

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022**

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None.

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None.

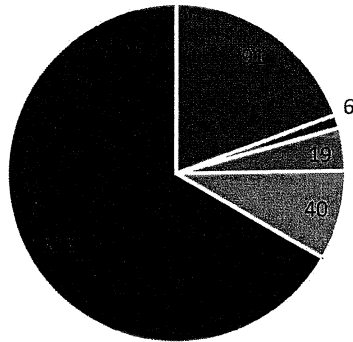
Township of Essa – Total Calls for Service



Total December
Calls for Service:
468

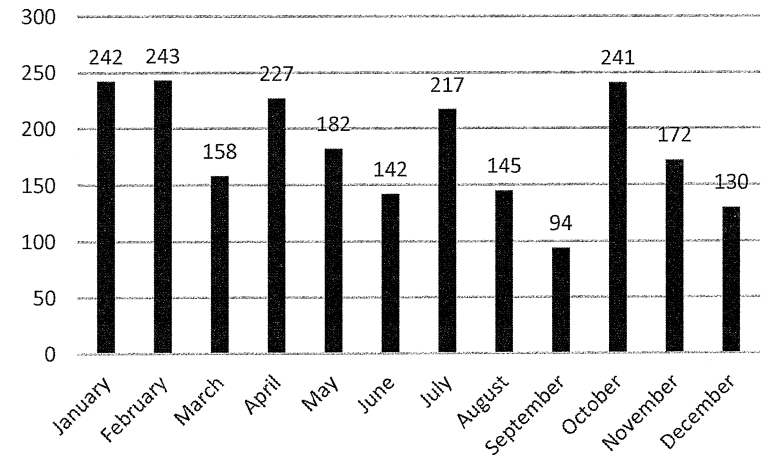


December 2021 Occurrence Breakdown

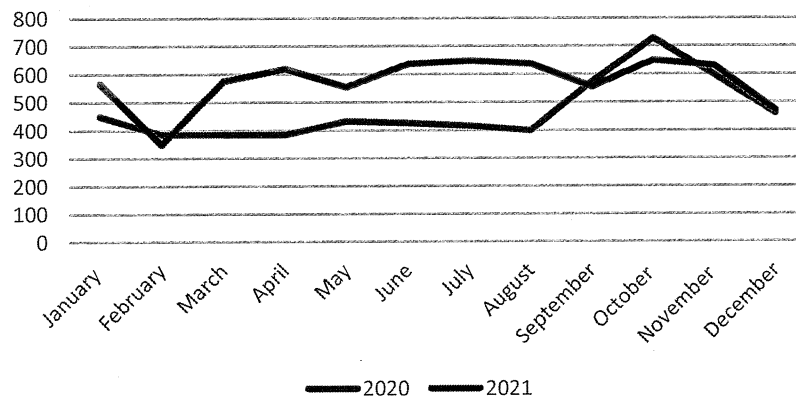


■ Tickets ■ Mental Health ■ Domestics ■ Motor Vehicle Collisions ■ Other

Provincial Offences - Essa Township 2021

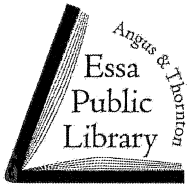


Essa Monthly Occurrence Totals



Total Calls – Year to Date:

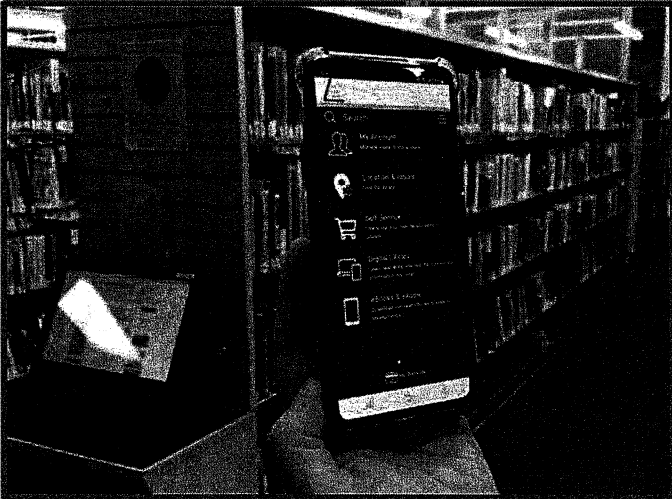
6,870



Essa Public Library Report: January 2022

IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

Outcomes



Simcoe County Libraries App launched. Patrons can use a smartphone to self-checkout materials.



Great photo and feedback from Teen Loot Packs recipients:
"These are just so much fun! Thank you for all of your hard work!"

A Thornton visitor was happy when she discovered we had a new title on our shelf that she had been eyeing in the store. A staff member told her the Simcoe County Libraries App can scan the barcode of an item in the store to see if it is available at the library. She was excited and said that she was going to set this up on her phone.

A NPSS student wanted to check out a book but had forgotten their card in their locker. They were shown the Simcoe County Libraries App and how their library barcode gets saved so that they don't need to carry the physical card.

The Winter Book Bundles elicited this response:

"Thank you so much! I picked it up today! We are very grateful for this book bundle service. It's such a treat for my kids! We always spend the rest of the morning cuddled up exploring our new books after I pick them up. It's absolutely above and beyond of you to include the 'extras' like free books and activities - we love this. It's a treat, as a parent, to have activities already put together to draw on when needed, and to add to our at home library."

A Thornton patron delightfully remarked, *"Golly sakes, without the Library I'm beat"*

A patron shared that she loves coming to the library because *"You can have a nice chat about this book or that show, and it's a place that is always so welcoming. You are just the best."* She liked that staff are always happy to recommend books, movies and TV shows that she might like.

"Glad you are open! You are a sanity saver."

Comment from the NPSS Teacher-Librarian: *"WOW!! Essa Public Library is genuinely the best! NPSS owes you for supporting our staff and students so greatly!"*

Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Cercel de Conversation
 Virtuel: 24

Virtual Trivia Nights: 90

Virtual Bookclub - Angus: 3

Virtual Bookclub - Thornton: 7

Virtual Cookbook Club: 4

Tech Learning - Angus (in person/phone/email): 8

Tech Learning - Thornton (in person/phone/email): 2

Outreach - Angus Geocache location: offered

Outreach - Thornton Geocache location: 2

Art Display continues

Virtual Simcoe Talk Series: Author, Michael Posner offered.

Community Partners

Ontario Parks Passes available
 Angus: 8 Thornton: 5

Social Media

Facebook: 10 posts
 Reactions: 107
 Followers: 1,250

Twitter: 11 tweets
 Reactions: 26
 Followers: 1,036

Instagram: 4 posts
 Reactions: 87
 Followers: 496

Youtube Views: 4,516
 Reactions: 32
 Subscribers: 1,322
 Kids' Videos: no new posts
 Miscellaneous Videos: 1

More

Library Zest blog posts, videos & email campaigns: 1

Library Zest blog traffic: 56

Library Zest unique visitors: 33

Makerspace: 8

Kids

Beanstack

New Horizons Books:
 Active readers: 15
 Books read: 239
 Badges earned: 58

New Horizons Minutes:
 Active readers: 1
 Minutes read: 120
 Badges earned: 7

Beanstack challenges offered: 37

Virtual

Storytime: 62

Bilingual Storytime: 16

School visit Storytime: 30

Baby Group - Angus: 20

Growing together Indigenous Partnered Storytime: 5

Other

Winter Book Bundles: 19

Character Search - Thornton Branch - offered

Self-directed Scavenger Hunt - Angus Branch - offered

Tween Loot Kits: 13

Family Literacy Day, Jan 27
 Activity booklets - offered

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future Grant & more

Book reviews: offered

Pen Pal Program letters: 6

Leadership Series Workshops: 36

One more page Teen Book Club: 9

Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	Jan. 2021	Jan. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	4,001	6,406	6,406
Thornton Branch	1,552	1,782	1,782
Angus Branch Computer Use	0	71	71
Thornton Branch Computer Use	0	6	6
Angus Branch Wireless Use	282	n/a	n/a
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	150	n/a	n/a
eAudio & eBooks	1,071	877	877
TOTALS:	7,056	9,142	9,142

Circulation Analysis	Jan. 2021	Jan. 2022	YTD 2022
Print	3,395	5,483	5,483
Non-Print	2,083	2,634	2,634
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	432	77	77
eAudio Books	244	191	191
eBooks	827	686	686
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	44	33	33
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	31	38	38

Materials Used In-Library	Jan. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	98	98
Thornton Branch	23	23

Online Resources & New Members

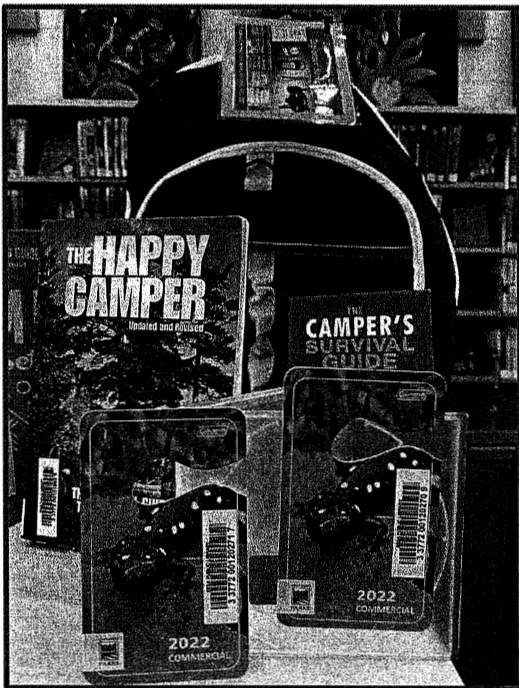
Library website visits	YTD 2022
3,310	3,310

Simcoe County Libraries App	YTD 2022
479	479

Digital Library visits	YTD 2022
1,275	1,275

New Members		YTD 2022
Angus Branch	43	43
Thornton Branch	4	4

Library Highlights



Comment from the Pine River Elementary School Kindergarten teacher after a Library Virtual Storytime:

"We got so much positive feedback from families and staff to the joy and learning that added to our children's day. sincerely want to send a huge thanks and high five for collaborating with us once again."

Assisting patrons to obtain Vaccine QR codes brought these remarks: *"Thank you for helping me."* and *"You've made my day. I don't know how I would've done it without your help."*

An energetic group of preschoolers joined Christine & Holly for a virtual Bilingual Storytime session.



We are grateful to the Province of Ontario for sharing resources with our community. Ontario Park Passes are available at both branches and can be borrowed for one week.



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 44-22

Date: Feb 8, 2022

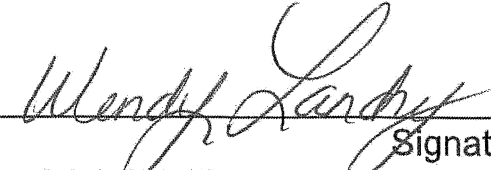
Moved By: DONNA BLUNT

Seconded By: DON SMITH

THAT Council hereby supports the resolution from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) regarding supporting the expansion of Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario; and

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliot, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade Victor Fedeli, local MP's and MPP's, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), all Ontario Municipalities.

- Carried
- Defeated
- Amended
- Deferred



 Signature

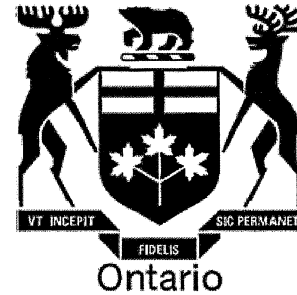
Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

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February 11, 2022

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 Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
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Re: OLT Case Numbers: OLT-21-001898 & OLT-21-001899
 OLT Lead Case Number: OLT-21-001898
 OLT Related Case Number(s): OLT-21-001899
 Reference Number(s): B8/21, A11/21
 Municipality/Upper Tier: Essa, Simcoe
 Subject Property Address: 27 Pine River Road

Appeal(s):

002257 & Chantelle Laframboise and
 002258 Michel Bodson

The Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) acknowledges receipt of the above referenced case(s)/appeal(s). When communicating with the Tribunal, please quote the Tribunal's case and/or file number.

This file has been assigned to **Hanh Dang**, Case Coordinator/Planner. For specific questions about this case, you may contact the Case Coordinator/Planner at 437-994-0521 or hanh.dang@ontario.ca.

According to the Tribunal's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules"), the Tribunal has completed an administrative screening of the appeal(s).

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A hearing event will be scheduled according to the next available date on the Tribunal's calendar. Parties should be prepared to proceed at any time. For more information on the general conduct of the Tribunal, please see the OLT Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Once hearing event dates are set, adjournments are not granted except where compelling circumstances exist and with the consent of all parties and/or the approval of the Tribunal. Please see Rule 17 of the Rules with respect to adjournments.

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Subject: Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter



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

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS OWNERS



A PROGRAM TO HELP
DURING CHALLENGING
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ACCESS UP TO FIVE
SESSIONS FREE OF CHARGE
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Taking care of our mental health is extremely important. It can affect every aspect of our lives, from productivity at work or school to relationships with friends and family.

We have partnered with Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Town of Innisfil and Town of New Tecumseth to offer up to 5 free therapy sessions to our business owners.

For more information, please contact Martin Kuzma by email at martin@nottawasaga.com

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AGKNOWLEDGE FORUM 2022

Accessing Agriculture Resources
and Technologies

Virtual Event - February 23rd, 2022

10:00AM - 11:30AM

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



THIS IS A FREE EVENT

TO REGISTER CONTACT ROBIN BROWN AT
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In Partnership With:



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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

or by phone: 705-435-1540 x 108 or 800-509-7554.



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In an effort to monitor the current business climate in our communities, Nottawasaga Futures is conducting a series of surveys to determine how we can best support your business. Your input is valuable and will help guide us during this challenging time. This portion of our survey will focus on our supply of labour in South Simcoe. Completion of the survey will take no more than 5 minute

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8NFPS2M>



A free training opportunity (developed by the Restigouche CBDC) could benefit some of your students/clients/employees.

This basic training on the use of technologies in a work environment could well meet the needs of certain members of your organization

The “Essential Workplace Digital Skills” training consists of 4 workshops:

- 1- Communicating with co-workers by email
- 2- Viewing documents online
- 3- Completing a transaction online
- 4- Using technology to coordinate, collaborate and learn

Here is a link with further information about the training:

<https://www.digitalskillstraining.ca/>

Two additional useful links:

<https://mailchi.mp/88b9f4f45160/the-workplace-digital-skills-training-is-now-online>

<https://essentialdigitalskills.ca/>

Please note that this training will be offered free of charge to the next +/- 125 participants (first come, first served) and must be completed no later than March 31, 2022.

Training is offered in both official languages.

Financial Support and Resources

Federal and provincial government financial supports:

- [Canada - Ontario Job Grant](#)
- [Ontario Business Registry](#)
- [Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy \(CERS\)](#)
- [Business Credit Availability Program](#)
- [CEBA Deadline Extended](#)

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- [Canada Business App](#)

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Sent: February 15, 2022 12:57 PM

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Subject: AMO Policy Update - AMO's Call to End Homelessness, Upcoming AMO Housing Paper Release, Off-Load Delay Strategy

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February 15, 2022

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AMO's Call to End Homelessness

There is a rising homelessness crisis that exists amidst a housing affordability crisis, and it is taking a devastating toll on individuals and communities. The government's significant investment through the Social Services Relief Fund has mitigated some of the worst impacts of COVID-19 on the homeless population. This has literally saved lives during the pandemic. The implementation of by-name lists and enumeration by service managers are also important measures.

Increasing housing affordability is the primary solution; however, there is a range of actions that can be taken by all orders of government to prevent and break the cycle of homelessness. AMO is inviting the provincial government to work together to build on the productive work to date with AMO, municipalities, and District Social Services Administration Boards.

The next step is to come together to co-design and implement a plan of action to end homelessness in Ontario. With time, this is an achievable goal and there is a moral and economic imperative to act now. It is in the interest of all Ontarians. A proposal to the province, with five recommended foundational steps and twenty-three actions, can now be found on AMO's [website](#).

AMO Housing Paper Upcoming Release

AMO is actively engaging with municipal associations and the provincial government on the housing crisis. Our white paper, **Blueprint for Action: An Integrated**

Approach to Address the Ontario Housing Crisis, with recommendations will be available later this week. The paper acknowledges housing challenges in every part of Ontario. The province is anticipating its release, and it is expected that the paper can serve as a platform for integrated problem solving. The paper proposes clear actions for all orders of government and the development industry.

Managing Off-Load Delays

As ambulances face increasing offload times in hospitals, the Ministry of Health has now provided guidance should the expansion of consolidation (“batching”) of patients within the hospital be strategically needed to enable paramedic crews to return to service quickly. This practice has been used by various paramedic services across the province and this ministry direction is now providing a more consistent approach to “batching”.

Hospitals and paramedic services that are considering further expansion and formalization of the batching of patients may work towards establishing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the hospital(s) and paramedic service(s). This MOU is to include the assignment of liability and is to be done with appropriate municipal council/DSSAB approvals where the Single/Upper Tier Municipality/DSSAB employs and delivers paramedic services.

Additional information on *Paramedic Guidance for Addressing 9-1-1 Patient Flow Issues in Hospitals due to COVID-19 Omicron Variant* can be found in the Ministry’s memo.

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"A Blueprint for Action: An Integrated Approach to Address the Ontario Housing Crisis"

AMO is pleased to release "[A Blueprint for Action: An Integrated Approach to Address the Ontario Housing Crisis](#)". The Blueprint takes a principle-based approach and outlines nearly 90 recommendations on how to guide collective action to build a strong housing sector throughout the province.

Ontario is facing a housing affordability and supply crisis. The Blueprint builds on AMO's longstanding positions and advocacy around housing and provides a new starting point for ongoing collaboration and collective work by all orders of government and the development sector to make a meaningful difference in Ontario communities. The Blueprint calls for a new collective mindset and transformative change to address the systemic issues around housing affordability over the long term.

We stand ready to work together with the province, federal government, and development sector to meet the long-term housing affordability needs of all Ontarians.

AMO Submission on *Fixing Long-Term Care Act Phase 1 Regulations*

The *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* will come into effect in April 2022, along with the first phase of regulations. AMO has submitted comments through the regulatory registry on these Phase 1 regulations.

The proposed regulatory changes are significant and will cause an increased cost and regulatory burden for long-term care homes. AMO is asking the Ministry of Long-Term Care to commit to fully costing and funding the implementation of these regulatory changes and for implementation timelines to reflect the challenges of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

AMO has outlined 8 key principles that have informed the comments on each of the regulatory changes in the submission and looks forward to continuing to work with the Ministry and the sector on improving long-term care.

AMO Response to Proposed Regulatory Amendments for Community Housing

AMO responded with a submission to the regulatory posting concerning Ontario Regulation 367/11 under the *Housing Services Act, 2011* about new requirements for community housing including service agreements, service levels, and access. The proposed changes will have a significant impact for years to come with financial implications.

In our view, the regulations should follow in the spirit of the enabling legislative framework by maximizing local flexibility and not be overly prescriptive with significantly new requirements and rules that would increase administrative burden and additional costs. A new focus on outcomes, consistent with local Housing and Homelessness Plans, should be adopted as much as possible, immediately with future regulatory development.

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February 25, 2022

AMO Policy Update – Fire Certification Regulation Response and Federal Transit Investment

Fire Certification Regulations – AMO’s Response

AMO has responded to the draft regulations regarding firefighter certification consultation launched on January 28, 2022. While AMO believes in principle that certification is a step in the right direction, it has not endorsed the draft regulations. AMO believes the thirty-day consultation period was insufficient and did not reflect the broad-based municipal engagement necessary for regulations of this scale and scope. A more thorough engagement with the municipal sector is necessary for the province to fully appreciate the effects such regulations will have on municipal governments and their fire services.

In a [letter](#) to Solicitor General Jones dated February 25th, 2022, AMO requested a two-month extension to allow for an appropriate amount of time for Ministry officials to brief municipal leaders and then for municipal councils to be able to thoughtfully reply back on the draft regulations. AMO has also requested: an extension to the implementation period and financial support during that period; better alignment with the Community Risk Assessments that must be completed by 2025; and a review of the provision of fire services to unincorporated areas.

Municipal governments are generally supportive of efforts to modernize and enhance the volunteer and full-time fire services that serve Ontario communities. That said, changes must be made in a consultative and thorough manner which recognizes the role that Ontario municipalities play in the provision of those services.

Federal Transit Shortfall Investment

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, [announced](#) recently that the federal government intends to introduce legislation to invest up to \$750 million in one-time funding for local transit systems to cover pandemic shortfalls. This funding is in addition to the federal public transit

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funding and previous 2020 Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) funding. The Minister noted that the funding would be conditional on provincial matching funding for transit shortfalls and provincial collaboration on improving housing supply. The funding is proposed to flow to provinces allocated through the currently used ridership and population-based formula.

Through the SRA, Ontario and the federal government provided up to \$2B to Ontario municipalities to offset transit revenue losses and new costs. The Ontario government also flowed \$150 million in March 2021 to municipalities to cover additional pandemic-related transit shortfalls. Ontario also recently topped up the Ontario Gas Tax Fund for Transit to make up for declines in fuel taxes as motorists used less fuel during the lockdowns.

It is expected that further information on allocations of this new federal funding will be available when legislation is introduced.

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From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
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To: Colleen Healey <chealey@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Housing Task Force Response, Ontario Health Team (OHT) Funding Requests

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March 1, 2022

AMO Policy Update – Housing Task Force Response and Ontario Health Team (OHT) Funding Requests

AMO’s Response to the Province’s Housing Affordability Task Force Report

AMO has provided the province with our [response](#) to the Province’s Housing Affordability Task Force Report. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the urgency of addressing the housing affordability and supply crisis in Ontario. AMO has been actively involved in housing and homelessness work for years, including our [Housing Blueprint](#). We are well-positioned to provide advice on what is necessary to address the housing crisis affecting our communities.

A new collective mindset and transformative change around housing is required, as tinkering around the edges will not be successful. AMO encourages the provincial government to find ways to address the housing crisis in Ontario in a way that requires all three orders of government and private, non-profit, and co-operative housing sectors (collectively referred to as “development sector”) to work collectively to improve affordability, diversify the housing mix, and increase supply. AMO urges the provincial government to carefully consider the recommendations put forward in our Blueprint as opposed to relying heavily on the Housing Affordability Task Force Report.

Work is ongoing with AMO’s Affordable Housing and Planning Task Forces, and we will continue to work with the province in the coming weeks on this matter.

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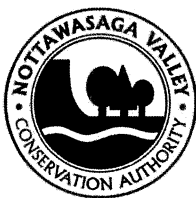
Ontario Health Team (OHT) Funding Requests to Municipal Governments

Today, AMO President Jamie McGarvey sent a letter to Minister Elliott, Minister of Health, stating that Ontario Health Teams' (OHT) requests for funding to municipalities and their services are inappropriate and unacceptable. It had come to AMO's attention over the last month that several municipal governments, public health units, and municipal services (e.g., paramedic services, long-term care homes) have been asked by OHTs to provide funding for their 2022/23 operating budgets. These requests seem to be linked to having a seat at the OHTs' health care service planning and decision-making table(s) as currently permitted by the Ministry of Health's 2020 Guidance to the OHTs.

To date, AMO is not aware of any municipality, public health unit, municipal long-term care home, or paramedic service providing such funding to an OHT and would strongly urge members not to contribute to OHT operating funds. Funding of Ontario Health, OHTs, and the health care system is a provincial responsibility.

The AMO President's letter also directly asks the Minister of Health not to flow cost-shared public health and paramedic services, and the provincial funding for municipal long-term care, through Ontario Health in the future as this funding and the relationship need to remain on a government-to-government basis.

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Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tiffin Centre for Conservation receives \$1,000 from Retired Teachers of Ontario for mud kitchen

UTOPIA, Ontario (February 17, 2022) – The Tiffin Centre for Conservation will soon have a new mud kitchen for its Tiffin Nature Program. In a cheque presentation today, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) received \$1,000 from the Retired Teachers of Ontario/Les enseignantes et enseignants retraités de l'Ontario District 17-Simcoe County (RTO/ERO District 17-Simcoe County).

The Tiffin Nature Program is geared towards children between 2.5 and 6. Part of the program encourages open-ended play in nature – using loose parts and freedom of choice to fuel children's curiosity. By focusing on the process, children will build a relationship with nature, develop fine motor skills and learn how to cooperate with others who are also using the space.

"We're very excited to start this project," said Naomi Saunders, Manager of Education at NVCA. "The Tiffin Nature Program started last fall and children were using muffin tins, spatulas, pots and pans. The mud kitchen will provide a permanent creative space that mimics a kitchen, equipped with a sink, stove and counterspace. Add water, dirt, rocks, sticks and imagination and you never know what we will be cooking up!"

The mud kitchen will be built by NVCA's Lands Team, while the funds from RTO/ERO District 17-Simcoe County will be used for purchasing wood and other materials.

"Every year, we set aside approximately \$4,000 for grants that go towards local non-profit groups and organizations that have projects that would benefit children, seniors, or the community," said Glenn Conduit, President of RTO/ERO District 17-Simcoe County. "The mud kitchen for the Tiffin Nature Program is one of ten projects we are supporting this year. The District 17 Executive is very pleased to support the creation of the mud kitchen which will be enjoyed by young students for many years to come."

With a forest cabin as the homebase, the Tiffin Nature Program is located at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, an ideal spot with over 300 acres of forests, meadows, wetlands and ponds to explore. Registration is now open for sessions in April, May and June. Please visit NVCA's website to register or for more information about the program.

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.

About RTO/ERO: RTO/ERO is a bilingual trusted voice on healthy, active living in the retirement journey for the broader education community. With 81,000+ members in 51 districts across Canada, we are the largest national provider of non-profit group health benefits for education retirees.

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NVCA February 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: March 25, 2022, held virtually

For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit NVCA's website.

Presentation on Natural Heritage

Ryan Post, Manager of Watershed Science and Dave Featherstone, Senior Ecologist gave a presentation on NVCA's Natural Heritage Program.

This program is part of NVCA's strategic and business plans, and covered within Categories 1 and 3 of the recently updated *Conservation Authorities Act*. There are five roles and responsibilities within the Natural Heritage Program:

Natural Heritage Systems

NVCA is looking to develop a watershed wide natural heritage system to protect interconnected natural heritage features and functions at a watershed level.

Natural Heritage Systems are made up of natural heritage features and areas that are linked by natural corridors. These systems can include lands that have been restored, and areas that have the potential to be restored.

This work supports NVCA's watershed management objectives and plan review responsibilities.

Wetland regulations mapping and field verification

Conservation authorities across Ontario were prescribed by the *Conservation Authorities Act* to regulate wetlands. NVCA developed wetland mapping to support this updated legislation.

Watershed Science staff are responsible for keeping this map up to date, and they do this by using satellite imagery, as well as verifying wetland boundaries by site visits and using GPS units.

Conservation Land Inventories

Staff completes ecological surveys on NVCA properties, such as Tiffin Conservation Area, Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area, Minesing Wetlands and most recently Boyne Valley Springs (Oliver Property).

Natural Heritage Monitoring

NVCA has been involved in invasive species management in various areas across the watershed. NVCA has partnered with Georgian Bay Forever, the Town of Collingwood, Blue Mountain Watershed Trust and various condominiums to manage Phragmites along Collingwood shoreline.

Some other monitoring efforts include species at risk and forest and marsh bird monitoring.

Program Communications and Outreach

NVCA publishes Watershed Health Checks every five years to provide results of data analysis member municipalities, partner organizations and interested members of the public.

Employee Handbook Update

The Board of Directors approved two changes to NVCA's employee handbook: updates to the Remote Work Policy, and the addition of the Right to Disconnect policy.

Remote Work Policy

Depending on the eligibility of the position, and upon approval, staff may establish a remote work agreement with NVCA. This policy was created by a committee formed of Human Resources Managers at six different conservation authorities, is being implemented at many of the CAs in the Province. It ensures that all legal and liability issues are addressed

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while allowing staff who are eligible to enjoy some flexibility.

Right to Disconnect Policy

Due to work-related pressures, the current landscape of work, or an employee's work environment or location, employees may feel obligated or choose to continue to perform their job duties outside their normal working hours.

With this new policy, staff are encouraged to set clear boundaries between work and their personal lives.

Inventory of Programs and Services for Submission to MECP

The *Conservation Authorities Act* required conservation authorities to prepare Transition Plans outlining steps and timelines for the preparation of an Inventory of Program and Services and for the development and execution of funding agreements with participating municipalities.

Staff created this inventory and completed a 5-year average of financials for each along with the appropriate category they will go under (1, 2, or 3 as per the CA Act). This inventory will be part of the discussions with our municipal partners and for the creation of MOU's relating to category 2 and 3 items requiring municipal levy.

[Download NVCA's inventory of Programs and Services here.](#)



February 18, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281
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Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Sent via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Re: Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal, Town of Gravenhurst

Dear Premier Ford

At the Town of Gravenhurst Council meeting of Tuesday February 15, 2022, Council passed the following motion:

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 (our) community";

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage developments to meet the need for attainable housing in our community;

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage developments to meet certain environmental standards which are voided by the Provincial Policy Statement;

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the District of Muskoka, as delegated from the Province, in accordance with the Planning Act;

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

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 conformity with municipal Official Plans and consistent with Provincial Planning Policy;

AND WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Councils 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 municipalities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province or their designate in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings;

AND WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

AND WHEREAS the existence of the OLT acts as a barrier that restricts municipalities from protecting the environment from development that is uncharacteristic of its community;



NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Gravenhurst requests the Government of Ontario dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing, and restricting a municipality's ability to enforce self-determined environmentally-friendly development policies in Ontario;
2. 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,
3. A copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.
4. A suitable alternative appeal process be investigated by the Province utilizing an elected board of appeal

Sincerely,

Kayla Thibeault
 Director of Legislative Services / Clerk
 Town of Gravenhurst
 KT/ds

cc.

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Subject: Fwd: S.H.I.F.T. needs a new location!

Hello Richard,

Thank you for your email.
 I have forwarded your email onto Essa Council and our CAO. I would like to continue to be part of the dialogue with Municipalities and County Staff.
 Take care .

Kind Regards,

Sandie Macdonald

Township of Essa Mayor

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From: Richard Norcross <rnorcross@newtecumseth.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 12:03 PM
To: Jenifer Pergentile
Cc: Jenna Dollin; Sandie Macdonald; Floyd Pinto; Rick Milne; Blaine Parkin; Bishop, Greg
Subject: RE: S.H.I.F.T. needs a new location!

Hi GM Bishop

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this issue last week.
 Could you please see the attached email.
 I am reaching out for guidance and assistance from Simcoe County to help resolve this issue.
 I realize the County is the supplier of Social services at the regional level.
 We're hoping for help in funding and the ability to find a new location.
 I have copied the the Mayors of Essa, Adjala_Tos as well as New Tecumseth on this email as well as our CAO.
 If we could start a dialog going forward that would be greatly appreciated.
 I will make sure this info is passed on to our Council and would politely ask if Essa and Adj_Tos could as well.
 Any input from the municipalities would also be greatly appreciated.

Richard Norcross
 Deputy Mayor

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From: Jenifer Pergentile <Jenifer.Pergentile@shiftforgood.ca>

Date: 2022-02-18 1:42 p.m. (GMT-05:00)

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Cc: Jenna Dollin <Jenna.Dollin@shiftforgood.ca>

Subject: S.H.I.F.T. needs a new location!

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Dear County Councillor Norcross,

As per your request, we are writing to you about S.H.I.F.T.'s urgent need for programming space. I have cc'd Jenna Dollin, S.H.I.F.T. Project Manager and lead for the Planning & Development Committee on this as well, by way of connecting you.

S.H.I.F.T. offers safe, respectful, and welcoming overnight accommodations, meals and supports to those experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity in the 5 municipalities that make up South Simcoe. As a housing-focused organization, we are committed to facilitating connection to further services, resources, and community.

There is a growing need in our community for our services. We are the only homeless shelter and outreach services provider in South Simcoe. As an organization we want to ensure that people have access to adequate services within their home community of South Simcoe, instead of feeling forced to find services in other communities and become separated from their resources and supports.

As we discussed, S.H.I.F.T. is desperately in need of a new home.

Since opening in 2017, a local church has generously offered the use of their building at an affordable cost. Recently, the church has undergone space and capacity changes and they are looking to reclaim their building as soon as reasonably possible. At the same time, as we have expanded our programs to better meet the needs of our community, we have quickly outgrown the space, and require a larger building.

S.H.I.F.T.'s Planning and Development Committee has been hard at work looking for a new location that will adequately and effectively house all of S.H.I.F.T.'s needs. We have been actively pursuing both purchase and rental opportunities; however, we are finding that with the current real estate market and limitations of zoning, finding suitable affordable space has been a challenge. We are reaching out to you now, for your assistance and direction in supporting us to find a new location for our services.

Our space needs include, but are not limited to:

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- at least 2500 sq. ft.
- situated in Alliston (established as the most appropriate location for headquarters of our services), near the downtown area
- storage and administrative (office) space
- a designated (separate) space for the shelter program from other regular programming space
 - ideally enough room to shelter at least ten individuals
- fully accessible – both external and internal accessible access
- full kitchen
- multiple single person washrooms with at least one shower for the congregate setting

Our organization is in the process of launching a capital campaign that will help offset costs of owning/operating a new location; however, support from our community leadership would help ensure we find a location that best meets the needs of those we serve.

We thank you for advocating for our organization and understanding the value of our services in the community.

We have provided a brief summary of our services below. For more information, please head to our website (www.shiftforgood.ca).

We currently operate four programs in South Simcoe:

Our **Emergency Overnight Shelter** program offers overnight shelter to individuals and couples, 16+, experiencing homelessness, with no housing alternatives. As a short-term, housing-focused shelter, the program is intended to bridge the gap between entering homelessness and moving into safe and sustainable housing.

- Our **Community Dinner** program runs daily during the regular operating season (winter) and is open to anyone in the community looking for a warm meal and friendship. Staff are onsite to provide resources and supports.
- Our **Outreach Program** provides street and mobile services that have a specific focus on the prevention of homelessness – serving those living with low-income throughout South Simcoe and the surrounding area. The goal of the Outreach Program is to connect individuals, couples, and families to urgently needed supplies, services, and supports as well as provide emergency assistance to those at-risk of or experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity (housed or otherwise).
- Our **Daytime Drop-In Centre** program is open to anyone experiencing homelessness, as a safe, warm place to access basic needs, harm reduction supplies, food, shower, internet, and housing-related supports during the daytime. Staff are onsite to assist participants with housing-related activities, community resources, and supports.

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To: **Committee of the Whole**

Agenda Section: Corporate Services
Division: Engineering, Planning and Environment
Department: Planning

Item Number: CCW - 2022-077

Meeting Date: February 22, 2022

Subject: 2021 Census Data Release - Growth and Population

Recommendation

That Item CCW 2022-077, dated February 22, 2022, regarding the 2021 Census Data Release – Growth and Population, be received.

Executive Summary

Statistics Canada releases Census Data every five (5) years. This data includes detailed statistical portraits of Canada and its people by their demographic, social and economic characteristics. The 2021 Census Data regarding growth and population was released on February 9, 2022. Some of the key indicators of this data include the 2021 population, population change between the 2016 and 2021 Census data, population density per square kilometre, and total number of private dwellings. Please refer to Schedule 1 to Item CCW-2022-077 for the 2021 Census Data specific to the County of Simcoe and our lower-tier municipalities.

Staff is providing this Council Report Item CCW 2022-077 as information. A subsequent Council Report will be forthcoming, which will analyze the Census Data and explore some of the growth indicators in more detail.

Background/Analysis/Options

The initial release of 2021 Census Data provides growth and population information. This data can be broken down into key indicators for various geographic areas in Canada, including the County of Simcoe and our lower-tier municipalities. Please refer to Schedule 1 of Item CCW 2022-077 for specific details.

The following information are highlights related to the latest data. Further analysis of the data will be provided to County Council in an upcoming Council Report.

The overall population growth rate for the County of Simcoe (excluding Orillia and Barrie) between 2016 and 2021 was 14.6%. In contrast, the growth rate between the 2011 and 2016 Census period was 7.5%.

New Tecumseth (28.3%), Bradford West Gwillimbury (21.4%) and Wasaga Beach (20.3%) were among the suburban communities who achieved the 25 highest growth rates in Canada between the 2016 and 2021 Census Data. Although not within the top 25 highest growth rates in suburban communities, Innisfil's growth rate was within the mix at 18.5%.

The previous 2011-2016 Census Data comparison on growth rate identified New Tecumseth (13.3%), Bradford West Gwillimbury (25.8%), and Wasaga Beach (17.9%).

The municipality of East Gwillimbury (44.4%), located south-east of Bradford West Gwillimbury was the fastest-growing municipality in Canada.

In addition, as a popular vacation and leisure location, the Blue Mountains (33.7%) is on the list of the 10 fastest growing municipalities. This could also be due to the optimal location for young retirees or those able to work from home to choose the Blue Mountains as their primary home through the pandemic.

The slowest growth rate among the County of Simcoe lower-tier municipalities was Adjala-Tosorontio (0.1%); with Clearview (4.7%) and Midland (5.7%) following behind.

The increase in 'total private dwellings' followed a very similar trend to the growth rates noted above with New Tecumseth (3,058) and Bradford West Gwillimbury (1,989) being among the top 3 local municipalities with the highest increase in private dwellings. Innisfil (2,653) and Collingwood (1,599) are important to highlight.

Subsequent release dates of the major topics include:

- April 27, 2022 - shifting demographic profiles;
- July 13, 2022 - portrait of families and households, including income profiles;
- August 17, 2022 - linguistic diversity and use of English and French;
- September 21, 2022 - First Nations people, Metis and Inuit, and housing portrait;
- October 26, 2022 – citizenship, immigration, mobility, migration, ethnocultural and religious composition;
- November 30, 2022 - education, changing dynamics of labour force, how people get to work, and instruction in the official minority language.

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no financial or resource implications associated with this Item.

Relationship to Corporate Strategic Plan

There is no specific relationship to corporate strategies.

Reference Documents

There are no reference documents associated with this Item.

Attachments

Schedule 1 – 2021 Census Data Population and Growth within the County of Simcoe

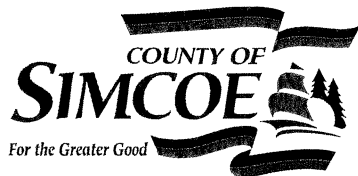
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February 15, 2022
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County's Battery Collection program nets Sustainability Award

Midhurst/February 23, 2022 – The County of Simcoe is being recognized as Call2Recycle®'s 2021 Leader in Sustainability, thanks to our resident's increased participation in the battery recycling program. The County collected 21,842 kilograms of household batteries at its five household hazardous waste depots and 45,535 kilograms during the curbside battery collection week through the Call2Recycle® program during 2021, making it one of the program's top-performing partners across six different provinces.

This is the first time that the County has received Call2Recycle®'s Leader in Sustainability Award. With this recognition, the County joins a celebrated group of major retailers, waste recyclers, municipalities, and businesses, setting a standard for organizational leadership in this area.

The County's Battery Collection program is vital to protecting the environment by keeping batteries, which contain harmful substances, out of garbage and landfills. Some batteries may also pose health and safety risks due to leaking or the potential for fire and explosion. For more information on the County's sustainable waste management programs, visit simcoe.ca/dpt/swm.

Quotes

"The County is pleased to receive the 2021 Leader in Sustainability Award from Call2Recycle®, which confirms our continued commitment to diversion and sustainable waste management practices. Our residents deserve credit for their continued participation in various waste collection programs, which work to conserve our landfills, prevent harmful materials from polluting our environment, and divert recyclable materials for reuse. Together, these efforts are having a substantial impact on protecting our environment for future generations."

– *George Cornell, County of Simcoe Warden*

"Each year, Canadians recycle more and more of their used batteries with Call2Recycle® thanks to the exceptional partnership of organizations like the County of Simcoe. Its commitment to sustainability and diverting batteries from the waste stream for reuse in new products is making a real difference. With the County's support, we have been able to achieve record collection targets year after year, helping to protect wildlife, the environment and our communities by keeping toxic metals out of landfill."

– *Joe Zenobio, President of Call2Recycle® Canada, Inc.*

About Call2Recycle® Canada

Call2Recycle® is the provincially-approved consumer battery collection and recycling program for British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, and Prince Edward Island, and operates as a registered Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) in Ontario according to the Ontario Batteries Regulation. Call2Recycle® accepts household batteries (weighing up to 5 kg) for recycling and eMobility batteries used to power eBikes, eScooters, eHoverboards and eSkateboards.

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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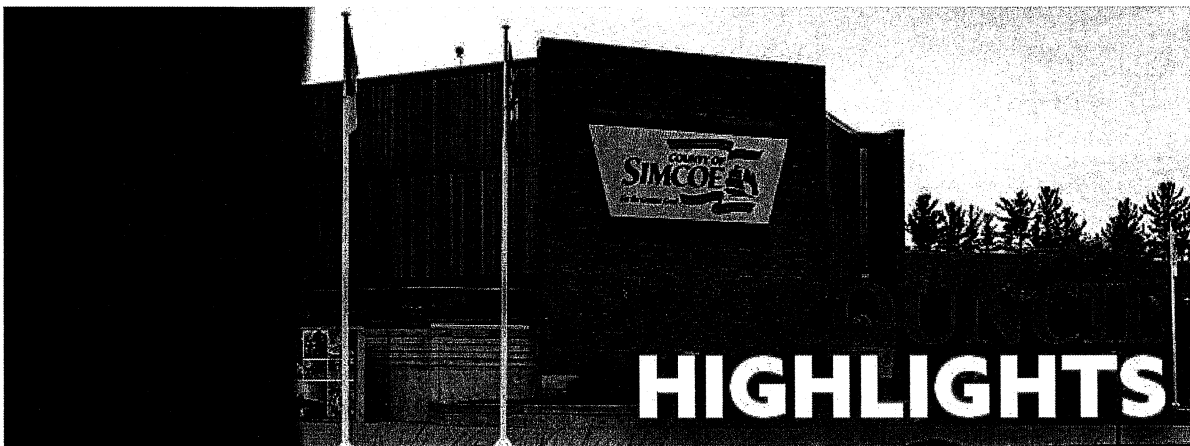
Pictured: (L-R) Willma Bureau, Manager, Collections, Solid Waste Management, County of Simcoe Warden George Cornell, and John Williams, Contract & Collections Supervisor, Solid Waste Management receive the Call2Recycle®'s 2021 Leader in Sustainability Award on behalf of the County of Simcoe

From: County Of Simcoe Communications <Communications@simcoe.ca>

Sent: February 25, 2022 12:55 PM

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Subject: County Council Highlights - meeting held February 22, 2022



Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. The information contained within the Highlights is based on approved material from within the associated agenda packages, linked at the bottom. These reports were part of the agenda from the **Council Meeting on February 22, 2022**. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate report, which can be accessed by clicking on the title. Images are also linked to relevant resources.

- Service Simcoe

Reminder: March is #ITSTARTS month!



Click on the image above to learn more about the #ITSTARTS campaign. The County of Simcoe recognizes March as #ITSTARTS month each year promoting equity, diversity, and inclusivity across the County.

The #ITSTARTS campaign is a public education initiative to promote a unified community that embraces acceptance, inclusion, equity and diversity. This year's campaign is focused on action, It Starts With.

Follow the conversation on our social media platforms:

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To get involved, click on the #ITSTARTS image above.



Viewing County Council

County Council can now be viewed after the livestream has ended! Please visit youtube.com/CountyofSimcoe to watch County Council meetings that have been archived. The February 22, 2022 meeting can be viewed [here](#) or by pressing "play" on the video below.

As a reminder, on February 8, 2022, Council approved the archiving of videos, and that archived videos for Council and Committee of the Whole be retained for 365 days from the date of the meeting. The deployment of audio recording and or video broadcasting of meetings will improve access to Council and Committee of the Whole to all persons that may be unable to attend council meetings for a variety of reasons, including due to a disability.



Click on the image above to watch the archived YouTube recording of the Council and Committee of the Whole meeting from February 22, 2022.

Barrie Warming Centre

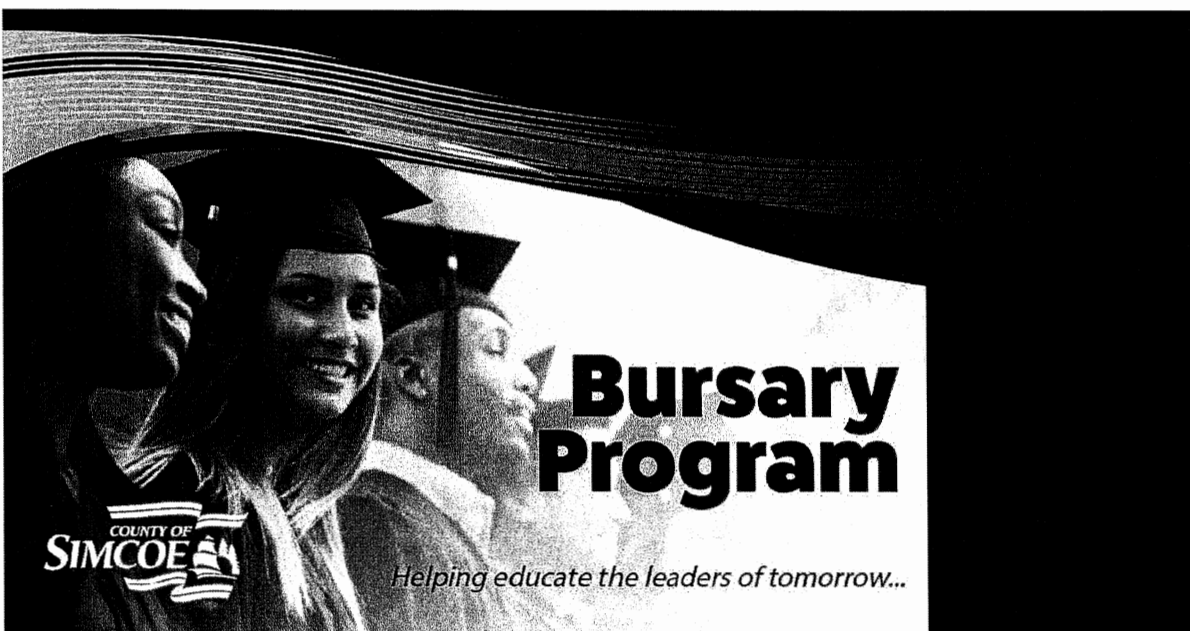
The County of Simcoe was approached by the City of Barrie prior to the February 8th Committee of the Whole meeting with a request to match funding in the amount of \$20,000 via the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative. This funding will go to the John Howard Society of Simcoe Muskoka for warming centre operations in order to support those experiencing homelessness in the Barrie and area.

On February 22, 2022, Council approved this funding and extended a request for County staff to meet with municipalities and stakeholders to review warming centre operations going forward.

Request for support from AMO regarding Joint and Several Liability

County Council has asked that the County of Simcoe call on the Attorney General of Ontario to work with municipal governments to put forward a plan of action to address 'joint and several liability' before the end of the current term of government to ensure municipalities can continue to offer high-quality services to their communities. With insurance costs to municipalities and upper tier governments rising exponentially, County Councillors agreed to support AMO's recommendations to align municipal

liability with the proportionate responsibility for incidents and capping awards.



County of Simcoe Bursary Program

In January 2022, the Bursary Committee met to discuss the status of the County of Simcoe Bursary Program for 2022. In light of the amount of bursary applications received, it was decided that only bursary applicants from participating municipalities within Simcoe County would be considered when awarding bursaries, with the exception of employees of the County of Simcoe and children/dependants of employees, who will maintain eligibility regardless of their municipality's participation.

County Council further explored the decision by the Bursary Committee, and after receiving more information with the rationale for the decision, approved the recommendations.

Acknowledgements

Councillors recognized Warden George Cornell's re-election as Chair of the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus for 2022 and offered their congratulations.

Councillors also recognized Steve McNeil's marathon (over 19-hour) skate for Alzheimer's research, raising over \$6,000 for the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County.

County Council further applauded Collingwood Blues assistant trainer Lindsey O'Neill, and Aurora Tigers trainer and coach, Jen Vaicunas and Greg Johnston, for successfully using an AED machine at the Eddie Bush Memorial Arena in Collingwood, saving the life of a local resident who reportedly had a heart attack on the ice.

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March is #ITSTARTS Month in Simcoe County

Midhurst/February 28, 2022 – In recognition of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21, the County of Simcoe will celebrate March as #ITSTARTS Month for the sixth year in a row. #ITSTARTS is a nationally recognized, innovative, promising practice in immigrant settlement and integration that promotes inclusion, acceptance, and equity within the vibrant, diverse and growing communities that make up Simcoe County.

Pathways to Prosperity is an alliance of university, community, and government partners dedicated to fostering welcoming communities in Canada. This year, they are recognizing and promoting #ITSTARTS as a promising practice. Their video and reports highlight the campaign's successes and share key features that other government and non-profit organizations can replicate. For more information, visit <http://p2pcanada.ca/promising-practices/category/sharing-settlement-and-integration-practices-that-work/>

#ITSTARTS 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.

#ITSTARTS cards in English, French, and seven non-official languages can be downloaded from www.simcoe.ca/itstarts. The site also hosts resources, tips, and tools on taking safe and purposeful action against racism and discrimination. Videos and photos will be shared and promoted throughout the month through the County's website and social media channels.

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.

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Ask an Expert Series: Why Your Social Strategy Matters

Midhurst/March 1, 2022 – Business leaders from across Simcoe County are invited to join us on March 30, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for an Ask an Expert session on why your social media strategy matters. Join us to gain enthusiasm and excitement for social media, as you learn tangible strategies that you can begin to implement that will support your business goals.

The session will be led by social media experts and will break down three strategies to help your brand and business stand out on Instagram:

- **Step one** will focus on how to introduce yourself to your audience. It all starts with your Instagram bio. Ask yourself, when was the last time you updated your bio? The seasons of our business change so our bio should reflect that. Session experts will share quick techniques to create a bio that connects, resonates and focuses on the ideal clients and customers you hope to serve.
- **Step two** will touch on your business message strategy and imagery. Gone are the days when you can get by with just posting a beautiful image. Users of the platform are looking for more than a pretty photo. Session experts will discuss some of our proven strategies for creating captions and accompanying images.
- **Step three** will touch on the importance of video as part of your social strategy, with a focus on getting started with Instagram Reels as well as the other video features that may best suit you and your audience.

EVENT: Virtual Ask an Expert Speaker Series - Why Your Social Strategy Matters

Where: Virtual – details to be provided upon registration

When: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Register: This is a FREE event, but registration is required. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ask-an-expert-why-your-social-strategy-matters-tickets-260514926157>

About the Speakers

Nat Caron - Brand Photographer

Nat started her career in Photography in 1999 and has been running her photography business and studio since 2002. After 10 years of solely working in the wedding and portrait industry, she began to work more and more with commercial clients. Nat recognized that she could help more people by helping them with social media workshops, teaching photography, and how to grow their audience and clientele, she also knew being a part of an online community and podcast meant spreading that education even farther.

Follow along @natcaronphoto

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Angela Swann-Doyon - Social & Photography Stylist

With over 13 years of combined marketing, social media and event & wedding planning experience, Angela realized that she could merge her marketing talents with her creative eye for style and design a business that helps others with their visual marketing strategy. Many of her earliest childhood photos show her rocking a microphone, so it was only fitting that she is now co-host of the five-star rated podcast, Instagram for Business with The Social Focus.

Follow along @angela.s.doyon

About the Ask an Expert series

This session is part of the "Ask an Expert" series presented in partnership with the County of Simcoe, the Small Business Centre of Barrie, Simcoe County and Orillia, South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre, Orillia Area Community Development Corporation, Nottawasaga Futures, North Simcoe Community Futures Development Corporation, Community Futures South Georgian Bay, Sandbox Centre, XcelerateHER, and Georgian College.

To view recordings of past sessions, please visit www.simcoe.ca/askanexpert

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By email

February 25, 2022

His Worship Rick Milne
Mayor
Town of New Tecumseth
10 Wellington Street E
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rmilne@newtecumseth.ca

Dear Mayor Milne:

Thank you for completing the community safety and well-being (CSWB) plan for the Town of New Tecumseth, Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, and the Township of Essa.

The *Nottawasaga: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2021-2025* demonstrates leadership and commitment to proactively addressing crime and complex social issues facing your community. To this end, I would like to commend the joint efforts of the Town of New Tecumseth, Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, and the Township of Essa, and your multi-sectoral partners for your collaborative efforts on the development of a comprehensive plan that will target local priority risks such as mental health and addictions, housing, and job creation through the implementation of your identified programs and strategies. As you are demonstrating, it is by working together that we can truly make our communities safer and healthier.

The positive impacts of CSWB planning are clear. Through this collaborative planning process, communities can ensure better coordination between police services and community partners. Your CSWB plan will allow for appropriate crisis response and proactive programs that address local risks and improve the social determinants of health such as education, housing, and mental services. This type of planning can also lead to improvements in service delivery across multiple sectors, benefitting everyone in the community.

Further, by engaging in this holistic approach to CSWB planning, communities can ensure that those in need receive the correct response by the appropriate service provider in a timely manner. In so doing, this will alleviate the long-term reliance on the criminal justice system and the financial burden of crime on society.

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Throughout the implementation of your CSWB plan, it will be essential to measure outcomes on an ongoing basis in order to determine progress on addressing local priority risks. Over time, priorities may change as improvements are made to reduce identified risks in the community. Therefore, it will be important to regularly monitor and update your CSWB plan to ensure that the plan continues to be reflective of the needs of the community.

As we move forward with CSWB planning in Ontario, I want to thank you for your continued support and ongoing efforts in helping to build safer, stronger communities in Ontario.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General

c: His Worship Floyd Pinto
Mayor
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio

Her Worship Sandie Macdonald
Mayor
Township of Essa

Stephanie Testani
Executive Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Tecumseth

Krista Pascoe
Deputy Clerk
Township of Essa



February 25, 2022

The Honourable David Piccini, Minister
Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Municipal Accommodation Tax and Crown Campgrounds

On January 1st, 2022, the Town of South Bruce Peninsula implemented a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT). The tax equates to a 4% fee Levied on short term accommodations including, hotels, motels, rooming houses, bed & breakfast, cottage rentals and campgrounds, for all bookings of 30 days or less.

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula is the first jurisdiction in Ontario to levy the MAT on campgrounds. There are approximately 14 campgrounds within the Town of South Bruce Peninsula. Of those, one is a municipally owned campground, and one is a provincially owned campground, known as the Sauble Falls Provincial Park.

The Town recently amended the MAT program to confirm that our Town owned campground will contribute to MAT in the same manner as all of our privately owned campgrounds.

The Municipal Act states that "the Crown, any agency of the Crown in right of Ontario or any authority....." Is exempt from MAT. As such, the Sable Falls Provincial Park is not participating in the MAT program.

Several campground owners within the Town recently attended a Council meeting and stated their concerns and objections pertaining to the MAT exemption for the Sauble Falls Provincial Park. Town Council and private campground owners believe that this exemption creates an unfair competitive advantage for the provincially operated campground.

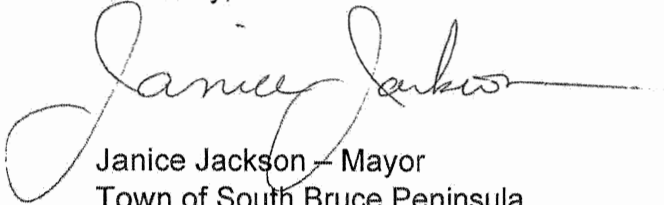
Council fully supports the position of our local campground owners and has passed the following resolution

"And further that the Town sends a letter to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks as well as to MPP Bill Walker requesting the removal of the Municipal Accommodation Tax exemption for all Crown owned campgrounds and that this letter is sent to all Ontario municipalities to seek their support"

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By way of this letter, we are asking the province to remove exemptions listed within section 400.1 (1) of the Municipal Act pertaining to Crown owned facilities, specifically campgrounds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Janice Jackson – Mayor
Town of South Bruce Peninsula
Janice.jackson@southbrucepeninsula.com
519-534-1400 ext. 200

cc. MPP Bill Walker





Dear Mayor MacDonald and Councillors,

The Affordable Housing Task Force of the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness – South Simcoe Chapter is working diligently with community partners, including municipalities and the County of Simcoe to address the immediate, intermediate, and long-term affordable housing needs of our community. Our goal is to develop at least one new mixed-income housing development with a minimum of 30% affordable housing units in each municipality in South Simcoe to help address the pressing need that the affordable housing crisis in South Simcoe has caused. To that end, we are trying to identify land that is owned by your municipality that may be appropriate for development as affordable housing.

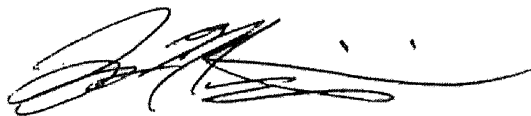
We would greatly appreciate if you could please direct your Planning Departments to work with us to identify properties that may fit this need. We are asking that your planning department identify three properties that could potentially be prioritized for development in this way, taking into consideration access to public transportation, access to public utilities, and ease of access to basic needs such as grocery stores, pharmacies, etc. To assist in this process, we have a document that can be populated with relevant information.


We would appreciate a response by March 31, 2022, with information about available properties. Once this information is provided, we will use it to identify the best suited property for development, and work with the Municipality, County, funding partners and project leaders to begin the process of developing the property as agreed by all parties.

Should you have any questions about this initiative and our work, please connect with us through the SCATEH-South Simcoe Chapter.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this effort. By working together, we can ensure that the housing needs of our most vulnerable residents are considered and that we do our parts to address the affordable housing crisis in our community.

Sincerely,


Jerry Martinovic
Chair
SCATEH-South Simcoe Chapter


Jenifer Pergentile
Chair
Affordable Housing Task Force
SCATEH-South Simcoe Chapter

Housing Services Manager
CONTACT Community Services

Executive Director
S.H.I.F.T.



Proclamation

Event: Year of the Garden 2022

Date: June 18, 2022

Whereas the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada's horticulture sector; and

Whereas gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together; and

Whereas the Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and the experience garden of our municipality; and

Whereas gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic; and

Whereas Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Mayor Gail Latchford, on behalf of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand do hereby proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and

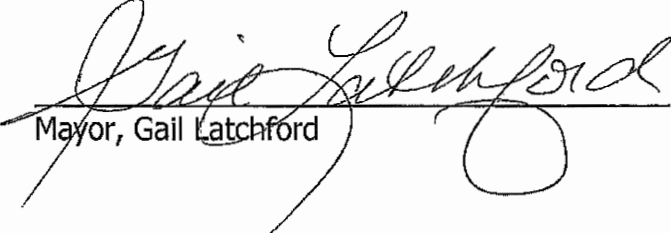
That the Saturday before Father's Day, June 18, 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022; and

That the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand is committed to be a Garden Friendly Township supporting the development of its garden culture; and

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That all municipalities across Canada be invited to proclaim 2022 to be the Year of the Garden in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to all municipalities of Ontario, and for that purpose.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2022



Mayor, Gail Latchford

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- Evan Fraser, PhD, Director, Arrell Food Institute & Professor of Geography, University of Guelph
- Philly Markowitz, RPP, Economic Development Officer, Grey County



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