I'm honoured to have the confidence of my Board colleagues during this challenging time," said Councillor McLeod. "I look forward to continuing my role as the NVCA Chair as conservation authorities across Ontario adapt to the changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act)*."

As part of her role as NVCA Chair in 2021, McLeod advocated with the province for changes to the *CA Act* be brought in in a reasonable timeline, communicated on behalf of the NVCA Board about the regulations accompanying the *CA Act* changes, and ensured Board meetings were efficient and effective.

"I would like to thank my fellow board members for their support for a second year," commented Councillor Little. "We live in an area with an abundant and clean water supply that is vital to our environment, our population, our food production and our economy. I feel very privileged to be a part of this organization that does some amazing work in a very special part of Ontario."

Councillor McLeod continued to say "On behalf of our board, I would like to sincerely thank staff for all the work that they do, including mitigating climate change, protecting people and property from flooding and erosion, restoring our watershed, educating our youth, and providing much needed greenspace for visitors old and young."

"It is so important that we continue to protect and enhance our natural resources as we prepare for a future with possible climate issues," echoed Councillor Little. "Thank you to the employees of the NVCA who continue their work in this watershed as we face the challenges ahead."

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The NVCA's Board of Directors provides guidance and leadership to the organization. Members are appointed by the municipalities served by the Authority. For more information, please visit [NVCA's website](#) for more information.

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**About NVCA:** The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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## NVCA January 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

**Next Meeting: February 25, 2022, held virtually**

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

On January 28, 2022, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) held its 2022 Annual General Meeting.

### NVCA Board of Directors Election

Councillor Mariane McLeod of the Town of Collingwood, and Councillor Gail Little of the Township of Amaranth were acclaimed to lead the 2022 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Board of Directors as Chair and Vice Chair.

### Keynote Speaker

Dr. David Sills, Executive Director of the Northern Tornadoes Project, gave a presentation on Tornadoes in Ontario and Canada.

The Northern Tornadoes Project aims to better detect tornado occurrence throughout Canada, improve severe and extreme weather understanding and prediction, mitigate against harm to people and property, and investigate future implications due to climate change.

NTP actively works to develop new methods and tools to inform the field of severe storms.

For more information about tornadoes in the Nottawasaga Watershed area, or across Ontario and Canada, [please review the keynote presentation](#).

### 2021 Accomplishments

[Watch a video that celebrates NVCA's accomplishments in 2021.](#)

- NVCA's Planning Team released the Ecological Net Gains Policy. As the Nottawasaga watershed faces increasing urbanization, it becomes a challenge to protect and enhance wetlands and other important ecological areas. With this new

policy, NVCA can prevent further losses of these areas, and have the potential to increase their size, value and functions.

- By working together with municipalities, NVCA's Regulation Team proactively protected watershed residents and their properties from natural hazards like flooding and erosion. Municipalities also benefit from this relationship, as NVCA provides expertise in natural heritage, stormwater management, groundwater and water quality.
- The Watershed Science Team gathered information to identify stresses that are impacting the local environment, which can help shape land use planning and policy decisions. We can also see how effective our environmental restoration projects are or understand the impacts of new development.
- As COVID lockdowns prevented volunteers from helping during the intense spring planting season, NVCA received grants for tree planters to continue these watershed restoration efforts. As restrictions were lifted throughout the year, 250 volunteers participated in restoration events, such as tree planting, river restoration, planting native plants and removing Phragmites.
- NVCA's Forestry department planted over 100,000 trees for property owners to help convert their land into forests.
- Our Education Team created programs for the youth in the Nottawasaga Watershed. For example, students in Grades 4 to 8 learned how to help our environment through a new climate

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change program. Children as young as 2.5 years old had the opportunity to attend the new Tiffin Nature Program. New Canadian families experienced the great Canadian outdoors this summer at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation.

- NVCA's Lands Team continued to maintain and construct trails and other infrastructure for conservation areas.
- Our Flood Management team continued to monitor weather forecasts and watershed conditions while maintaining and improving the system. In 2021, our flood team issued 5 flood messages.

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January 28, 2022

## **AMO Policy Update - Firefighter Certification Model Consultation, Water Infrastructure Funding, and Subwatershed Planning Guide Consultation**

### **Consultation on Proposed Firefighter Certification Model**

Today the province released a consultation document on a proposed firefighter certification model that would introduce mandatory minimum certification requirements for specific fire protection services in Ontario. There is currently no minimum standard of firefighter certification under the *Fire Prevention and Protection Act, 1997*. The proposed approach is based on the key competencies and job performance requirements of the National Fire Protection Association standards. The consultation document is now posted to [Ontario's Regulatory Registry](#) and will be open for feedback until **February 28, 2022**.

AMO is reviewing these proposed regulations. We will focus as to whether this certification process will create additional training or new cost pressures on municipal fire services. We will be working with the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs during this review. More details will follow.

### **Stormwater and Wastewater Infrastructure Provincial Funding**

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has announced a new investment of \$25 million to build, upgrade, and rehabilitate storm and wastewater infrastructure across the province.



The investment includes two tranches:

- \$15 million to improve the aging and outdated storm and wastewater infrastructure in 18 municipalities, and
- \$10 million to help 20 municipalities upgrade sewage monitoring and public reporting capacity.

The funding announcement also launches a public consultation and draft guidance to improve wastewater and stormwater management and water conservation in Ontario.

Stormwater and wastewater infrastructure is costly to municipal governments but also vital for sustainable communities. AMO has called for federal and provincial support to help municipal governments upgrade these systems to help communities improve resilience to climate change and improve other environmental outcomes.

### **Subwatershed Planning Guide Consultation Open and Webinars Announced**

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is proposing a Subwatershed Planning Guide to help municipalities and other planning authorities in implementing provincial policy direction to undertake watershed and subwatershed planning that informs land use and infrastructure planning under the *Planning Act* in Ontario.

The proposed guide has been posted to the Environmental Registry for a 45-day public consultation from January 27, 2022, to March 13, 2022. To review and comment on the proposed document, please see the Environmental Registry proposal notice at ERO number 019-4978.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will be hosting two information webinars on the proposed guide, on February 16, 2022 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. and February 24, 2022 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Follow the link on each date to register.

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# AMO Watchfile

February 3, 2022

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- Inclusive Communities Grant.
- Webinars announced for Subwatershed Planning Guide Consultation.
- Webinars announced for *Conservation Authorities Act* Phase 2 Regulations.
- Factsheets available for Excess Soil Registry.
- AMO/LAS *Municipal Energy Symposium* March 31 - April 1. Registration open.
- AMO/LAS *Municipal Energy Symposium* - Call for Proposals.
- Webinar: eScribe election webinar series.
- Canoe vendor spotlight: Geotab.
- Canoe webinar: Doosan & Bobcat.
- Blog: Citizen Insights to Boost Your Community Engagement.
- Sponsored message from NWMO.
- Careers: Simcoe and Toronto.

## Provincial Matters

Applications are now open for the 2022-23 Inclusive Community Grants program. Funding is available for local projects that will help older residents and people with disabilities participate in community life. The deadline to apply is March 3, 2022. Information and how to apply is found on the government [website](#).

MECP will be hosting webinars on the proposed [Subwatershed Planning Guide](#) on February 16, 2022 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. and February 24, 2022 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Follow the link on each date to register.

MECP will be hosting 90-minute webinars on the proposed [Conservation Authorities Act Phase 2 Regulations](#) on February 4 (10:00 am), February 8 (2:00 pm), and February 10 (10:30 am). Register by emailing [ca.office@ontario.ca](mailto:ca.office@ontario.ca) with the subject line "CAA Phase 2 Webinars" and indicate your preferred session date.

To support implementation of the O. Reg. 406/19: On-Site and Excess Soil Management (Excess Soil Regulation), a series of fact sheets are available now through the MECP's Handling excess soil webpage.

### **Eye on Events**

AMO and LAS are excited to host a virtual *Municipal Energy Symposium* March 31 - April 1. This leading edge event takes a critical look at the intersection of climate change, land use planning and energy post-COP26. Explore examples of how municipalities are planning for the future and what this means to daily operations. Register [here](#).

AMO and LAS are calling on municipalities and partners to showcase initiatives and innovation in addressing municipal energy and climate change at the seminal virtual *Municipal Energy Symposium*, March 31 - April 1. For more information and to submit your proposal, [click here](#). Deadline for proposals is **February 4**.

Are you thinking about the municipal election? While it's not happening until October, it is time to start thinking today how to get your meetings ready for your new Council. On February 16 at 11 am ET join eScribe, AMO's preferred partner for electronic meeting management, for a webinar to learn how you can prepare for a seamless election season. [Register today](#).

### **LAS**

We are pleased to welcome Geotab to the Canoe Procurement Group! Geotab offers vehicle monitoring and telematics solutions to keep your fleet operating as efficiently as possible. [Contact Tanner](#) to learn more.

Canoe Procurement Group vendors Doosan and Bobcat provide a wide array of equipment from lawn care to loaders to forklifts. [Join our webinar](#) on February 9 at 11 am to learn how buying through Canoe makes it easier to keep your communities beautiful.

Have you ever wondered how your municipality can keep up and continue to engage citizens in an increasingly digital world? Our [guest blogger](#) shares some interest facts and stats.

### **Sponsored Message from NWMO**

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is federally mandated through the *Nuclear Fuel Waste Act* (2002) and is responsible for the safe, long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel. The NWMO plans to select a single site for a Deep Geological Repository in 2023 and will share updates through the AMO Watchfile.

Learn more about the [NWMO and Canada's plan](#). Stay tuned for more information about this national infrastructure project. If your municipality has questions or is

interested in a project briefing, please contact [Norman Sandberg](#) or 416.303.2254.

**Careers**

Deputy Clerk - County of Simcoe. The Deputy Clerk assists the County Clerk, and Director of Statutory Services and Archives in the performance of all of the statutory duties assigned to the Clerk under the *Municipal Act* and other related Acts and Regulations of the Legislature and County By-laws. Apply online by February 17, 2022.

Site Contract Manager - City of Toronto. Reporting to the Manager of Landfill Operations, you will assist with the management of contracted services for the solid waste landfilling and disposal operations at the City of Toronto's (City) Green Lane Landfill site. Apply online quoting Job ID 20275, by February 24, 2022.

**About AMO**

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

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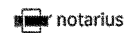
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February 8, 2022

# **AMO Policy Update – Housing Affordability Task Force Report and Call to Re-examine Hospital Capital Funding**

## **Housing Affordability Task Force Report Released**

The province has now released the Housing Affordability Task Force report. It contains the Task Force’s recommendations to increase the supply of market housing to address the housing crisis.

The Task Force report’s recommendations include five main areas to quickly increase the supply of market housing, to meet a goal of adding 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years. These areas include:

- making changes to planning policies and zoning to allow for greater density and increase the variety of housing;
- reduce and streamline urban design rules to lower costs of development;
- depoliticize the approvals process to address NIMBYism and cut red tape to speed up housing;
- prevent abuse of the appeal process and address the backlog at the Ontario Land Tribunal by prioritizing cases that increase housing; and
- align efforts between all levels of government to incentivize more housing.

Additionally, the Task Force report makes other recommendations to increase housing supply over the long-term, including to digitize and modernize the approvals

and planning process, grow the skilled labour workforce, and encourage new pathways to home ownership.

The province will be consulting further with municipal governments, the public, and the housing industry. In the next 10 days, AMO will be submitting our consolidated housing affordability recommendations, as approved by the AMO Board of Directors, to Minister Clark and the province for their consideration on their next steps on housing affordability.

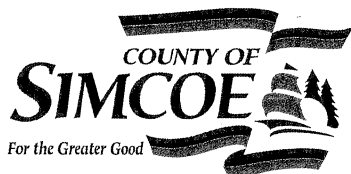
### **Call to Re-examine Hospital Capital Funding**

AMO's 2022 Pre-Budget Submission included a number of municipal priorities for the upcoming provincial budget including re-examining the local funding of provincial hospitals. The submission highlights the impact of the "local share" capital donations in funding provincial hospital construction and expansion. The "local share" requirements have fiscal implications for municipal governments pressured to fill funding gaps to get hospital projects off the ground. AMO's submission calls on the provincial government to re-evaluate this approach.

If your municipal council would like to add its support, please see the resolution for your council's consideration.

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# Advisory

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## Museum offers sweet programming for kids of all ages

Midhurst/January 31, 2022 – Once again, the Simcoe County Museum will be offering sweet programming for kids of all ages in the lead-up to Valentine's Day. This virtual program will explore how local chocolate and candy makers create their candy and will allow participants to sample candy popular through the ages.

**EVENT: Tasty Tours: Sweet Tooth**

**Date** Sunday, February 13, 2022

**Time** 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

**Location** Virtual

**Cost** \$20 per person

**Details** Tasty Tours: Sweet Tooth is a Virtual program for kids of all ages. Meet local chocolate and candy makers.

Discover how local candy is made. Sample a variety of candy popular throughout the ages. Some candy may be sweet, others may be sour or even hot!

This makes a great Valentine's Day gift for kids and the young-at-heart. It is sure to be a sweet time for all!

### Registration

Tasty Tours: Sweet Tooth is suitable for children of all ages, and costs **\$20 per child**. Register online, pick up your supplies box the week before the event starts, and join us from 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

**Registration is required** and is available at [museum.simcoe.ca](http://museum.simcoe.ca). Space is limited so register early to avoid disappointment.

### About the Simcoe County Museum

Take the Infinite Journey with the Simcoe County Museum, a cultural exploration of our historical past and exciting future. The Simcoe County Museum is owned and operated by the County of Simcoe and offers year round exhibits, events and educational programs for visitors of every age. Visit our website at [museum.simcoe.ca](http://museum.simcoe.ca) for further details. As of February 1, 2022, the Museum is reopen to the public at a reduced capacity. Book your visit online at [museum.simcoe.ca](http://museum.simcoe.ca).

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Hello everyone,

The County of Simcoe Trails Connecting Communities Program is now accepting applications for their 2022 intake. Please find attached an information sheet along with an application form. The intake is open from **February 7 to March 11, 2022**.

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 of \$30,000. The program is available to municipalities and trail organizations that partner with municipalities. Since its inception in 2009, the TCCP has provided over \$750,000 in funding to local municipalities to assist in the completion of 32 trail and active transportation projects.

I have provided this information to all municipal employees who have submitted applications in the past and have copied all Planning and Clerks Departments to engage better coordination. Municipalities may also want to partner to build connections between neighbouring communities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly. I ask that you **do not copy all** when replying to this email.

I look forward to all of your submissions!

Thank you,

**Julie Nolan** RPP

**Planner**

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**From:** [Adam Mannella](#)  
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**Subject:** Please Help with #TheJourneyHome

To whom it may concern,  
 We at Empower Simcoe are reaching out to you to ask for your assistance in helping us raise awareness about our Landlord Partnership Program and the #TheJourneyHome. The Landlord Partnership Program and the Journey Home Campaign is a collaborative effort in partnership with the County of Simcoe to relieve the pressures and recover from the current motel shelter system that was put in place to help keep people safe during the pandemic. The current housing crisis has increased the need for affordable housing. The Covid 19 pandemic has highlighted the extent of homelessness substantially in our community. There is a great need to find a safe place for people to call home as we prepare to return to pre-pandemic shelter model.

Please be part of the solution and help us increase housing stock, recover from the impact of the pandemic and the ongoing housing crisis in our community and assist in raising awareness of the effects of homelessness by promoting on your websites, social media platforms and within your community circles, we would greatly appreciate your help. Please reach out to Jon or Adam for more information or for links to our Landlord Partnership Program and find out what you can do to help. Thank you!

kindest regards,

**Adam Mannella**

Housing Specialist

***The Landlord Partnership Program***

***November 15, 2021 – March 31, 2022***



**#TheJourneyHome**  
 is a campaign to  
 increase housing  
 stock to recover  
 from the Motel  
 Shelter Model so  
 people don't return  
 to the streets.

**CLICK HERE to take advantage of the Incentives!**

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February 4, 2022

Greetings Members of Council,

As Municipal Leaders, we are mandated by the *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended* to provide measures necessary for the health, safety and well-being of citizens within our jurisdiction. The Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group (MMWTWG) collectively addresses concerns that are raised in relation to the various wind turbine projects across the province.

The list of concerns and implications is continually growing and many citizens are completely unaware of the effects, both short and long term that wind turbines pose. To provide some context to the complex matters that the MMWTWG continues to work to resolve, some principal issues are provided.

**1. Public Safety**

- Setbacks for tower collapse are insufficient. The current blade length plus 10 metres requirement is not a strong enough protective measure. Ontario has seen collapses of GE Turbine at Raleigh and Vestas Turbine at Bow Lake. Public database details at least 95 collapses worldwide, including Enercon, Siemens, Nordex, and others. Bow Lake turbines were also permitted to restart by regulator without any public release of information of recent failure.
- Setbacks for blade failures are insufficient. The current blade length plus 10 metres requirement is not a strong enough protective measure. Ontario has seen debris at 560 metres with 51-metre setback, with failures from GE, Vestas, Suzlon/Repower. Regulator did inadequate safety review of post commissioning installation of “power cone” at Skyway 8 and is permitting turbine restart without public investigation into impact of failure on tower integrity.
- Setbacks for ice throw are also insufficient, as the blade length plus 10 metre setback is less than the ice throw distance witnessed in Ontario.
- Fire hazard – Ontario has witnessed turbine fire and flaming debris on the ground at 200 metres, while setback was 50 metres. Ministry review failed to recommend industry standard protective barriers for fire suppression in spite of examples of fires in similar turbines.
- Landholder leases give no setback protection for vulnerable citizens (children and other family members of lease holder, employees, couriers, etc.)

## 2. Health Impacts

- Sleep deprivation – most common identified irritant.
- Stress – identified link from irritants to cardio vascular events.
- Unexplained cardiac events, diabetic events
- Cyclical noise (major irritant) not assessed by Ontario Compliance Protocol.
- Tonality (irritant at some projects) not adequately assessed by standards.
- Dominant, irritating, turbine noise signature dwarfs rural noise environment.
- Loss of enjoyment of property, contrary to Environmental Protection Act.

## 3. Municipal Finances

- Tax base – Assessment of multi-million-dollar turbines capped at under \$50k per MW, adversely impacts tax base. Similar to unpermitted “bonusing” by permitting low taxation. Impacts ability to build on adjoining properties.
- Community impact grants – associated “gag-clauses” deny transparency.
- Impact on roadways – large component delivery cause damages to roads.
- Upcoming impact on landfill – Component End of Life – blades not recyclable.
- Decommissioning costs – no guarantee of cost coverage at many sites.

## 4. Community Cohesiveness

- Rural neighbourhood – acrimony prevents neighbours working together, those profiting often not those who suffer impacts

## 5. Energy Supply Stability

- Mismatch to consumer demand, turbine output falls as consumer load increases in morning, but rises as consumer load falls in the evening
- Seasonal mismatch a big concern as turbine output poorest when consumer demand is highest in summer air conditioning season, and in winter heating season, yet turbine output is highest when consumer demand is lowest in spring and fall
- Requires construction of backup generation, that must price output highly as only operated intermittently.

## 6. Consumer Energy Cost

- First access to grid costs – force less costly generation off the grid. Ontario energy transitioned from least costly to most expensive in North America.
- Costs of required storage options will increase costs even further.
- Lowered electrical system reliability due to uncontrollable factors (weather).

## 7. Lack of response from responsible Ministry to complaints and professional input

- Inconsistent Ministry response to complaints from impacted citizens
- Lack of Ministry response to professional input – no disposition of items, just neglect.

**8. Lack of Respect of Impacted Citizens**

- Ministry failed to investigate the majority of complaints, took no action to correct, contrary to Renewable Energy Approvals regulations.

This Working Group shares municipal advice on by-laws, road use agreements, fire suppression requirements and other considerations that need to be considered before dealing with wind developers. We are striving to support municipalities and citizens and to become aware of issues and possible remedies regarding industrial wind turbines before it is too late to take proactive actions.

Our Working Group is currently comprised of municipalities from the Counties of Bruce, Grey, Huron and Niagara Region, but the issue of wind turbines is wider. By working together, can we share knowledge and provide a collective municipal response to protect our citizens. As a Working Group, it has given us the opportunity to invite participation at our meetings by Provincial MPPs and Ministry of the Environment Officials, and to hear technical and municipal planning presentations related to the subject.

The MMWTWG annual fee is set at the beginning of each year. This fee is used to cover the cost of a Recording Secretary, miscellaneous costs for preparation and circulation of materials as well as any fees related to space rentals for meetings. A small surplus is maintained for donation to a defence fund in case any municipal bylaw might be challenged by a developer. The yearly fee is paid to the "Municipality of Arran-Elderslie"; and sent directly to the Municipal Office c/o Clerk.

During 2021, the annual fees were waived as we navigated our way through the pandemic. We have resumed meeting in a "virtual" platform and anticipate this new format will continue in the future. This allows for participation across the province providing the convenience to join from wherever you are. The Working Group meets on the second Thursday of each month. Agendas and other materials are circulated to the Members by email as well as to the Clerk's of the Member Municipality's. Each member Municipality may appoint by resolution of Council, two (2) Working Group Members, one (1) Alternate Member and one (1) Citizen to provide additional expertise or information to the discussion. A copy of the Working Group Terms of Reference and Procedural Bylaw can be provided upon request.

Our annual fees are not due until June 1, 2022. At this time, we would like to extend this invitation to Members of your Council to participate in the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group meetings to better understand the work that we do and the matters we stand for.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.

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Please contact our Recording Secretary to obtain a copy of the agenda as well as the Zoom link for the meeting.

We look forward to your participation and support of this critical matter. Size in numbers provides a louder voice to be heard.

Warm Regards,  
On behalf of the Chair, Tom Allwood




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# AGKNOWLEDGE FORUM 2022

Accessing Agriculture Resources  
and Technologies  
Virtual Event - February 23rd 2022  
10:00AM - 11:30AM

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-  Updates on current Health Unit Guidelines
-  Current programs and funding
-  Automation and innovation on the farm








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**Annual AgKnowledge Forum**

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Nottawasaga Futures in partnership with The Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Holland Marsh Growers Association, Simcoe County EDO and Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture are pleased to support our local agricultural community by hosting the annual AgKnowledge Forum.

This year's forum will be held virtually on Wednesday February 23 at 10:00 - 11:30 am.

The Forum will cover:

Health Unit Guideline update

Benefit program available through the OFA

"In the Know" A mental health literacy program for farmers and the agricultural community.

Current technologies on the farm

Funding and Grants available and tips for completing the applications

The session will be recorded and hand outs will be provided to all attendees after the session.

*Attendees will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a \$50 gift card from a local restaurant in your community!*

To register, please contact Robin Brown by email at [robin@nottawasaga.com](mailto:robin@nottawasaga.com)

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February 7, 2022

Kelly Tallon Franklin, Chief Executive Officer  
Courage for Freedom  
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Via email

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Resolution of Council  
Human Trafficking Sexual Exploitation

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of January 31, 2022:

**Be It Resolved That** the deputation of Kelly Tallon Franklin, Courage of Freedom be received;

**And Whereas** the crime of Human trafficking in Ontario is threatening our most vulnerable population, Ontario resources have reportedly served 427 young girls that have been victimized/exploited since 2013 that include Simcoe County as a recruitment hub and subsidiary of the trafficking recruitment corridor;

**And Whereas** the provincial government has dedicated significant funding to support County/Regions in executing strategies to address Human Trafficking; these strategies are based on the core components of education, prevention, housing, and supports;

**And Whereas** statistics report a 43% increase in 2019 (Stats Can), and projecting a marked increase in 2020 -2021 as a result of

Covid -19 shadow pandemic results from isolation;

**And Whereas** Peel Region has made significant progress by supporting the Anti-Human Trafficking Service Providers Roundtable consisting of Regional Police, and over forty service agencies committed to supporting survivors, and training frontline staff;

**And Whereas** Simcoe County has several agencies working on the front lines to support victims and survivors of Human trafficking, and has committed to this work through the Community Safety and Well Being Plan;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** the municipality of New Tecumseth raise further awareness to the issue of Human Trafficking by utilizing communications platforms to further community awareness, initiating training and a strategy for all staff and council, working with Simcoe County, community partners, and school boards to eradicate Human Trafficking;

**And Further That** this resolution be sent to Simcoe County Council and request that it be placed on a County agenda;

**And Further That** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Simcoe County MPPs/MPs and municipalities.

Yours truly,



Barbara Kane  
Deputy Clerk

February 9, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Via Email

**Re: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal**

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, February 7, 2022, adopted the following Resolution:

**Resolution No. 2022-0020**

WHEREAS Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy;

AND WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, "that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of the Town of Halton Hills community";

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community;

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province;

AND WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of Town of Halton Hills Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the Town of Halton Hills;

AND WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans;

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AND WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans;

AND WHEREAS towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings;

AND WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

**CARRIED**

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2022-0020.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 ext. 2331 or [valeriep@haltonhills.ca](mailto:valeriep@haltonhills.ca).

Yours truly,

Melissa Lawr  
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

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- cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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