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WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

- p. 1 1. News Release from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated June 16, 2023, re: Ontario Expanding Strong Mayor Powers to Build More Homes Faster.
- p. 5 2. Policy Update –Association of Municipalities Ontario, dated June 16, 2023, re: Strong Mayor Powers Expanded.
- p. 6 3. Draft Proposed Policy from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated June 16, 2023, re: Proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023.
- p. 15 4. Email from Nottawasaga Futures dated June 16, 2023, re: Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter.
- p. 22 5. Board Meeting Highlights from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) dated June 2023.
- p.24 6. Correspondence from the County of Simcoe:
a) Council Highlights – Committee of the Whole Meeting (May 23, 2023), County Council Meeting (June 13, 2023) and the Special County Council Meeting (June 13, 2023).
- p.31 b) Release – June 27, 2023 – County Building up Heritage and Culture at Simcoe County Museum.
- p. 33 c) Release – June 27, 2023 – County Releases 2022 Report Card on 10-year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy.
- p. 35 d) Letter – June 28, 2023 – Notice of Funding Commitment, Trails Connecting Communities Program 2023 – Bob Geddes Park Trail Pavilion.
- p.37 7. Media Release from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority dated June 28, 2023, re: NVCA Stewardship Manager Fred Dobbs Receives Distinguished Award from the Natural Channels Initiative.
- p.38 8. Correspondence from Mayor Macdonald dated June 16, 2023, re: National Peacekeepers Day – August 9, 2023.

B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None

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

None.

Ontario Expanding Strong Mayor Powers to Build More Homes Faster

New tools expanded to mayors in 26 fast-growing municipalities

June 16, 2023

Municipal Affairs and Housing

TORONTO — The Ontario government is expanding strong mayor powers to the mayors of 26 large and fast-growing municipalities that have committed to a housing pledge as part of the province's work to build 1.5 million homes by 2031.

The announcement was made by Steve Clark, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, during today's meeting of the Ontario Big City Mayors. Strong mayor powers for Toronto and Ottawa took effect in the Fall of 2022 and will be expanded to mayors in the 26 additional municipalities on July 1, 2023.

"Municipalities are critical partners for our government as we help communities get shovels in the ground faster and work to build more homes," said Minister Clark. "By adopting ambitious and absolutely necessary housing pledges, these 26 municipalities have demonstrated they understand the importance of that target, and we are ensuring they have the tools they need to succeed. We welcome housing pledges from other municipalities to help reach our goal of 1.5 million homes by 2031."

Strong mayor powers offer tools to help heads of council cut red tape and speed up the delivery of key shared municipal-provincial priorities such as housing, transit and infrastructure in their municipalities. These enhanced powers will also bring increased accountability for local leaders, while checks and balances maintain the important oversight role of councillors. For example, council may override the mayor's veto of by-laws or budget amendments with a two-thirds majority vote.

Strong mayor powers and duties include:

- Choosing to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer
- Hiring certain municipal department heads, and establishing and re-organizing departments

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- Creating committees of council, assigning their functions and appointing the chairs and vice-chairs of committees of council
- Proposing the municipal budget, which would be subject to council amendments and a separate head of council veto and council override process
- Vetoing certain by-laws if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a provincial priority
- Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the head of council is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority

"Ontario's Big City Mayors back the province's goal of building 1.5 million homes by 2031, and all of our members have accepted their housing pledge in support of that target," said Marianne Meed Ward, Chair of OBCM and Mayor of Burlington. "Different communities require different tools and approaches to address local housing needs, and strong mayor powers are one such tool that can help mayors and municipalities meet their housing targets. We're committed to continue working with the province to build the homes our residents need."

"Today's announcement by the provincial government providing strong mayor powers for Ontario's largest and fastest-growing cities comes at a time when mayors need every tool to advance work on housing pledges and meet new challenges," said Cam Guthrie, Mayor of Guelph and past chair of OBCM. "Although strong mayor powers may not be required in all contexts to reach our collective housing goals, our citizens expect results – and tools such as this can help us achieve them."

These measures will support municipalities as they work to meet their commitments and support the construction of the new homes their residents need and deserve.

Strong Mayor Powers Expanded to Mayors in 26 Municipalities

June 16, 2023

Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Strong mayor powers for Toronto and Ottawa took effect in the Fall of 2022 and will be expanded to mayors in these additional 26 large and fast-growing municipalities on July 1, 2023. The 26 designated municipalities are single- or lower-tier municipalities with a population over 100,000, or growing to 100,000 by 2031, and have submitted a housing pledge to the province.

1. Ajax
2. Barrie
3. Brampton
4. Brantford
5. Burlington
6. Caledon
7. Cambridge
8. Clarington
9. Guelph
10. Hamilton
11. Kingston
12. Kitchener
13. London
14. Markham
15. Milton
16. Mississauga
17. Niagara Falls
18. Oakville
19. Oshawa
20. Pickering

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21. Richmond Hill
 22. St. Catharines
 23. Vaughan
 24. Waterloo
 25. Whitby
 26. Windsor

In recognition of the fact that more homes are needed in communities across Ontario – in addition to the 28 municipalities that have committed to their housing pledges – the province is welcoming housing pledges from other municipalities as part of the ongoing work to get 1.5 million homes built by 2031.

June 16, 2023

AMO Policy Update - Strong Mayor Powers Expanded

The Government of Ontario [announced](#) today that new regulations will extend strong mayor powers to additional municipal councils in Ontario. The extension of the additional authority is intended to assist with Ontario’s housing shortage, which remains a priority for both the province and municipalities in every part of Ontario.

Expanding access to strong mayor powers is intended to build on other provincial steps to improve access to affordable housing, including the passage of [Bill 97, Helping Homeowners, Protecting Tenants Act](#).

These new powers were originally introduced in legislation last summer for Ontario’s two largest municipalities. The AMO Board did not take a position on strong mayor powers but expressed openness to the idea. It did express concerns with some aspects of the legislation — in particular, those affecting public administration — and recommended public consultation as the government considered the promised expansion of the new powers to additional municipal councils. AMO also expressed concern with a later provision eliminating the need for majority council support for certain decisions related to provincial priorities.

Municipalities continue to be the most trusted order of government in Canada with statutory requirements in Ontario for transparency, openness and accountability that are unequaled.

In response to today’s announcement, AMO released the following media statement:

“Improving housing affordability is a number-one priority for municipalities in every part of Ontario. Strong mayor powers can provide an additional tool to help municipalities play their important role in increasing Ontario’s housing supply. As the most trusted order of government, municipalities can be counted on to exercise new powers accountably and in the best interests of the public and the communities they serve”.

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PROPOSED PROVINCIAL PLANNING STATEMENT, 2023

April 6, 2023

Updated June 16, 2023 to include natural heritage policies (section 4.1) and definitions Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting # 019-6813

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APRIL 2023**

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Preface

Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

April 2023

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) is seeking input on proposed policies for an integrated province-wide land use planning policy document. This proposed Provincial Planning Statement takes policies from both A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 to support the achievement of housing objectives across Ontario.

The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 is issued under the *Planning Act* and is the primary provincial land use planning policy document, applying across Ontario. A Place to Grow is a growth plan issued under the *Places to Grow Act, 2005*. The Province is now seeking input on a proposed Provincial Planning Statement that would replace the existing Provincial Policy Statement and A Place to Grow.

Should the government adopt the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, the government would consequentially revoke the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and A Place to Grow, as well as amend regulations (O. Reg. 416/05 and O. Reg. 311/06) under the Places to Grow Act, 2005.

Seeking Feedback

Please submit written comments or questions on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario \(ERO\)](#) in response to posting [#019-6813](#). The deadline for written comments was originally June 5, 2023; on May 30th, 2023 this deadline was extended to August 4, 2023.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

Preamble

The proposed Provincial Planning Statement (or “Policy Statement”) provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development. As a key part of Ontario’s policy-led planning system, this Policy Statement sets the policy foundation for regulating the development and use of land. It also supports the provincial goal to enhance the quality of life for all Ontarians.

The proposed Provincial Planning Statement provides for appropriate development while protecting resources of provincial interest, public health and safety, and the quality of the natural and built environment. This Policy Statement supports improved land use planning and management, which contributes to a more effective and efficient land use planning system.

The proposed Provincial Planning Statement also provides policy direction on matters applying only to Ontario’s largest and fastest growing municipalities with the greatest need for housing. *Large and fast-growing municipalities* is a defined term and the list of these municipalities is identified in Schedule 1 of this Policy Statement.

The policies of this Policy Statement may be complemented by provincial plans or by locally-generated policies regarding matters of municipal interest. Provincial plans and municipal official plans provide a framework for comprehensive, integrated, place-based and long-term planning that supports and integrates the principles of strong communities, a clean and healthy environment and economic growth, for the long term.

Municipal official plans are the most important vehicle for implementation of this Policy Statement and for achieving comprehensive, integrated and long-term planning. Official plans should coordinate cross-boundary matters to complement the actions of other planning authorities and promote mutually beneficial solutions.

Zoning and development permit by-laws are also important for the implementation of this Policy Statement. Zoning and development permit by-laws should be forward-looking and facilitate opportunities for an appropriate range and mix of *housing options* for all Ontarians.

Land use planning is only one of the tools for implementing provincial interests. A wide range of legislation, regulations, policies and programs may apply to decisions with respect to *Planning Act* applications and affect planning matters, and assist in implementing these interests.

Within the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin, there may be circumstances where planning authorities should consider agreements related to the protection or restoration of the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin. Examples of these agreements include Great Lakes agreements between Ontario and Canada, between Ontario and Quebec and the Great Lakes States of the United States of America, and between Canada and the United States of America.

The Province’s rich cultural diversity is one of its distinctive and defining features. Indigenous communities have a unique relationship with the land and its resources, which continues to shape the history and economy of the Province today. Ontario recognizes the unique role Indigenous communities have in land use planning and development, and the contribution of

Indigenous communities' perspectives and traditional knowledge to land use planning decisions. The Province recognizes the importance of consulting with Aboriginal communities on planning matters that may affect their section 35 Aboriginal or treaty rights.

Legislative Authority

The proposed Provincial Planning Statement is issued under the authority of section 3 of the *Planning Act* and came into effect on [effective date]. This Policy Statement applies to all decisions in respect of the exercise of any authority that affects a planning matter made on or after [effective date].

In respect of the exercise of any authority that affects a planning matter, section 3 of the *Planning Act* requires that decisions affecting planning matters shall be consistent with policy statements issued under the Act.

Comments, submissions or advice that affect a planning matter that are provided by the council of a municipality, a local board, a planning board, a minister or ministry, board, commission or agency of the government shall be consistent with this Policy Statement.

How to Read this Policy Statement

The provincial policy-led planning system recognizes and addresses the complex inter-relationships among environmental, economic and social factors in land use planning. This Policy Statement supports a comprehensive, integrated and long-term approach to planning, and recognizes linkages among policy areas.

Read the Entire Policy Statement

This Policy Statement is more than a set of individual policies. It is to be read in its entirety and the relevant policies are to be applied to each situation. When more than one policy is relevant, a decision-maker should consider all of the relevant policies to understand how they work together. The language of each policy, including the Implementation and Interpretation policies, will assist decision-makers in understanding how the policies are to be implemented.

While specific policies sometimes refer to other policies for ease of use, these cross-references do not take away from the need to read this Policy Statement as a whole.

There is no implied priority in the order in which the policies appear.

Consider Specific Policy Language

When applying this Policy Statement it is important to consider the specific language of the policies. Each policy provides direction on how it is to be implemented, how it is situated within the broader Policy Statement, and how it relates to other policies.

Some policies set out positive directives, such as "settlement areas shall be the focus of growth and development." Other policies set out limitations and prohibitions, such as "development and site alteration shall not be permitted." Other policies use enabling or supportive language, such as "should," "promote" and "encourage."

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The choice of language is intended to distinguish between the types of policies and the nature of implementation. There is some discretion when applying a policy with enabling or supportive language in contrast to a policy with a directive, limitation or prohibition.

Geographic Scale of Policies

This Policy Statement recognizes the diversity of Ontario and that local context is important. Policies are outcome-oriented, and some policies provide flexibility in their implementation provided that provincial interests are upheld.

While this Policy Statement is to be read as a whole, not all policies will be applicable to every site, feature or area. This Policy Statement applies at a range of geographic scales.

Some of the policies refer to specific areas or features and can only be applied where these features or areas exist. Other policies refer to planning objectives that need to be considered in the context of the municipality or planning area as a whole, and are not necessarily applicable to a specific site or development proposal.

Policies Represent Minimum Standards

The policies of this Policy Statement represent minimum standards.

Within the framework of the provincial policy-led planning system, planning authorities and decision-makers may go beyond these minimum standards to address matters of importance to a specific community, unless doing so would conflict with any policy of this Policy Statement.

Defined Terms and Meanings

Except for references to legislation which are italicized, other italicized terms in this Policy Statement are defined in the Definitions chapter. For non-italicized terms, the normal meaning of the word applies. Terms may be italicized only in specific policies; for these terms, the defined meaning applies where they are italicized and the normal meaning applies where they are not italicized. Defined terms in the Definitions chapter are intended to capture both singular and plural forms of these terms in the policies.

Provincial Guidance

Provincial guidance, including guidance material, guidelines and technical criteria may be issued from time to time to assist planning authorities and decision-makers with implementing the policies of this Policy Statement. Information, technical criteria and approaches outlined in provincial guidance are meant to support implementation but not add to or detract from the policies of this Policy Statement.

Relationship with Provincial Plans

This Policy Statement provides overall policy directions on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development in Ontario, and applies province-wide, except where this policy statement or another provincial plan provides otherwise.

Provincial plans, such as the Greenbelt Plan and the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, build upon the policy foundation provided by this Policy Statement. They provide additional land use planning policies to address issues facing specific geographic areas in Ontario.

Provincial plans are to be read in conjunction with this Policy Statement. They take precedence over the policies of this Policy Statement to the extent of any conflict, except where the relevant legislation provides otherwise.

Where the policies of provincial plans address the same, similar, related, or overlapping matters as the policies of this Policy Statement, applying the more specific policies of the provincial plan satisfies the more general requirements of this Policy Statement. In contrast, where matters addressed in this Policy Statement do not overlap with policies in provincial plans, the policies in this Policy Statement must be independently satisfied.

Land use planning decisions made by municipalities, planning boards, the Province, or a commission or agency of the government must be consistent with this Policy Statement. Where provincial plans are in effect, planning decisions must conform or not conflict with them, as the case may be.

Vision

Ontario is a vast province with a diversity of urban, rural and northern communities that is distinguished by different populations, economic activity, pace of growth, and physical and natural conditions.

The long-term prosperity and social well-being of Ontario depends on celebrating these differences and planning for complete communities for people of all ages, abilities and incomes. More than anything, a prosperous Ontario will see the building of more homes for all Ontarians. In addition, a prosperous Ontario will support a strong and competitive economy, and a clean and healthy environment.

Ontario will increase the supply and mix of housing options and address the full range of housing affordability needs. Every community will build homes that respond to changing market needs, and local needs and demand. Providing a sufficient supply with the necessary range and mix of housing options will support a diverse and growing population and workforce, now, and for many years to come.

A successful Ontario will also be one with a competitive advantage of being investment-ready and celebrated for its influence, innovation and cultural diversity. The Ontario economy will continue to mature into a centre of industry and commerce of global significance. Central to this success will be the people who live and work in this Province.

Ontario's land use planning framework, and the decisions that are made, shape how our communities grow and prosper. While progress has been made, equity-deserving groups still face a complex range of challenges. Municipalities will work with the Province to design complete communities with increased access to housing, employment, schools, transportation options, recreation and public spaces, and services that are equitable and sustainable for all Ontarians.

Land use will be managed to accommodate appropriate development to meet the full range of current and future needs. Efficient land use and development patterns will contribute to achieving equitable outcomes for all Ontarians by design. Downtowns, main streets and rural areas will be vital and viable. Cultural heritage and archaeology in Ontario will provide people with a sense of place. Prioritizing compact and transit-supportive design, where locally appropriate, and optimizing investments in infrastructure and public service facilities will support convenient access to housing, quality employment, services and recreation for all Ontarians.

Housing must be built in the right places so that Ontario's vibrant agricultural sector and sensitive areas will continue to form part of the Province's economic prosperity and overall identity. Growth and development will be focused within urban and rural settlements that will, in turn, support and protect the long-term viability of rural areas, local food production and the agri-food network.

The wise use and management of resources will be encouraged including natural areas, agricultural lands and the Great Lakes while providing attention to appropriate housing supply and public health and safety. Potential risks to public health or safety or of property damage from natural hazards and human-made hazards, including the risks associated with the impacts of climate change will be mitigated. This will require the Province, planning authorities, and conservation authorities to work together.

Across rural Ontario, local circumstances vary by region. Northern Ontario's natural environment and vast geography offer different opportunities than the predominately agricultural areas of the southern regions of the Province. The Province will continue to ensure northern communities are supported and economic growth is promoted so that the region remains strong, while protecting its natural features.

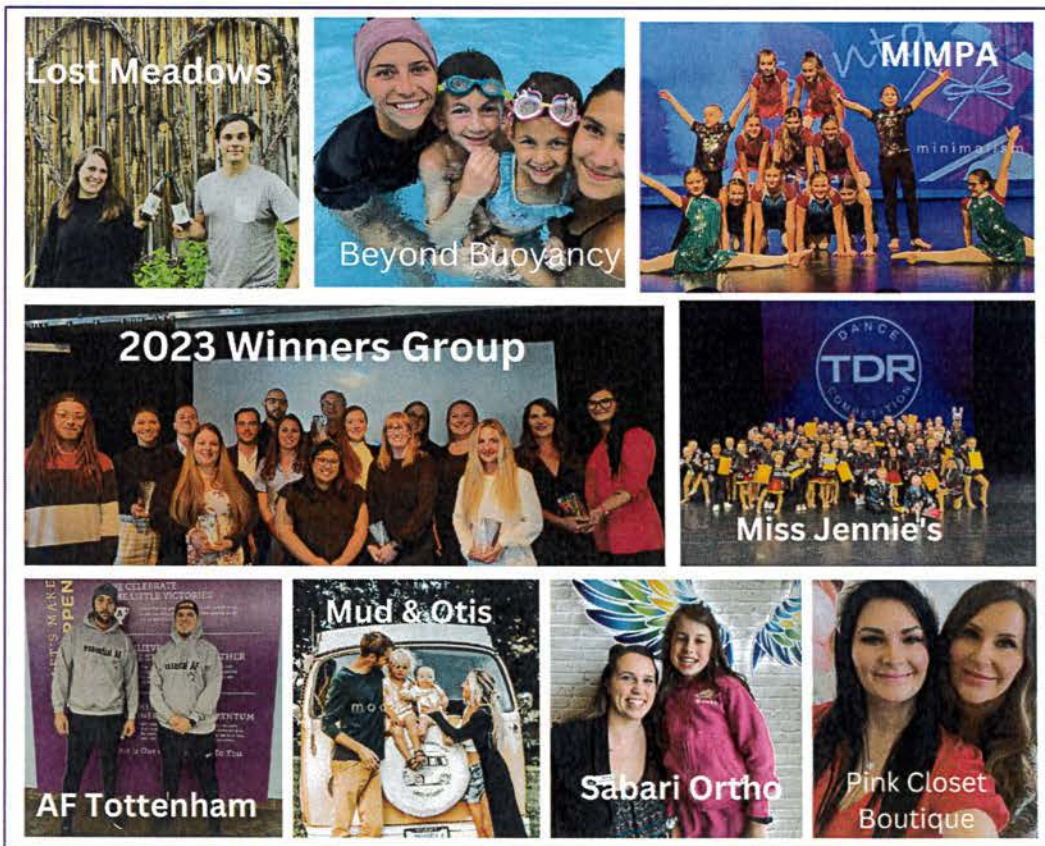
Ontario will continue to recognize the unique role Indigenous communities have in land use planning and development, and the contribution of Indigenous communities' perspectives and traditional knowledge to land use planning decisions. Meaningful early engagement and constructive, cooperative relationship-building between planning authorities and Indigenous communities will facilitate knowledge-sharing and inform decision-making in land use planning.

Above all, Ontario will continue to be a great place to live, work and visit where all Ontarians enjoy a high standard of living and an exceptional quality of life.

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



SOUTH SIMCOE CELEBRATES BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

South Simcoe Businesses were honoured at the 23rd Annual

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Over one hundred people gathered at the beautiful Gibson Cultural Centre for the event which was hosted by the Town of New Tecumseth in partnership with Nottawasaga Futures. MP, MPP, Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Councillors and community leaders gathered to recognize these businesses.

The Agricultural Award was presented to Lost Meadows Apiaries & Meadery, Essa.

The Aspiring Entrepreneur Award sponsored by RBC was received by Kielee and John Belisle of Hollywood Pizza in Essa, winner of the Nottawasaga Futures Business Plan Competition.

The Business Excellence Award sponsored by Grant Thornton was presented to Pink Closet Boutique, Bradford.

The Community Excellence Award was received by Music in Motion Angus.

Two Customer Service Awards were presented. The first, for Micro Business was won by Anytime Fitness, New Tecumseth. The second for Small Business was Miss Jennie's Performing Arts Studio, Innisfil.

Entrepreneur of The Year was won by Taygen McAllister of Mud & Otis in Adjala-Tosorontio.

Sabari Orthodontics, Bradford, was presented with The New Business Award.

The Youth Entrepreneur Award was presented to Tara Andrews owner of Beyond Buoyancy Aquatics, Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Congratulations!!



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Nottawasaga Futures Business Plan Competition

Our Annual Pitch Night was held April 20, 2023. An incredible event that is dedicated to empowering and celebrating youth entrepreneurship in our region.

The competition showcases the hard work, development, and research that goes into creating innovative business ideas. Our talented participants spend countless hours refining their concepts to present them to a panel of esteemed local business leaders.

Our winner this year was Hollywood Pizza, Angus
Congratulations!!

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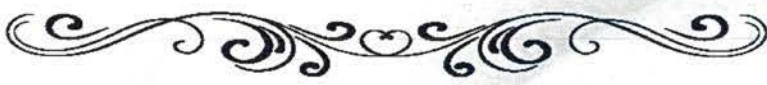
Over one hundred people gathered at the beautiful Gibson Cultural Centre for the event which was hosted by the Town of New Tecumseth in partnership with Nottawasaga Futures. We would like to thank MP Terry Dowdall, MP Scot Davidson, Warden Basil Clarke and Mayor Richard Norcross for joining us to honour our winners.

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Thanks to PoseUp Photo Booth we were able to offer lasting memories to our guests.

We hope everyone had as much fun as we did!



2023 South Simcoe Business Excellence Awards

Finalists



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| <i>9 Lives Boutique II</i> | <i>Gilford Local Eatery</i> | <i>Pixel Paradise Arcade</i> |
| <i>Alpha Detailing</i> | <i>Greektory Bakeshop</i> | <i>Prime Event Rentals</i> |
| <i>Angus/Borden Guardian Pharmacy</i> | <i>Greenleaf Mechanical Contracting</i> | <i>Rayne's Ridge</i> |
| <i>Boomer Hockey</i> | <i>Hockley General Store</i> | <i>Realtor at Century 21 Heritage Bradford</i> |
| <i>Boston Pizza</i> | <i>Innisfil Backyard Bounce</i> | <i>Red Heart Wine</i> |
| <i>Bradford Wolves Soccer Club</i> | <i>Innisfil Fashion Markets</i> | <i>Sabrina's Home Kitchen</i> |
| <i>Campfull Communities Ontario Inc</i> | <i>Kim Dermott's Catering</i> | <i>Spotwork</i> |
| <i>Concession Road Mercantile</i> | <i>Lavender Fox</i> | <i>Sunnidale Boarding Kennels -</i> |
| <i>Contact Community Services</i> | <i>List With Louise The Louise Batista Team</i> | <i>Tab Creates</i> |
| <i>Dominton Farm Produce</i> | <i>Little Royals</i> | <i>Tamras Mini Market</i> |
| <i>Dream Parties</i> | <i>Moon Cafe</i> | <i>Taste of the Grill</i> |
| <i>Drysdales Tree Farm</i> | <i>Moondance Organic Gardens</i> | <i>Tempo Flexible Packaging</i> |
| <i>Edukids Child Care Centre</i> | <i>Nature's Nectars</i> | <i>Tottenham Paint and Paper</i> |
| <i>FemmFit Fitness</i> | <i>Not Your Everyday K9s</i> | <i>Trevor's Roof Repairs</i> |
| <i>Friday Harbour</i> | <i>Oh! So Sweet Candy Shop</i> | <i>WD Potato Ltd</i> |
| | <i>Oxford Learning Centre Bradford</i> | <i>White Tuque</i> |



Special acknowledgment should be given to every business nominated for starting or maintaining a business in the last 3 years. It is a testament to the entrepreneurial spirit in South Simcoe and each owner should be recognized for persevering despite the increased risks and unknown economic climate created by the global pandemic.

Our Board President Brandon Lapstra had the following message for our finalists

"It was fun, exciting and incredibly inspiring reading and judging applications, as I could immediately feel the passion that you have for your businesses, and communities.

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reconnect with your why? Why you got into business for self in the first place, and why you continue to accept all the sacrifices and uncertainty that that has comes with that continued choice.

I look forward to hearing about your continued success"

Financial Support and Resources

- [Nottawasaga Futures Community Investment Fund](#)
- [Simcoe County CDAP Top Up Grant](#)
- [Canada - Ontario Job Grant](#)
- [Ontario Business Registry](#)
- [Business Benefits Finder](#)
- [Canada Business App](#)
- [Delia: Funding for Women-owned Enterprises](#)
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NVCA June 2023 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: August 25, 2023, held in person

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

Presentation on NVCA's Programs Rates and Fees Review

Sean-Michael Stephen, MBA, Managing Partner, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. conducted a presentation regarding NVCA's Program Rates and Fees Review.

The objective of this review was to make recommendations for the fees that were imposed for plan review and permitting by the authority due to legislative changes that have occurred. These legislative changes include *the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*.

All fee recommendations were made with regard for legislative authority to recover the full costs of delivering plan review and permitting services on a program basis, applicant affordability and completeness, and industry best practices and uniformity of fees.

The report recommends increasing review fees for: site-specific Official Plan and Zoning By-law Applications, Minor Variance, Consents, NEC applications. The report also suggests maintaining existing subdivision, residential Site Plans and Aggregate proposals. In addition, permit fees are proposed to be increased to full cost recovery levels while maintaining competitiveness with other Conservation Authorities. The discounted fee for agricultural permit fees that was established in 2016 should be maintained.

Presentation on NVCA's Forestry Program

Rick Grillmayer, Manager of Forestry conducted a presentation regarding NVCA's Forestry Program. He outlined that NVCA is the only

agency left in the watershed to offer tree planting services, and that we have been planting trees each year since 1964.

NVCA's 2023 tree planting season began on April 24 and was completed on May 17. All of NVCA's trees come from Somerville Seedlings in Everett, Ontario. A total of 78,000 trees were planted on 19 properties in 7 municipalities.

NVCA plants trees two ways: by machine and by hand. Machine planting is very cost effective and efficient. If the planting site is too steep, has too many stones, is too wet, or is too small, hand planters are sent in.

Forestry always works one year in advance. Site visits need to be completed the year before planting, before the winter.

Successful tree planting requires that the site is prepared and that the trees are tended to after planting, NVCA does this for landowners. NVCA's Forestry program does survival surveys in the 1st, 2nd, and 5th years after planting.

The tree species that NVCA plants are a result of decades of practice. The trees that NVCA planted this spring came from seeds that were collected up to 5 years ago to be grown and ready.

Permits Approvals under the CA Act

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

NVCA Regulations staff provided a summary of the permits issued during the period January 1, 2023 to June 10, 2023. A total of 326 permits and clearances were approved by staff for this time period, with 93.5% of the permits were processed within the provincial timelines.

Report on NVCA's Memorandums of Understanding

Doug Hevenor, CAO of NVCA reported that NVCA is in discussion with various CAO's from municipalities for MOUs. This report will be sent to the province's MNR on July 1, 2023.

Upcoming Events

Camp Tiffin

Led by NVCA's environmental educators, Camp Tiffin is an outdoor camp designed to enhance children's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

Date: July 4 – September 1

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

Junior Leadership Camp

Camp Tiffin's Junior Leadership Program is a two-week camp for 13-15-year-olds, which builds valuable leadership skills and provides hands-on practical experiences.

Date: July 4 – September 1

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation
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Sarah Corbett

From: Lisa Lehr
Sent: June 19, 2023 9:32 AM
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Consent please

Kindest regards,

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Meeting on June 13, 2023, and the Special Council Meeting on June 13, 2023. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate report, which can be accessed by clicking on the title. Images are also linked to relevant resources.

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

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Strategic Planning Session - Special Council - Tuesday, June 13, 2023

County Council held a special strategic planning session on June 13. Click on the heading to view the agenda. Minutes and further reporting from staff regarding deliberations at the meeting will be presented at the Joint Committee of the Whole and Council meeting on June 27, 2023.



- 01 MAKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING MORE ATTAINABLE TO END HOMELESSNESS**
Providing deep Rent Subsidies for individuals and families (\$600-\$800) distributed through Housing First and Outreach teams
- 02 CREATING NEW SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAMS**
Increase creative Supportive Housing Programs by converting existing community housing into supportive housing programs
- 03 CREATING PEACE OF MIND WHEN USING SERVICES**
Offering Storage Unit Solutions for people who are homeless to store belongings safely while accessing services
- 04 IMPROVING SAFETY AND WELL-BEING FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE**
Enhancing and mobilizing mobile Outreach Services to improve safety and well-being for all
- 05 INCREASING HOUSING AVAILABILITY IN CURRENT PROGRAMS**
Increasing housing availability through increased Affordable Housing stock and Supportive Housing units, and lifting the funding freeze on the Domiciliary Care Program
- 06 CREATING EASIER WAYS TO HELP ACCESS SERVICES**
Implementing a Centralized Intake System that is available after hours for services
- 07 ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITY SHELTERS SERVICES AND STANDARDS**
Increasing funding to the Shelter System and supporting the Temporary Shelter at Rose Street over the winter months
- 08 INCREASING EVICTION PREVENTION SERVICES AND ACCESS TO HOUSING FOR FAMILIES**
Improving access to housing through Housing Retention Funding by doubling the grant limits for families
- 09 IMPROVING SHELTER ON THE HOUSING CONTINUUM**
Addressing repairs/maintenance needs through the Retrofits & Upgrades Program (up to \$50K per grant)
- 10 FINDING NEW OPPORTUNITIES**
Continued attention to Potential Capital/Operating Opportunities to increase housing

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Click on the image above to learn more about how the County is building up our homelessness system.

Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) Investment Plan and Summer/Winter Responses

The County of Simcoe provides leadership to the local system of homelessness prevention services and supports through community planning and funds numerous related programs and services. Homelessness funding is provided to the County of Simcoe Social and Community Services Department through federal, provincial, and municipal funding streams.

On March 24, 2023, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing advised the County that funding for 2023-2024 would increase by more than \$9.7M through the provincial Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP)

New HPP funding will enable the County of Simcoe to grow and enhance supportive housing, address increased pressures in the emergency shelter sector, support the increasingly complex needs of those experiencing homelessness, and support local systems in providing timely and effective services for those experiencing homelessness.

On June 13, 2023, Council approved the County's HPP Investment Plan 2023-24, which aligns with the [Housing Our Future: Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homeless Prevention Strategy](#).

Recommendations are centred around transforming the homelessness service system to focus on housing first principles and longer-term housing solutions.

Climate Action Planning (Presentation by: Dawn Hipwell, Director, Procurement, Fleet &

Property; and Yuill Herbert, Principal and Founding Director, SSG)

On May 23, 2023, Dawn Hipwell, Director, Procurement, Fleet & Property and Yuill Herbert, Principal and Founding Director, SSG, provided a presentation regarding the creation of the County's Climate Action Plan. The presentation included the Climate Action Plan Timeline and the concept of expending costs short-term to achieve eventual savings in terms of utility costs and Greenhouse Gas emissions.

The pathway to success identified in the presentation includes implementation, financing strategy, leadership, reporting and transparency. The incorporation of greenhouse gas impacts into every budget or policy, alignment of climate objectives, asset management and capital forecast, and new methods of delivering infrastructure/building projects should be expected as part of the Corporate Climate Action Plan.



County Forest Management Plan – 10-Year Update

On May 23, 2023, Committee of the Whole received a report on the County Forest Management Plan 10-Year Update. Accepted practice for forest

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management planning in Ontario generally dictates the completion of a comprehensive planning exercise every 20 years. Although a long-term planning horizon is important, periodic updates are needed to incorporate any changes resulting from monitoring and evaluation, new scientific and technical information, stakeholder engagement, and to respond to changing environmental, social or economic circumstances.

Proposed revisions to the plan, along with an updated 'High Conservation Values' report and associated mapping, have been made available for public review and comment. The forest management plan does not specifically address recreational use of the Forest, which is governed by the Recreation Policy. The update process includes public engagement on-line and in-person through open houses, as well as consultation with appropriate First Nations and Metis communities. Any adjustments as a result of the consultation process will be incorporated and documents finalized in June with Council approval anticipated in July 2023.

Solid Waste Management Strategy Update

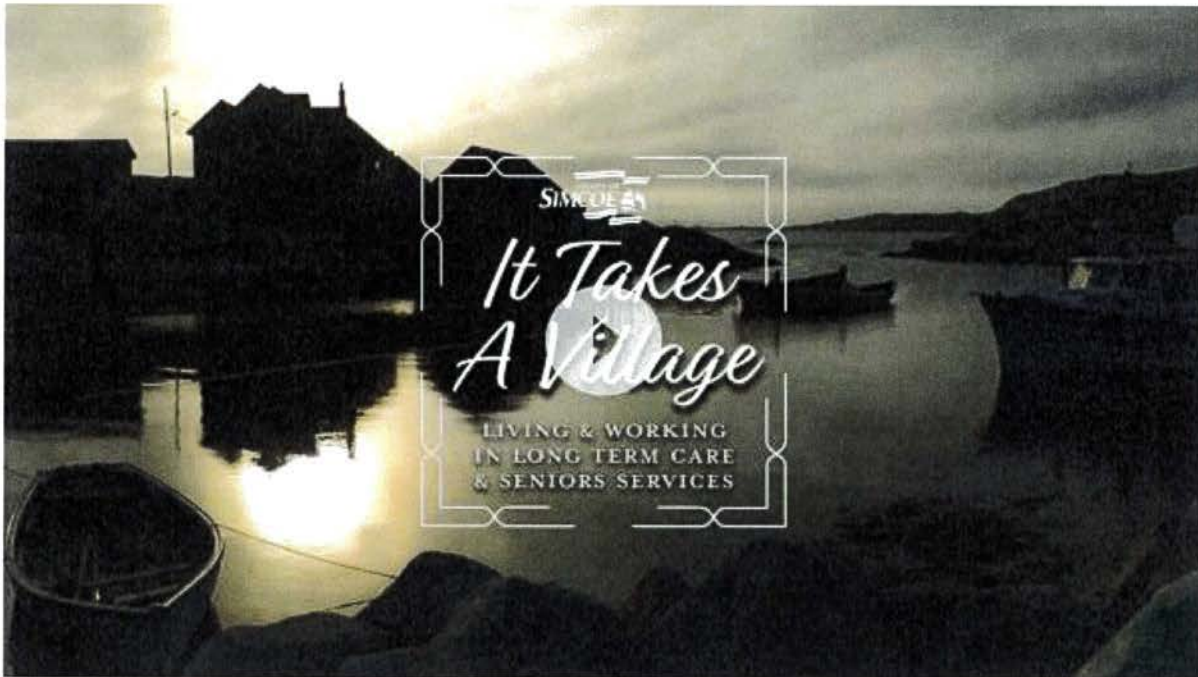
Originally approved in 2010, the Strategy acts as a guide for the County's waste management department and highlights ways to improve diversion programs, make progress towards waste reduction, and address processing and disposal needs for the future.

Since 2010, many initiatives have been analyzed for implementation, with a number being successfully completed, including but not limited to, increasing recycling container capacity, expanding materials accepted in the curbside organics program, transitioning to a uniform collection service, standardizing the garbage container size, and reducing the garbage limit.

On June 13, 2023, Council approved the new solid waste management strategy, assembled in consultation with Dillon Consulting Limited, which

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includes a roadmap of 15 different options that staff will analyze and report on to Council over the next few years.



It Takes a Village: Living and Working in Long-Term Care and Seniors Services Video Series

There are many wonderful stories about residents living in Long-Term Care and Seniors Services. With such a devoted and caring team of staff and volunteers, the County has developed a program to highlight the positive outcomes attributed to their compassion and diligence that they provide day after day to this vulnerable population, that often goes untold.

On May 23, 2023, Committee of the Whole received a report on the County's 'It Takes a Village' campaign, which seeks to promote a more accurate depiction of these important services and build and strengthen the confidence of our communities regarding the great care provided across Ontario. With an extensive history of serving seniors for over 120 years, a reputation of service excellence, and many personal success stories, the

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County of Simcoe has much to share, and is pleased to showcase [the first video](#) in the series.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BUILDING UP

County building up heritage and culture at Simcoe County Museum

Midhurst/June 27, 2023 – Today, County Council endorsed the plan to build up the heritage and cultural buildings at the Simcoe County Museum in a total estimated \$18 million expansion including the creation of the Matthews Innovation and Transportation Gallery. The plan also includes a number of upgrades to the existing Museum over a seven-year period including improved gallery space and visitor experience, environmentally-friendly design with a Zero Carbon Building, improved security for temporary exhibits, and a more efficient room for meetings and special events.

Occurring over three phases, this expansion will begin with its most ambitious project – the 5,000 square foot Matthews Innovation and Transportation Gallery and a 2,300 square foot space for curatorial functions and collections storage. An additional 2,633 square foot mezzanine overlooking the new gallery will provide opportunities for additional themed exhibitions as well as interpretive and programming space.

“This exciting project that we are undertaking preserves the past while looking to the future of the Simcoe County Museum,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “This is largely thanks to the generosity of the late Charles Matthews, who saw something special in this museum and the history it showcases. We are incredibly grateful for the legacy he has left behind and it is an honour to name the new gallery the Matthews Innovation and Transportation Gallery in his memory.”

The Matthews Innovation and Transportation Gallery is named in honour of Simcoe County Museum’s largest-ever donor, Charles Matthews, whose bequest of almost \$5 million will allow the museum to better display and care for museum collections, highlight Simcoe County’s historical innovation, and provide enhanced cultural and heritage experiences for residents and visitors.

In addition to the noted long-term and ongoing utility cost savings that a Zero Carbon Building will provide, the design offers additional benefits:

- Charred timber construction offers opportunities to showcase, interpret, and honour the County of Simcoe’s foresight and innovation in the establishment and century long operation of county forests.
- Triple glazed windows provide an exceptional view to the heritage and display buildings on the grounds, while offering increased insulation as well as UV protection for the benefit of the artifacts on display.

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- Solar panels offset the hydro consumption required to power the addition solely using electricity and provides countless interpretive opportunities to discuss concepts such as innovation, sustainability, environmental impact on our area, both past and present.

Work on all phases are expected to be complete by 2030, in time for the celebration of the Simcoe County Museum's 100th anniversary. Work on phase one is expected to begin in spring 2024 with an estimated completion in 2026. Online donations are being accepted from the community at museum.simcoe.ca/support.

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 for further details and like, follow, and share the Simcoe County Museum on Facebook (@simcoecountymuseum) and Twitter (@simcoecountyMUS).

About the County of Simcoe

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County releases 2022 report card on 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy

Midhurst/June 27, 2023 – The County of Simcoe has released its ninth annual report card, *Housing Our Future: 2022 Annual Report*, to measure and evaluate the implementation of recommendations contained in *Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy*.

The strategy set a minimum goal of 2,685 new affordable housing units between 2014 and 2024. As previously communicated, the County not only met, but exceeded that goal, one year ahead of schedule. As of December 31, 2022, 2,775 new affordable homes had been created across the region since 2014, with more being built every day. The report card also highlights other targets and goals achieved as part of the larger 10-Year Strategy.

“When we decided on and began our affordable housing and homelessness prevention strategy nine years ago, County Council knew that the homes we were creating would change lives and futures,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “Since the implementation of the strategy, we have kept those lives and futures in mind as we invested heavily in housing for our communities. I am confident that we have momentum and I’m excited for what we will create in the future.”

Highlights of the *Housing Our Future: 2022 Annual Report* include:

- Creation of 244 new homes in 2022, exceeding the original target of 2,685 new affordable homes by 2024
- Distribution of \$1.29 million in rent supplement/housing allowance subsidies
- Distribution of \$91,000 in affordable homeownership down-payment supports
- Direct funding of \$650,000 under the Municipal Secondary Suites program
- Distribution of \$300,000 of federal and provincial Secondary Suites funding and an additional \$200,000 to address urgent home repairs through the Ontario Renovates Program
- Provided \$376,724 in Housing Retention Program for eviction prevention
- Continued progress on affordable housing construction projects, including 130 units in Orillia and 50 units in Bradford West-Gwillimbury
- \$2.5 million in funding from the Province of Ontario towards the County’s creation of 14 units of supportive housing at 77 Tiffin Street in Barrie for people experiencing mental health and addiction challenges, persons with disabilities, as well as those experiencing homelessness, with the Busby Centre and the Elizabeth Fry Society providing support services
- Supported adding six new modular supportive housing units at Lucy’s Place in partnership with Redwood Park Communities, Busby Street Centre, Community Builders, and Northern Shield Development.
- Completion of a four-bed addition to the transitional housing facility for youth operated by Home Horizon in Collingwood, developed with Provincial Social Services Relief (SSRF) funding



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

The County’s strategy will continue to focus on supporting residents through maximizing funding, achieving targets, and working with area partners to create affordable housing units for residents across the County. More

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information on this can be found at simcoe.ca/ourahhps.

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June 28, 2023

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**RE: Notice of Funding Commitment
Trails Connecting Communities Program 2023
Bob Geddes Park Trail Pavillion**

The County of Simcoe is committed to connecting its communities through active transportation and trail infrastructure. Since 2009, the County has dedicated funding in the form of the Trails Connecting Communities Program (TCCP) to assist local municipalities in the development of active transportation and recreational trail opportunities. As part of this commitment, the County looks to build upon first-hand local knowledge by partnering with its member municipalities to fund infrastructure projects that will enhance our communities.

We are pleased to advise that the County of Simcoe will provide **\$30,000** to the Township of Essa in funding assistance from the Trails Connecting Communities Program for the **Bob Geddes Park Trail Pavillion**. As noted in the TCCP Information Sheet, and to retain eligibility for the funding assistance, the following obligations are associated with the County's funding contribution:

- All construction activities will occur in accordance with applicable policies, bylaws, standards and regulations
- Trails must be designed and constructed to be accessible to people with disabilities
- Required permits shall be obtained prior to commencement of construction
- Funds granted through the TCCP are not transferable. The County of Simcoe must approve, in writing, any significant change in the use of committed funds
- Unused funds, or funds that were spent incorrectly, must be returned to the County of Simcoe
- Signage related to the trail project construction shall acknowledge the County of Simcoe as a partner in the project and shall be reviewed by the TCCP Program Manager
- All applicants shall save harmless the County of Simcoe for any liabilities, problems or issues that arise either during or after the TCCP 2023 funding process

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Please refer to your TCCP Information Sheet for additional information that is required both during and at project completion. All projects receiving TCCP funding are to be completed by **November 15, 2024**.

We thank you for partnering with the County of Simcoe and look forward to working with you in the future. Should you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 705-726-9300 extension 1973 or email keirsten.morris@simcoe.ca.

Sincerely,
The Corporation of the County of Simcoe



Keirsten Morris
TCCP Coordinator
County of Simcoe Planning Department

cc. Jessica Sheard-Dunlop, Divisional Controller - County of Simcoe
Greg Marek, Manager of Planning - County of Simcoe

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NVCA stewardship manager Fred Dobbs receives distinguished award from the Natural Channels Initiative

Dobbs was recognized for his outstanding commitment to advancing the field of natural channel restoration.

UTOPIA, Ontario (June 28, 2023) – Yesterday, Fred Dobbs, Manager of Stewardship Services at the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) received an Award of Recognition at the Natural Channels Systems Conference — a national event held every four years.

“Over his ongoing 37-year career, Fred has worked with many conservation partners and funders to restore stream and floodplain habitat in the Nottawasaga Watershed,” said Doug Hevenor, CAO of NVCA. “His personal commitment to the field almost matches the passion he brings to his work. Fred is always willing to share his knowledge with newcomers, with an infectious enthusiasm.”

While at NVCA, Fred coordinated the natural channel design for the Black Ash Creek Floodway in Collingwood, constructed floodplains on Beeton Creek in New Tecumseth and completed multiple dam removal projects among countless other smaller projects.

Most recently, Fred and his team are working at restoring 10 km of the Nottawasaga River and just completed one of southern Ontario’s largest trout stream restoration projects. They also worked on species at risk protection initiatives, including Lake Sturgeon research and brook lamprey habitat creation.

In addition to strong field skills, Fred and his team use existing support to develop funding applications designed to leverage additional dollars. Every dollar provided through municipal levy typically generates four dollars of external funding for projects!

“This award is a testament to the partners, funders and volunteers in the Nottawasaga Valley as well as NVCA staff and board members, who contributed to and supported the restoration projects,” said Dobbs. “I enjoy giving a little back to our natural environment by coordinating the restoration of the Nottawasaga River and its tributaries. One side benefit is that I get to enjoy flyfishing in these beautiful watercourses!”

Fred received his award at the Natural Channels System Conference banquet in Guelph. The Natural Channels Initiative is supported by the Canadian Water Resources Institute

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June 16, 2023

Fern Taillefer
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Legion Branch 147

Dear Mr. Taillefer

Re: National Peacekeepers Day, Angus ON, August 9, 2023

The Municipality of Essa (Angus ON) is supportive of a flyby by RCAF Aircraft as low as 500 feet, flyby for the planned National Peacekeepers Day being held in 12 Commerce Road, Angus, for transit, practice and shows on 9 August 2023.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandie Macdonald', written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Sandie Macdonald
Essa Township