

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

- p. 1 1. Essa Building Department Statistics – February 2021.
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- p. 21 5. Correspondence from Local Authority Services (LAS) dated March 2, 2021, re: Asset Management Regulation Update.
- p. 23 6. Resolution from the Township of Brock dated March 2, 2021, re: Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement.
- p. 25 7. Resolution from the Township of Lake of Bays dated March 2, 2021, re: Capacity Limits for Restaurants in Stage 2 under the *Reopening Ontario Act, 2020*.
- p. 27 8. Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs date March 4, 2021, re: Financial Support to the Township of Essa through the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities Program.
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- p. 30 a) March 4, 2021 – Schedule 6, Bill 197, *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*.
- p. 32 b) March 4, 2021 – Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara.
- p. 35 10. Correspondence from Brookfield Properties dated March 4, 2021, re: Brookfield Proposed Subdivision – Community of Baxter Project Update: Anticipated 2021 Construction Program.

- p. 38 11. Media Release from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) dated March 4, 2021, re: Maple Syrup Produced by Volunteers Supports Many Good Causes.
- p. 40 12. Correspondence from the County of Simcoe:
- p. 42 a) March 9, 2021 - Media Release – County of Simcoe Welcomes New Employment Opportunities at the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport.
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- p. 48 13. Correspondence from Simcoe County Horticultural Association dated March 10, 2021, re: SCHA Virtual AGM (March 23, 2021) and Spring Newsletter.
- p. 53 14. Notice from the Town of New Tecumseth, re: Comprehensive Zoning By-law Update – Statutory Public Open House on Wednesday March 31, 2021.

B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

- p. 56 1. Correspondence dated March 11, 2021 from the Ministry of Solicitor General, re: Fire Safety Grant Announcement.

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that the correspondence dated March 11, 2021 from the Ministry of Solicitor General regarding the Fire Safety Grant Announcement be received; and That the Fire Chief be authorized to accept the grant in the amount of \$9,800.00, to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

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

None.

Feb-21

Current

| Permits Issued | # Permits Issued | # Permits Issued YTD | Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued | Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD | Monthly Building Permit Fees | Building Permit Fees YTD | |
|------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Residential | 9 | 16 | \$416,500.00 | \$1,951,555.00 | \$2,320.75 | \$18,002.53 | |
| Commercial | 2 | 2 | \$16,640.00 | \$16,640.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | |
| Industrial | 0 | 1 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | |
| Institutional | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Public Utilities | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Agricultural | 1 | 1 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$373.07 | \$373.07 | |
| TOTAL | 12 | 20 | \$433,140.00 | \$ 1,968,195.00 | \$2,893.82 | \$ 18,625.60 | |
| Y.O.Y. | 15 | 42 | \$2,173,020.00 | \$5,722,020.00 | \$23,483.10 | \$77,152.00 | -75.86% |

NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

Dwelling Units Created

| Type | Current Month | YTD | Dwelling Const. Value | Dwelling Const. Value YTD |
|--|---------------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| SFD/SEMI/ROW | 0 | 5 | \$0.00 | \$1,415,000.00 |
| Mult Res Bldgs | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 5 | \$0.00 | \$1,415,000.00 |
| Y.O.Y | 8 | 24 | \$1,878,000.00 | \$5,037,000.00 |
| | -100.00% | -79.17% | -100.00% | -71.91% |

Draw Brooks

Reviewed by Chief Building Official:

From: Sandie Macdonald
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 6:19:02 PM
To: Jim Wilson, MPP <jwilson@ola.org>; Colleen Healey <chealey@essatownship.on.ca>; Michael Smith <msmith@essatownship.on.ca>; Keith White <kwhite@essatownship.on.ca>; Henry Sander <hsander@essatownship.on.ca>; Ron Henderson <rhenderson@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Cannabis Stores

Hello Jim,

We have many Essa Residents upset with the Ford Government flooding our Essa Communities with Cannabis Stores. Two are proposed in Thornton 300 feet apart. Angus has four proposed on Mill street with one only 30 feet apart. The one in Thornton is across the street from our Arena and Park where children gather for recreational fun and programs. Did they only make the restrictions for distance from schools and daycares? We can't believe that Essa needs six stores to start off with in two Communities. They do not put four LCBO Stores on the same street. We believe Cannabis Stores should have the same restrictions as the LCBO outlets. Jim if you can shed any lighting this concern by taking it to the floor, we would be very appreciative.

Thank you in advance Jim on this contentious issue that has our Residents deeply concerned.

Take care and stay healthy and safe.

Kind Regards, .

Sandie Macdonald

Township of Essa Mayor

On behalf of Essa Council

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March 8, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Re: Cannabis Stores in the Township of Essa

I am writing to you with concerns regarding the number of cannabis stores located within Essa Township and am respectfully requesting the reasoning behind the allowance of licensing six stores in our small municipality.

I am aware of four stores opening in Angus, all on the same street, and one within 30 feet of another. I am also aware of two cannabis stores opening in Thornton along County Road 27. These two stores are only a few hundred feet apart from one another and are located in close proximity to our Recreation Centre and playground as well as the ice cream parlours. I understand there are restrictions in place that do not allow these stores to open within a certain distance of schools, however these same students also gather at the amenities surrounding these shops and recreation areas.

Essa Council and residents of our community have strong concerns regarding the number and locations of cannabis stores within our small community and ask your team to address these concerns for us.

Essa Council and residents wish to thank you and your team for your efforts during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Sandie Macdonald,
Mayor

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Lyle WARDEN RESOLUTION NO 75-2021

SECONDED BY Sam McDonell DATE March 1, 2021

WHEREAS COVID-19, a disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus, has resulted in the deaths of almost 7,000 Ontarians;

AND WHEREAS Canada currently lags behind dozens of nations in terms of the proportion of the population that has received doses of COVID-19 vaccines;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has moved too slowly and is failing to foster domestic vaccine-production capacity;

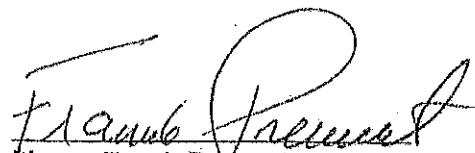
AND WHEREAS the number of administered vaccines in Ontario is not keeping pace with the number of doses that have been received by the provincial government;

AND WHEREAS the provincial COVID-19 vaccine booking system is not yet operational;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry urges Premier Doug Ford and the Province of Ontario to procure approved COVID-19 vaccines to be distributed to the residents of the Province of Ontario, increase the Province's vaccination rate to keep pace with the doses that have been received and accelerate the launch of its COVID-19 vaccine booking system;

AND FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Jim McDonell, Hon. Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and all Ontario municipalities.

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Mayor Frank Prevost

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: March 1, 2021 2:01 PM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: AMO Policy Update – Province Provides Additional Transit Funding, Municipal Modernization Funding, 34 Public Health Unit Vaccination Plans Together

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March 1, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Province Provides Additional Transit Funding, Municipal Modernization Funding, and 34 Public Health Unit Vaccination Plans Together

Province Provides Additional Transit Funding

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney announced today that the Province was providing an additional \$150 million to support transit systems through the pandemic. The funding is in addition to funds provided by the provincial and federal governments under the Safe Restart Agreement.

With some reallocation of funding, this announcement will make up to \$650 million available to municipalities to be spent by December 31, 2021. Extensions may be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Ministry of Transportation will provide information webinars on the funding in partnership with the Ontario Public Transit Association (OPTA) in the coming days.

The Safe Restart Agreement provides up to \$4 billion in federal-provincial funding for emergency costs related to the pandemic. \$2 billion of this is allocated to supporting transit systems, of which \$1.5 billion has been allocated. The funding has helped to provide personal protective equipment, fund additional cleaning, and help keep transit systems operating as ridership patterns and social distancing have taken place. This funding was strongly advocated by AMO to help maintain transit during the pandemic and ensure these systems are ready to support the recovery.

Municipal Modernization Funding

Also today, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, announced \$10 million under the Audit and Accountability Fund to support efficiency and modernization projects in 31 large municipalities.

This funding is in addition to the January 26th, 2021 ROMA Conference announcement of \$40 million to help small and rural municipalities through the Municipal Modernization Fund. The funding will support initiatives to improve processes and develop new ways of operating to provide more effective public services.

Public Health Vaccination Plans

Further to the good work the *Toronto Star* did this weekend to have all 34 Public Health Units' vaccination plans in one publicly accessible site, AMO staff has reviewed and updated each of the PHU's links and have put them in one spreadsheet here.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: March 5, 2021 3:51 PM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Phase II of Vaccinations Plan, Bill 257 – Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, Firefighter Training Modernization

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March 5, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Phase II of Vaccinations Plan, Bill 257 – Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, and Firefighter Training Modernization

Vaccination Distribution Plan – Phase II

The Province has announced that Phase Two of Ontario’s vaccination distribution plan will begin next month. Phase Two will focus on age and risk to prevent further death, hospitalization, and transmission. Populations eligible for Phase Two vaccination will be: older adults, between 60-75-79 years of age; individuals with specific health conditions and some primary caregivers; people who live and work in congregate care settings and some primary caregivers; people who live in hot spots with high rates of death, hospitalizations, and transmission; and certain workers who cannot work from home. These groups are expected to be vaccinated from April to July 2021.

Beginning March 15th, the Province will be launching an online booking system and a provincial customer service desk to answer questions and support appointment bookings at mass immunization clinics. In addition to mass vaccination clinics, hospitals, and mobile clinics, the Province is also working with the pharmacy sector and primary care professionals to offer vaccinations in new settings. This phase is expected to vaccinate up to nine million Ontarians.

Bill 257 – Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act

Yesterday, Bill 257, Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, was introduced in the Legislature by the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure. The purpose of the Act is to reduce costs to broadband providers associated with attaching broadband wirelines to hydro utility poles and would provide timely access to poles and to municipal rights of way to install broadband on municipal land for “provincially significant” broadband projects. These proposed measures build on the Province’s Up to Speed: Ontario’s Broadband and Cellular Action Plan.

The definition of a “provincially significant project” will be determined through regulation. If this term is scoped to mean **projects in rural and northern areas receiving provincial broadband funding**, this Act could help to ensure projects are delivered faster to the benefit of local communities that are currently unserved or underserved.

Bill 257 also proposes amendments to the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* that could see an impact to the pole attachment process for local distribution companies (LDCs) and to the Ontario Energy Board.

There are also proposed amendments to the *Planning Act* that ministerial zoning orders made under section 47 are not required, and are deemed to never have been required, to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), except in the Greenbelt.

While this amendment, if passed, may clarify some legal matters, it raises questions as to why the Province would not want to abide by the Provincial Policy Statement which articulates provincial interests.

AMO expects to engage with the Ontario Government during the regulatory development process to ensure that the legislation improves broadband coverage to municipal governments without jeopardizing accountability for municipal rights-of-way and local autonomy. AMO has strongly supported expansion of access to broadband connectivity for Ontario communities and will work to ensure the proposed legislation helps communities achieve that while protecting local taxpayers and their investments.

Firefighter Training Modernization

Yesterday the Office of the Fire Marshal published a Communiqué on the Ontario Fire College Training Modernization. It was issued as a follow up to the January 13, 2021

announcement regarding the decommissioning of the Ontario Fire College (OFC) and the modernization of fire safety training in Ontario.

The decommissioning of the OFC campus is set for March 31, 2021. Available options for OFC training are set out in the Communiqué, as is who to contact should municipalities have any questions.

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From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Municipal Councillor Code of Conduct Consultations

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March 8, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Municipal Councillor Code of Conduct Consultations

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, announced late Friday afternoon, March 5th, that the Province would launch a consultation on municipal Codes of Conduct for council members. The consultation will be led Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues, Jill Dunlop, and will consider input from municipal councillors, staff, and associations.

AMO recognizes that enforcing behavioural standards for council members can be a challenging matter for many members to find consensus on. However, stronger standards and compliance are in the public interest. To frame the considerations from a municipal government perspective, AMO was asked to provide input to the Minister earlier this year. With the launch of the consultations, AMO is now providing its input to members today to help them consider options to strengthen Codes of Conduct.

The AMO Board of Directors' recommendations aim to strengthen existing tools for compliance with Codes of Conduct as well as provide some new tools for municipal governments to use in defined circumstances. In providing their input, AMO's Board expressed confidence in Codes of Conduct and the office of Municipal Integrity Commissioners as local tools to help councils maintain public accountability and agreed to by all council members upon assuming office.

The Board's recommendations are:

- amending the Municipal Act to allow for **Administrative Monetary Penalties** in Municipal Code of Conduct breaches to incentivize compliance – subject to

regulation and a municipal by-law setting out appropriate penalty thresholds for the municipality;

- **suspension** of a council member for a certain period of time in defined circumstances that could negatively impact public health and safety;
- **removal from office** by a member of the Judiciary on the recommendation of an Integrity Commissioner where a report has found serious and/or repeated breaches of Codes of Conduct; and
- **better training and standards for Integrity Commissioners** to improve capacity and consistency of decision-making across the province.

To provide context for AMO Board's recommendations, here is the background to this work. In December, Minister Clark requested that AMO consider providing advice to the Government on this subject. After conducting research and several robust discussions, AMO's Board of Directors adopted recommendations at its meeting in late January. Since that time, AMO staff has been working with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide input on next steps. With the public launch of this consultation AMO is providing members with the Board's advice to the Province.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: AMO Policy Update – More Social Services Relief Funding to Protect the Homeless during COVID-19, Ontario Vaccine Rollout Update

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March 10, 2021

AMO Policy Update – More Social Services Relief Funding to Protect the Homeless during COVID-19 and Ontario Vaccine Rollout Update

More Social Services Relief Funding to Protect the Homeless

Today the Ontario government announced that it is providing \$255 million in additional funding for the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF). The SSRF will continue to help municipalities, District Social Services Administration Boards, and Indigenous program partners to keep vulnerable people safe. It will protect homeless shelter staff and residents and help people from becoming homeless.

Specifically, the funding can be used to acquire motel and hotel spaces to support physical distancing of shelter residents, hire more shelter staff, and purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies. It can also add to rent and utility banks to help prevent more people from becoming homeless.

This brings the total SSRF investment up to \$765 million since the onset of the pandemic. The SSRF funding is an important investment for both economic and social recovery and is literally saving lives. AMO has highlighted the need for the funding to continue for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic situation and is pleased with the government's proactive response.

Ontario Vaccine Rollout Update

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Additional information on the provincial vaccination rollout has been released today. With the increasing vaccine supply, the Ontario government is able to expand the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines to include pharmacies and primary care settings.

As of Friday, March 12, over 325 pharmacies will be offering the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine to eligible Ontarians aged 60-64, by appointment only, as part of the vaccine delivery pilot program in three public health unit regions: Toronto, Windsor-Essex, and Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington. This vaccine rollout will be expanded to more pharmacies in other regions of the province as supply increases.

To increase capacity for vaccination beyond public health units and the pharmacy pilots, the Province is working with primary care professionals to offer vaccinations in primary care settings and community locations, such as physician offices, in partnership with public health units. This initiative will begin in Hamilton, Toronto, Guelph, Peterborough, Simcoe-Muskoka, and Peel as of Saturday March 13, 2021. It needs to be emphasized that primary care providers will not be taking appointments by request but will be contacting eligible Ontarians aged 60-64 directly to book an appointment starting today, March 10, 2021. They will only be offering the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine at this time.

As Phase One of Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine rollout is nearing its completion, there are preparations to move into Phase Two of its COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan as of April, with a focus on vaccinating populations based on age and risk. Vaccinations continue to be offered to eligible populations at hospitals, mobile clinics, and mass immunization clinics.

Mass immunization clinics are a significant delivery channel to administer Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Over 120 mass immunization clinics are planned to open this month across Ontario in addition to sites already open, increasing the Province's vaccine administration capacity to over 150,000 doses per day, dependent on supply. Many municipalities and their staff are working with their public health units to support these mass immunization clinics.

As greatly anticipated, the Province will launch an online booking system and a provincial customer service desk on March 15. These supports are to answer questions and book appointments at mass immunization clinics, starting with those over the age of 80. As further vaccine distribution information becomes available, AMO will share through future updates and/or on our COVID-19 Resources page.

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To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: AMO Policy Update – New Support for Local Fire Services, Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Tools and Resources

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March 12, 2021

AMO Policy Update – New Support for Local Fire Services and Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Tools and Resources

Support for Local Fire Services During COVID-19

Yesterday, the Ministry of the Solicitor General announced it will provide \$5 million to help municipal fire services address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This one-time funding will enhance fire safety training across the province and support safety inspection programs to ensure compliance with the Ontario Fire Code. Recognizing that Ontario’s fire departments vary in size, capacity and levels of risk, each municipality will be able to submit proposals for an initial \$4,500 base grant plus additional funding dependent on population served.

Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Tools and Resources

The Ministry of Health vaccine tools and resources have been updated and are now posted to the Ministry’s website. Changes are highlighted within these documents, and new documents include information for AstraZeneca and COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccines.

AMO’s COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

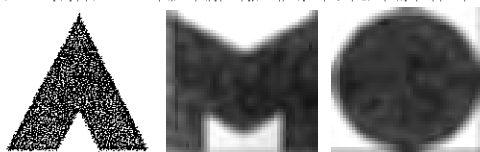
From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>

Sent: March 18, 2021 10:01 AM

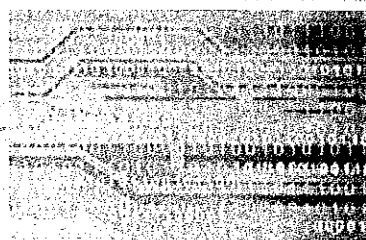
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Subject: AMO WatchFile - March 18, 2021

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March 18, 2021

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- Careers: AMO, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, East Garafraxa and Espanola.

AMO Matters

Every year at the AMO Conference the PJ Marshall Awards recognize municipal excellence and innovation in capital projects, operating efficiencies and new approaches to service delivery. If you have something you are proud to share, the deadline for 2021 submissions is May 28, 2021.

Provincial Matters

The Creating More Inclusive Ontario: age-friendly community planning guide for municipalities and community organizations and its three supporting documents can be used to develop and support age-friendly communities in Ontario.

The new Community Building Fund will support two program streams - the operating stream will open to nonprofits on March 31, while the capital funding stream for municipalities and nonprofits will open later in 2021.

Eye on Events

Planning for AMO 2021 is in full gear and all you need to do now is to register by April 30 to take advantage of the early bird rate.

Register today for AMO's free webinar on Municipal Long-Term Care Advocacy. It will take place on March 24, 2021 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm.

What are your municipality's legal and ethical obligations to persons with disabilities? AMO's partner, eSolutionsGroup, addresses current Ontario legislation and how it affects content and systems compliance, technical aspects of updating and maintaining accessible content on your website. Register now for the April 8 or April 15 webinar.

LAS

EPT Spotlight: EPT includes a tracking module for energy saving projects and processes in your facilities. Calculate savings, payback, and track progress for all your energy conservation measures in one convenient place. Contact us to learn more.

Group Buying webinars coming soon: Register for our March 24, 10 am webinar where we provide a legal/procurement update on cooperative purchasing. Join us April 7, 10 am to hear from Armtec on their modular bridge solution. Keep an eye on our Events page for future LAS webinars, and check out the Webinars page for our video archive.

Join us on April 8 at 2 pm for a webinar showcasing the popular Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service, used by over 100 municipalities in Ontario to stretch their public works dollars. Available to municipalities of any size, this program makes cutting-edge technology available at an affordable price.

Municipal Wire*

The Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) will lead a conversation with municipal council and staff on how delegation of planning approvals could be leveraged to help Council agendas focus on the strategic, support efficient processes, and improve service delivery while maintaining accountability. Register for this free education opportunity on April 23.

Careers

Policy Advisor - AMO. Working in a dynamic work environment, the ideal candidate must be an excellent public policy analyst with a related post secondary degree. You excel in policy research and analysis, are proactive in issue identification and problem solving with an advanced understanding of the current public policy and municipal, provincial and federal political environments. Please apply in confidence by email to: careers@amo.on.ca by April 1, 12 PM.

Utility Analyst - Town of East Gwillimbury. Reports to Manager of Financial Services.

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Position Status: Full-time Permanent. If you're looking for a career that will enable you to contribute to a growing and inclusive community, please submit your resume and related information online at: [ADP Workforce Now - Career Centre](#). Deadline for applications is March 22, 2021.

Roads Operations Supervisor, Contract Management - Town of Georgina.

Department: Operations and Infrastructure. Status: Temporary, Full Time (up to 2 years). Applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter, identifying the Job Title and ID# 2021.16T in the subject line. Please apply by visiting the Careers page - Current Opportunities on [our website](#) by March 25, 2021 at 11:59 pm.

Director of Public Works - Township of East Garafraxa. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer and Council. Applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume, quoting file number 2021-01, by March 31, 2021 to: Township of East Garafraxa Attention: Susan Stone, CAO, Administration Office, 065371 Dufferin County Road 3, Unit 2, East Garafraxa ON L9W 7J8. Email: [Susan Stone, CAO](mailto:Susan.Stone@cao.on.ca).

Chief Administrative Officer / Treasurer - Town of Espanola. Position status: Permanent, Full-Time. Please submit your covering letter and resume by April 6, 2021 to: Attn: File 2021 ADMIN 01, The Corporation of the Town of Espanola, 100 Tudhope St., Ste 2, Espanola, ON P5E 1S6. Email: town@espanola.ca. Fax: 705.869.0083.

Clerk / Manager of Planning Services - Town of Espanola. Position status: Permanent, Full-Time. Please submit your covering letter and resume by April 6, 2021 to: Attn: File 2021 ADMIN 02, The Corporation of the Town of Espanola, 100 Tudhope St., Ste 2, Espanola, ON P5E 1S6. Email: town@espanola.ca. Fax: 705.869.0083.

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March 18, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Long-Term Care Modernization and Expansion, Asset Management Plan Timelines Extended, and Age-Friendly Community Planning

Ontario Investing to Modernize and Expand Long-Term Care

The Ontario government announced today an investment of \$933 million in 80 new long-term care projects. This will result in additional new and upgraded long-term care spaces across the province.

The funding will add 7,510 new spaces and upgrade 4,197 spaces, including new spaces for Indigenous, Francophone, and other cultural community residents. It is all part of the government's commitment to add 30,000 long-term care spaces over ten years.

The criteria for selecting the projects being announced today included:

- upgrading older homes in response to lessons learned around improved Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) measures, particularly the elimination of three and four-bedrooms;
- adding spaces to areas where there are high needs;
- addressing the growing needs of diverse groups, including Francophone and Indigenous communities; and/or,
- promoting campuses of care to better address the specialized care needs of residents.

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As additional information becomes available, it will be shared with AMO members.

Asset Management Plan Timelines Extended

The Ministry of Infrastructure has filed regulations to extend asset management plan (AMP) timelines for municipalities. The new regulations extend the deadlines by one year for the plan criteria deadlines. Planning timelines are now:

- July 1, 2022 – plans are required for core municipal assets
- July 1, 2024 – plans are required for all municipal assets
- July 1, 2025 – plans are required to include service levels and their appropriateness; a lifecycle management and financial strategy; funding sources and needs; and other assumptions.

The timelines were extended to account for challenges to staff and planning work posed by the pandemic. AMO understands that the Ministry will be writing to municipal officials to formally advise them of these extensions.

Government Releases New Age-Friendly Community Planning Guide

The Creating a More Inclusive Ontario: Age-Friendly Community Planning Guide for Municipalities and Community Organizations is intended for those working to develop and support age-friendly communities in Ontario. Age-friendly communities help create more accessible environments for people of all ages and abilities across diverse communities in the province. These communities respond to the opportunities and challenges of an aging population and align with the Advancing Accessibility in Ontario framework.

Along with the Community Planning Guide, the Province has released three supporting documents to support the creation, implementation, and sustaining of local plans. These are the diverse populations addendum, age-friendly community planning toolkit, and age-friendly community remote events planning resource.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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Asset Management Regulation Update

March 02, 2021

By Michelle Hjort, Director of Business Development in Canada
StreetScan

In December 2017, the Ontario Government passed Ontario Regulation 588/17 Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure.

The plan includes the following milestones:

July 1, 2019 First Strategic Asset Management Policy (to be updated every five years)

July 1, 2021 Core Assets to be included in plan

July 1, 2023 All other Assets to be included in plan

The next upcoming reporting milestone is due on July 1, 2021 and requires an asset management plan covering a municipality's core infrastructure. Core infrastructure asset groups are roads, bridges and culverts, stormwater, water and wastewater assets.

The following is a summary of how the regulation details the major components of the required core infrastructure asset management plan:

1. Current Level of Service: level of service can be summarized broadly as the scope and reliability of service with 1) qualitative descriptions 2) technical metrics. The Reg provides charts with specific requirements. (Data can be at most two years old)
2. Current Performance: with measures established by the muni (data can be at most two years old)
3. Lifecycle info: replacement cost, average age, condition, along with a description of the condition parameters used
4. Lifecycle activities and costs required to maintain current level of service for each of next ten years. Included analysis: options, risks, lowest cost options
5. Munis of population less than 25,000: projected population/economic activity and how it impacts lifecycle activities in previous point #4

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6. Munis of population over 25,000: estimated costs to maintain level of service for each of next ten years to adjust for projected growth, source of funds to do so, risk assessment and planning associated with the AM plan

AMO and LAS provide support for municipalities to comply with the Asset Management regulations. The LAS Road and Sidewalk Assessment Service is the LAS program that will provide complete compliance with the roads portion of the regulations.

The service meets all requirements:

1. Mapping: interactive GIS mapping of the road network
2. Inventory: number of lane and centreline km of arterial, collector and local roads
3. Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for paved roads
4. Images and descriptions illustrating the different levels of pavement condition

Please reach out to Tanner Watt if you would like to learn more about this service.

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March 2, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Minister of Health Canada
Via email: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

Health Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
via email: hcinfo.infosc@canada.ca

Dear Honourable Madam:

Re: Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on February 22, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number 22-2

MOVED by **Michael Jubb** and SECONDED by **Cria Pettingill**

WHEREAS the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation, and possession;

WHEREAS the police have not been given lawful authority to lay charges under the Cannabis Act to appropriately respond to violations of Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS there is no direct communication or dedicated effort to provide a communication channel between Municipal government staff or Police Agencies for dealing with Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS the Township of Brock has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licenses for properties not in compliance with municipal zoning by-laws; the future;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock requests that Health Canada:

1. Require Federal Licenses and Registrations for Designated Growers to conform with local zoning and control by-laws;
2. Ensure local authorities are provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation within their region;

If this information is required in an accessible format,
please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

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- 3. Provide dedicated communication with local governments and Police services;
- 4. Provide lawful authority to Police agencies to lay charges when registered or licences operations grow in excess of their registration or licence through Health Canada; and,
- 5. Provide enforcement support and guidance to local municipalities for dealing with land use complaints relating to Cannabis.

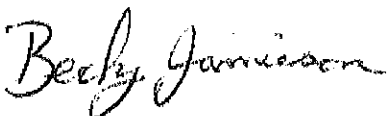
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock will forward this motion by email to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario; the MP and MPP of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; and the Durham Region Police Services with the request that the Federal government enact legislation to better support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues as they relate to Cannabis Production and Processing.

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Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Becky Jamieson
Municipal Clerk

BJ:dh

- cc. The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Ontario – christine.elliott@ontario.ca
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March 2, 2021

Via Email

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Capacity Limits for Restaurants in Stage 2 under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised Council is striving to support their local businesses during this pandemic however, the uncertainty they face day to day as rules change have become overwhelming and onerous to these small businesses and something needs to change. With that said, Council at their last regular meeting on March 2, 2021 had a wholesome discussion regarding the challenges our businesses are facing. The following resolution is a result of those discussions:

"Resolution #8(b)/03/02/21

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed O. Reg. 263/20, Rules for Areas in Stage 2 under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020;

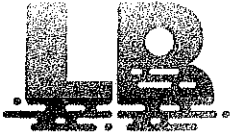
AND WHEREAS Schedule 2, Subsection 1(7) states that the total number of patrons permitted to be seated indoors in the establishment must be limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person in the establishment, and in any event cannot exceed 10 patrons;

AND WHEREAS restaurants throughout the Province are facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the amount of patrons being turned away is impacting the overall experience of the restaurants;

AND WHEREAS many restaurants fluctuate in size and would be able to accommodate more than 10 patrons, while maintaining a physical

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distance of at least two metres from every other person in the establishment;

AND WHEREAS the inequity of establishing a capacity limit of no more than 10 patrons for larger restaurants continues to impact the financial viability of the restaurants during this difficult time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that the Provincial Government review and reconsider the capacity limits for restaurants across the Province be based on the size of the square footage of the seating area instead of a flat occupancy.

AND FURTHER THAT the concept of introducing capacity limits for other businesses listed in Schedule 2 of O.Reg 263/20 being impacted by the constant uncertainty of their operations during this pandemic including restaurants, personal care services, resorts, camps, fitness and recreational amenities, churches, etc. be considered while in lockdown status.

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Premier, Doug Ford, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and all Ontario municipalities.”

Council appreciates and thanks you for all your hard work and dedication during these unprecedented times and is hopeful that the above-noted resolution will assist in amending the restrictions set out in the COVID-19 Response Framework.

Sincerely,


Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
CS/cw

Copy to: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
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March 4, 2021

Mayor Sandie Macdonald
Township of Essa
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Dear Mayor Macdonald:

Ontario has heard directly from the municipal sector that operating impacts due to the pandemic will continue in 2021. In order to respond to municipal need and to further strengthen our communities, we are now investing an additional \$500 million to help municipalities respond to ongoing and unprecedented 2021 COVID-19 operating pressures. While the actual extent of municipal impacts for 2021 are uncertain at this time, the province expects that this funding will help municipalities continue to deliver the high-quality local services that residents and business rely on, as well as help municipalities proceed with planned capital projects in 2021.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Ontario has committed financial support to the **Township of Essa** through the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program in order to support your COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. All municipalities in Ontario are eligible for this program and the level of funding is based on the proportion of COVID-19 cases in the Public Health Unit for your respective municipality during the period of January 1, 2021 to February 18, 2021. I have reviewed the eligibility criteria for provincial assistance under the program and have determined that accordingly, your municipality will receive **\$315,156.00**, subject to your municipality returning a copy of this letter, signed by your municipal treasurer, to the ministry by March 31, 2021. You will receive these funds in two equal instalments – one instalment on or before May 1, 2021 and the other on or before November 1, 2021.

Please note that your municipality is accountable for using this funding for the purpose of addressing your priority COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. If the amount of the funding your municipality receives exceeds your 2021 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures, the province's expectation is that your municipality will place the excess

funding into a reserve fund to be accessed to support any future COVID-19 operating costs and pressures.

The province realizes that municipalities are facing financial impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that in some instances, this provincial funding will not be sufficient to cover all municipal operating impacts due to COVID-19. The province expects municipalities to do their part by continuing to find efficiencies in their operating services and using existing reserves and reserve funds that have been specifically put aside for such unforeseen circumstances.

Your municipality will be expected to provide two report backs on your COVID-19 operating impacts and the use of these funds as follows:

1. An interim report in June 2021, which will include:
 - a) Use of funds provided last year under the Safe Restart Agreement – Operating funding stream; and
 - b) 2021 estimated COVID-19 operating impacts and how your municipality plans to use the funding under the 2021 program.
2. A final report back in Spring 2022.

We had previously indicated that Safe Restart Agreement reporting would be expected in March 2021. However, we have decided to streamline this reporting and the new 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program. The template for this report back will be provided by the ministry with more details to follow in the coming months. While the province expects your municipality to complete this report, your second instalment under the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program is not contingent on the province receiving your interim report.

At this time, I am requesting that your municipal treasurer sign the acknowledgement below and return the signed copy to the ministry by email to: Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca. If the province has not received your letter on or before March 31, 2021, you will not be eligible for this program and your municipality's allocation will not be paid. In order to allow for processing time, please provide your signed letter to the ministry on or before March 24, 2021.

Our government continues to stand with our municipal partners as we have throughout the pandemic, advocating for funding for communities from the federal government to support local economic recovery. Communities may need more COVID-19 related operating funding in the coming year, and we will continue to advocate on your behalf to the federal government. I encourage you to contact your local Member of Parliament to seek further federal support in order to help municipalities deal with their operating impacts due to COVID-19.

The government thanks all 444 Ontario municipal heads of council for their support throughout the pandemic and our ongoing partnership in Ontario's economic recovery.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Municipal Treasurer and Municipal CAO

By signing below, I acknowledge that the allocation of **\$315,156.00** is provided to the **Township of Essa** for the expected purpose of assisting with COVID-19 costs and pressures and that the province expects any funds not required for this purpose in 2021 will be put into a reserve fund to support potential COVID-19 costs and pressures in 2022. I further acknowledge that the **Township of Essa** is expected to report back to the province on 2021 COVID-19 costs and pressures and the use of this funding.

Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

March 4, 2021

CL 4-2021, February 25, 2021

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Re: Schedule 6, Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 25, 2021, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Schedule 6 of Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 considers amendments to the Environmental Assessment Act relating to municipal autonomy and the principle that municipalities can veto a development outside their municipal boundary in an adjacent municipality;

WHEREAS Bill 197 empowers multiple municipalities to 'veto' development of a landfilling site within a 3.5 km zone inside the boundary of an adjacent municipality;

WHEREAS Bill 197 establishes a dangerous precedent that could be expanded to other types of development;

WHEREAS Bill 197 compromises municipal autonomy and the authority of municipal councils to make informed decisions in the best interest of their communities and municipal taxpayers; and

WHEREAS amendments in Schedule 6 could cause conflict in the effective management of landfill sites, put significant pressure on existing landfill capacity, and threaten the economic activity associated with these sites.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That while the Region of Niagara supports the Act's open-for-business approach, the municipality **CALLS** upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the 'host'

municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction;

2. That a copy of this motion **BE FORWARDED** to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local M.P.Ps., and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and;

3. That a copy of this resolution **BE FORWARDED** to all Ontario municipalities with a request for supporting motions to be passed by respective Councils and copies of the supporting motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

In accordance with the resolution, it is respectfully requested that your municipality consider passing a supporting resolution to be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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Minute Item No. 5.1, February 16, 2021

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO)

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Motion respecting Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara
Minute Item No. 5.1

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 25, 2021, approved the following resolution from its Public Health and Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS Niagara Region prides itself as being a caring and compassionate community that continually strives to be a place where people want to live, work and play;

WHEREAS providing access to safe, adequate and affordable housing for everyone is fundamental to achieving that goal;

WHEREAS Niagara Region acknowledges that mental health, mental illness, addiction and homelessness, while important issues, are not homogenous, interchangeable or consistently interconnected, and doing so may over simplify exceptionally complex issues that require targeted policy solutions and intervention;

WHEREAS Niagara Region's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP), A Home For All, outlines the Region's vision, challenges, and the actions required to achieve its goals;

WHEREAS Niagara Region has embarked on an ambitious effort to end chronic homelessness through participation in the national Built for Zero campaign;

WHEREAS Regional Council formally adopted Mental Health and Wellbeing (2.2) and Addressing Affordable Housing Needs (2.3) as strategic priorities for the current term of our Council;

WHEREAS a recent KPMG report commissioned by Niagara Region indicated that Council invests more levy funding than its peers into homelessness, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to addressing the issue;

WHEREAS Niagara Region acknowledges that people living in shelters are part of the crisis and not the solution;

WHEREAS Niagara Region has two planned housing projects that would directly address those in Niagara who experience chronic homelessness;

WHEREAS the implementation plan for Council's strategic objectives states that staff will identify gaps within the mental health system to increase the functionality and collaboration within it;

WHEREAS the same implementation plan directed staff to partner with Ontario Health (formally the LHIN) to review the local landscape to identify opportunities, including new investment;

WHEREAS the treatment and supports for mental illness, addiction, and homelessness are predominantly funded and directed by the Province;

WHEREAS the success of the Region's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan is dependent on a commitment of sustained and increased funding (both operational and capital) from all levels of government to address the issues of housing insecurity and homelessness in Niagara; and

WHEREAS the needs of the community far outweigh Niagara Region's available resources and funding required to effectively address these issues, and the support of both the Provincial and Federal governments are needed to meet these needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That Niagara Region Council officially **ACKNOWLEDGE** that a significant crisis exists in Niagara in regard to the prevalence of chronic homelessness and the lack of affordable housing that far surpasses the Region's ability to meet the vision dictated in its 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP);
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send advocacy letters directly to the appropriate Federal and Provincial ministries outlining Niagara's current situation and requesting additional funding be provided to ensure Niagara can meet the vision outlined in its housing action plan;
3. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to advocate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development for the required operational funding for the planned supportive and bridge housing initiatives;
4. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED**, in alignment with the planned review of Council's strategic priorities, to produce a report specifically highlighting the progress being made and critical gaps in regard to services related to mental health, addictions and wellbeing;
5. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue providing Regional Council updates on the HHAP and Built for Zero initiatives;
6. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to request an update from the Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara (OPENN) regarding the current status of the actions being taken to address addiction related issues in Niagara; and

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7. That a copy of this motion be sent to all members of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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Brookfield Properties

March 4, 2021

Dear Homeowner:

Re: Brookfield Proposed Subdivision – Community of Baxter
Project Update: Anticipated 2021 Construction Program

We at Brookfield would like to provide the residents most directly impacted by our proposed residential subdivision an update on our proposed 2021 construction program. We are hoping that this advance notification of upcoming works will allow any necessary arrangements to be made to accommodate any impacts related to the upcoming construction works.

In the 2020 construction season, the stormwater management (SWM) facility was substantially completed, and the storm sewer outfall pipe from the SWM facility to the northerly watercourse was constructed, with the roadway being reconstructed and paved to base asphalt. Additional restoration works along this section of road will be undertaken in 2021, as required.

The 2021 construction program includes vegetation removal and perimeter fence installation; Phase 1 internal servicing; reconstruction of Denney Drive; and the installation of Intersection Pedestrian Signals (IPSs). A brief description of the works are provided below.

Vegetation Removal & Fence Installation

- Vegetation removal along the perimeter of the development lands
- Perimeter privacy fence installation where the development abuts existing properties on Denney Drive and Murphy Road

Internal Servicing – Phase 1 (starting early to mid-March)

- Stockpiling of material on-site
- Installation of the temporary dewatering system
- Construction of underground servicing and utilities, base curb and gutter, base asphalt, and street lighting

Denney Drive Reconstruction (starting early May)

- Construction of underground servicing and utilities, base curb and gutter, base asphalt, sidewalk, and street lighting

Intersection Pedestrian Signals (IPS)

- Construction of IPS at Murphy Road / Denney Drive (CR21) intersection
- Construction of IPS at Denney Drive / Felhazi Trail intersection (mid-point of development)

A sketch illustrating the general scope of the works to be undertaken in 2021 is attached.

Due to the nature of the Denney Drive Reconstruction works, a road closure will be required for the construction period. While the road will be closed to through traffic, access will continue to be provided to local residents. We are working with the Township on finalizing an acceptable schedule, and anticipate the

road closure for the works to be for approximately 4-6 months between May 1, 2021 to October 1, 2021.

Although the details have not been finalized with external agencies at this time, it is expected that the following will take place:

- Existing temporary turnaround on Denney Drive north of the watercourse will continue to be used as a temporary school bus stop and turnaround as school vehicles are not permitted to enter the construction zone
- A temporary community mailbox on Marshall Crescent adjacent to the tennis court will be used for mail delivery for the impacted residents
- Waste collection for the impacted residents will be taken care of by our Contractor on the same schedule as the County.

As active construction commences, and as the road closure nears, additional information will be provided to the impacted residents by Brookfield and/or our Engineering Consultant (SCS Consulting Group Ltd.). This correspondence will provide more specific information related to how you and your property may be directly impacted by the construction activities, and provide contact information.

Should you have any questions in the interim, please contact either

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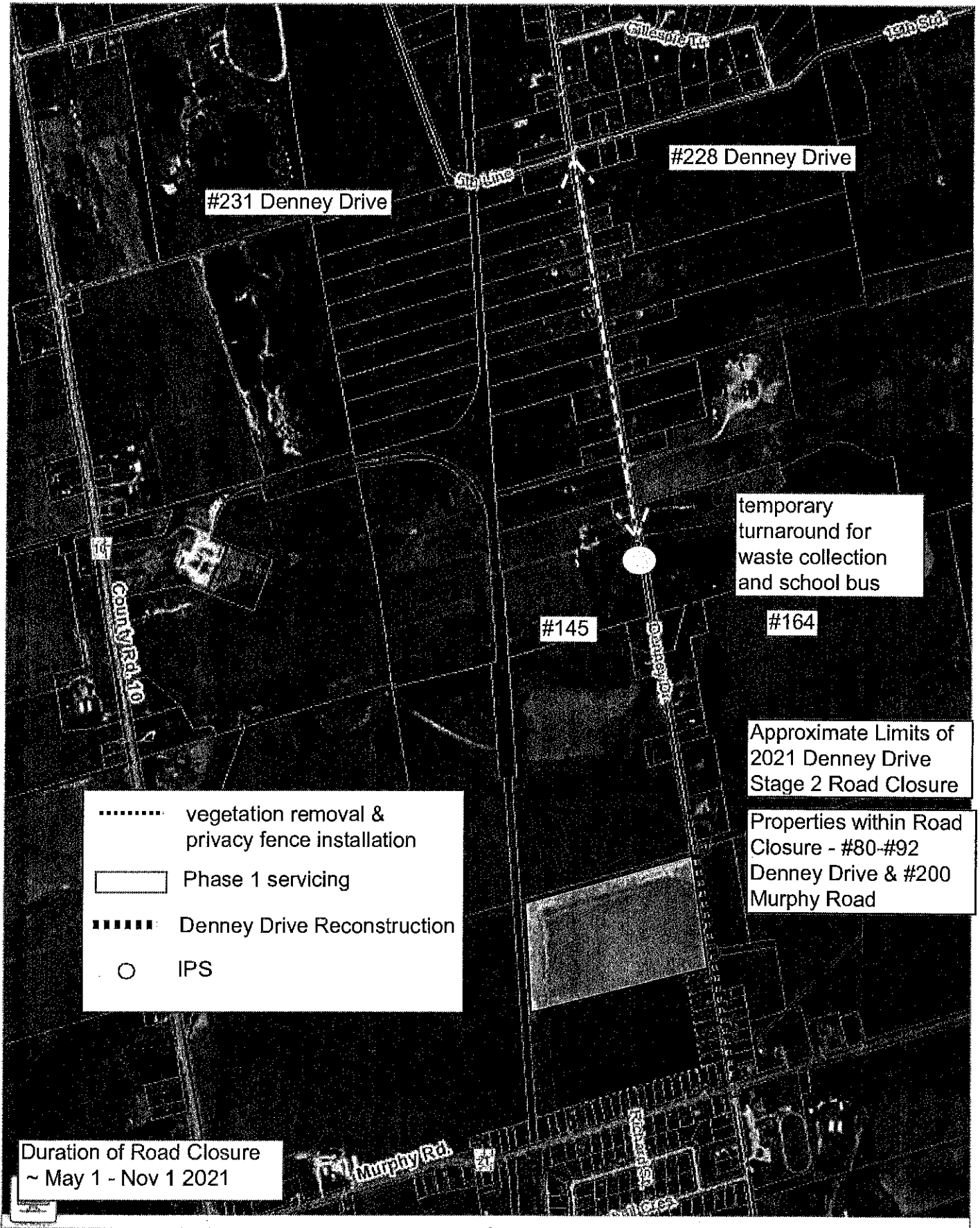
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Township of Essa, Manager of Public Works
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Brookfield 2021 Construction Sketch





**Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority**

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Maple syrup produced by volunteers supports many good causes

UTOPIA, Ontario (March 4, 2021) – The trees are tapped, and lines are running to welcome the first drop of sap from the sugar maples at the Tiffin Conservation Area. For more than 40 years, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) has run a volunteer based maple syrup program to support the local community.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, hundreds of litres of Tiffin Maple Syrup was sold at the annual Spring Tonic Maple Syrup festival, a fundraiser hosted by NVCA and Rotary Club of Barrie. Although the festival is cancelled this year, NVCA is still producing the maple syrup in hopes to further support local causes.

“NVCA started its maple syrup program in the 1980s as an environmental education program for schools and families in the Nottawasaga Valley Watershed, said Byron Wesson, Director of Conservation Services at NVCA. “As the program evolved, the Spring Tonic Festival was born. Over the past decade, NVCA has been in a partnership with the Rotary Club of Barrie that sees all revenues split 50/50 with each side allocating their portion accordingly.”

The share received by NVCA is invested back into the maintenance of the maple syrup operation and our conservation areas while the Rotary Club of Barrie redirects their portion to the local community.

“Every year the event size and participation has been building,” said Darren Robinson, Director of the Spring Tonic Festival at the Rotary Club of Barrie. “A big part of our fundraising is driven by maple syrup sales at the event. The proceeds help the club provide donations to local charities and also allows us to take on self-directed initiatives that benefit the community as a whole. We look forward to working with the NVCA for years to come.”

Volunteers who help with the maple syrup program mainly comprise of seniors and students. In a normal year, the seniors would be on the production line and students would be collecting sap buckets in the sap mobile. NVCA staff only plays a small role, including site preparation and overseeing the production process.

Tiffin Maple Syrup is available for sale online on NVCA’s website or during the weekend at the Tiffin Conservation Area from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cash is not accepted at this time.

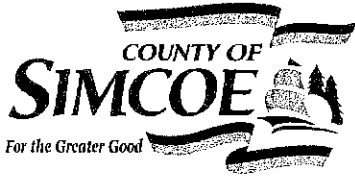
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About NVCA: The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**County of Simcoe welcomes new employment opportunities
at the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport**

**County's investment in the local economy and the LSRA continues
to drive new investments and job creation**

Midhurst/March 9, 2021 – Today, County Council approved a proposal from Volatus Aerospace, one of the largest tech-enabled drone solution and unmanned aerospace technologies providers in Canada, to locate a significant portion of its domestic and international assembly operations and research and development initiatives to the LSRA through the development of the 'Volatus Aerospace Centre of Excellence'.

The initial investment by Volatus Aerospace is anticipated to generate 17-20 high paying jobs in the aerospace sector, helping to transform the LSRA into an economic and innovation hub, creating strong synergies and encouraging further sector/industry development while enhancing talent attraction to Simcoe County.

"We welcome the team from Volatus Aerospace to Simcoe County and thank them for recognizing the potential of our region and the LSRA towards their ongoing success," said Warden George Cornell. "It was important that we acted quickly to leverage this exciting opportunity and avoid missing out on new jobs and investment. Utilizing the airport as a key driver for economic growth, we're taking a proactive approach to positioning our region as a leading hub for innovation and manufacturing. We are also balancing these efforts to attract new investment with continued support of our current businesses who are facing challenges during this pandemic."

"In looking for the right place to locate this strategic facility, our interest was piqued by a number of potential advantages and synergies that can develop," said Glen Lynch, President & CEO of Volatus Aerospace. "The available hangar is the right size; the neighbouring, innovation-oriented neighbours provide the potential for excellent cross-platform experience sharing; some of the best education organizations with capability to contribute to our industry are located in close proximity and CFB Borden as the largest training base in the DND will surely prove advantageous in available talent and opportunity for public/private partnering."

Through the County's LSRA Aerospace Development Fund, the project will be eligible for up to \$100,000. The LSRA Aerospace Development Fund is a new annual fund to stimulate private sector investment and drive innovation at the LSRA. Eligible investment projects must attract private sector investment, develop the aerospace sector in Simcoe County, create jobs and build talent, lead to broad positive economic impacts, while also encouraging research, innovation and collaboration. County Council approved this initial grant funding program quickly as they recognized the immediate need to create this modest program so that County staff could bring this tremendous opportunity and potentially other fulsome opportunities to the LSRA Board of Directors for their information and consideration. The County's Economic Development Committee will be considering the future structure of the grant program in terms of expanding and building on it.

"I'm excited about the impact our efforts and investment at the airport are already having," said County Councillor and LSRA Board Chair Richard Norcross. "I look forward to working with fellow Board Members to facilitate the details and operations of the opportunities created by this new grant program."

About Volatus Aerospace Operations at the LSRA

Volatus Aerospace has headquarters in Quebec and offices in seven Canadian cities, as well as offices in Colombia, South America, and Albany, NY. Through the 'Volatus Aerospace Centre of Excellence' the company plans to lease a currently available hangar (32,000 sq.ft.) at the LSRA, for assembly/integration of drone components and systems integration, along with research and development. Additionally, their manned aircraft business would operate as a charter service out of the LSRA. Expected employment for the assembly/integration of drone components will continue to double for the next 2-3 years, based on projected growth. Volatus Aerospace is expected to begin renovations of existing hangar space at the LSRA as early as April 2021 and be operational by September 2021.

County's Investment in LSRA

In January 2020, the County became the majority shareholder of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport (LSRA), with a 90 per cent ownership stake, and is leading investment initiatives to help propel the airport forward. In addition to the Volatus Aerospace project, the ongoing investment in the LSRA strategic plan has supported the progression of the MediCA Park development and the Oro Station Automotive Innovation Park development, both adjacent developments to the LSRA that utilize airport services.

The County has completed the first phase of an investment of more than \$3.5 million towards widening the LSRA runway from 100 ft to 150 ft, and other upgrades including LED high intensity runway lighting. The widening is expected to be completed in summer 2021. Future phases of the airports expansion include a proposal to lengthen the runway from 6,001 ft. to 7,000 ft., which will allow for larger aircrafts to utilize the airport. The County continues to make other strategic investments to enhance airport operations and support the needs of key industries in the area.

Supporting local businesses and individuals during the pandemic:

Through tourism, economic development and social and community services, among other departments, the County continues to support local businesses/industry as well as individuals during this global pandemic. Funding and supports include:

- \$600,000 in available funding through our recently launched Tourism, Culture and Sport grant program to support not-for-profits and municipalities with tourism development with a focus on recovery
- Co-ordinate the Digital Main Street & Beyond Program (going beyond provincial program to support eligible businesses throughout Simcoe County with digital pivoting supports)
- Manage Covid-19 Business Resources Portal - resources, funding programs, events and education available to support the business community
- Represent region on Boards to provide direction and support, relaying information on all relief programs to Simcoe County stakeholders and operators
- Administration of the Canada Recovery Benefit, Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) and the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)
- Co-ordination of the Ontario Works Financial Support program for qualifying individuals who are temporarily unemployed or experiencing a business closure
- Co-ordination of the Housing Retention Program to support qualifying individuals who are experiencing rental, utility or mortgage arrears

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gain Insights on Navigating the 2021 Tax Season

Midhurst/March 11, 2021 – Navigating the 2021 tax season may be more complicated for many small businesses and self-employed individuals that had to pivot, shut down, or alter operations in 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 25th, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the “Ask an Expert” webinar series invites interested parties to join Allen Lloyd, Tax Advisor, Consultant and founder of Lloyd Management Services (LMS) for a free virtual webinar that will help small businesses prepare to file a tax return. Allen brings with him 10 years of experience as an Outreach Co-ordinator and Resource Officer at the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA), and more than 25 years of experience assisting clients with income tax preparation and advocacy.

This session will enable participants to ask important questions about any impacts/changes related to the pandemic, and to enhance their knowledge of CRA filing and reporting requirements. Topics will include:

- Requirements for maintaining books and records
- How to read and use financial statements
- Understanding the CRA tax requirements
- Where to find useful information online

EVENT: Ask an Expert: Navigating Tax Season

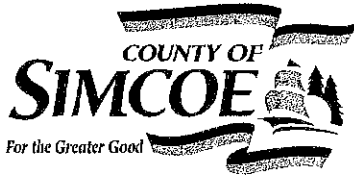
Where: Zoom (details for joining the Zoom meeting will be sent in advance)

When: March 25, 2021 ~ 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Register: Visit https://askanexpert_2021taxes.eventbrite.ca
Participants can submit questions in advance when registering or by emailing edo@simcoe.ca

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 and the Centre for Business and Economic Development.

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Long-term care homes seeking donations to support virtual programming and engagement

Midhurst/March 15, 2021 – The COVID-19 pandemic has forced staff in long-term care and seniors services to reinvent how they connect, and provide programming and support to residents and families. To assist with these changes, County of Simcoe Long-term Care and Seniors Services homes are seeking donations from the community to support with virtual programming and engagement for residents.

Just a year ago, community groups and volunteers would come into the homes to provide various services such as entertainment, spiritual programming, and social interactions. With the enhanced safety measures put in place to protect our vulnerable seniors, staff have embraced technology, including SMART TVs and tablets, as a way to continue to connect with residents, both one-on-one and in small groups and also to connect residents with the world. Many volunteers have continued to engage with residents, taking them along for virtual dog walks, cooking classes or sing-alongs.

“With the enhancements in technology, SMART TVs and tablets allow residents to engage with the world beyond our doors,” said Jane Sinclair, General Manager, Health and Emergency Services. “By using video chat applications like Skype and FaceTime, residents can see and speak with a family member across the world or a friend in the next room. They can also read the news, watch movies, or enjoy games, or take part in spiritual services, and volunteer programs from the comfort and safety of their own rooms, helping to keep them connected even when we can’t all be together.”

The County’s homes are seeking donations of SMART TVs (preferably 40” or greater to assist with visual challenges) and tablets. The homes will also gladly accept radios with AM/FM (large font), or old iPods or MP3 players that can be used as part of their Mind and Melody Program.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact the home directly at:

- Christina Thorpe, Georgian Manor, Penetanguishene, 705-549-3166
- Rosa Athanassoulis, Simcoe Manor, Beeton, 905-729-2267
- Jenn Baulke, Sunset Manor, Collingwood, 705-445-4499
- Crystal Rosewell, Trillium Manor, Orillia, 705-325-1504

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2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PROGRAM

Guidelines and Application/Completion Form

1. Introduction

In an effort to maintain the positive momentum achieved to date, a revised 2021 Economic Development Funding Program has been established. This one-time fund provides \$50,000 to member municipalities to advance economic development activities and projects that meet local and county economic development objectives and projects or initiatives focused on COVID-19 business support and recovery.

2. Program Overview

- The key objective of the 2021 Economic Development Funding Program is to provide one-time funding for specific economic development initiatives in member municipalities.
- Funding can be combined with provincial or federal funding but NOT other County funds (e.g. Tourism Fund, Cultural Fund, Trails Funding, etc.)
- Examples of projects eligible for funding include:
 - Community Improvement Plans (CIP)
 - Downtown Revitalization
 - Marketing Strategy and Research
 - Economic Development Strategy
 - Branding Strategy
 - Business Retention & Expansion Studies or Activities
 - Development of a Concierge Service
 - Investment Readiness programs
 - Diversifying the Local Economy plans
 - Attraction and retention of Skilled Workers
 - Sector or Economic Analysis studies
 - Feasibility Studies (related to economic development initiatives)
 - Building Collaboration or Integration along Sector Specific Value Chains
 - COVID-19 Business Support and Recovery Plans and/or Projects
- Items Not Eligible for Funding include:
 - Normal operating costs such as salaries and benefits for staff (e.g. full-time and part-time staff), office space, equipment and machinery, utilities, phone, materials, labour, board, committee and annual meetings
 - International travel
 - No infrastructure or capital projects
 - Projects whose sole purpose is compliance with current Requirements of Law that pertain to the current operations of a municipality (i.e. planning, building code, etc.)

- New construction of buildings, structures (moveable and non-moveable) and other major infrastructure
 - Additions to buildings, teardowns or rebuilds
 - Purchase or lease of land, buildings and facilities
 - Community aesthetics and functionality (e.g. streetscaping, green space development, murals, street lights, paved surfaces, tree islands)
 - Sponsorship of conferences and events
 - Honorariums, membership costs
 - The assistance directly or indirectly of any business through the granting of bonuses for that purpose, per section 106(1) of the Ontario Municipal Act.
- Applications must be submitted in writing to the Economic Development Office complete with a detailed budget for proposed activities and/or project(s). The budget must include details of how the funding will be utilized as well as the level of financial and in-kind support being provided by the local municipality. Activity and/or project funding can exceed the total funding allotment (\$50,000), however the county funding cannot exceed the approved amount.
 - Applications must note how activities will be monitored and how success will be measured.
 - The application must show evidence of support by the local Council (e.g. resolution by Council).
 - More than one municipality may make a joint application for a specific project(s).
 - Applications will be reviewed for completeness and compliance by the Economic Development Office.
 - The Economic Development Sub-Committee will review all applications and will forward a report to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.
 - Upon approval by Council, the local municipality will be required to report back in writing the results of their activities and/or project(s) by September 1, 2022.

Applications and any supporting materials should be submitted to the County's Economic Development Office either by email or mail to:

County of Simcoe Economic Development Office
1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario L9X 1N6
Tel: 705 726-9300 ext. 1686
Email edo@simcoe.ca

2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FUNDING PROGRAM Application Form

1. Applicant Information

Municipality: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

Alternate Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

2. Project Information

On a separate attachment:

- Please describe the intended project(s) and outline how it will support your approved local economic development strategy or objectives and how it will help support or complement the activities outlined in the County's annual Economic Development Work Plan.
- Describe how the project(s) will be monitored and how success will be measured.
- Include evidence of local support for the project(s) from your Council (e.g. Council Resolution).
- Include a detailed budget for the listed project(s).
- Anticipated completion date of the project(s).

Deadline for Submission: June 15, 2021

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**2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FUNDING PROGRAM Completion Form**

1. Applicant Information

Municipality: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

Alternate Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

2. Project Information

On a separate attachment:

- Provide a brief summary of the project(s), its outcomes and a detailed budget. (Please highlight if the Economic Development Funding was used to leverage other funding channels).
- Did the project(s) proceed as planned and meet the intended objectives?
- How was the project(s) monitored and success measured?
- How will the project(s) and/or information gathered through the process be used in the future to benefit your municipality?

Please note this Completion Form must be returned to the Economic Development Office by September 1, 2022.

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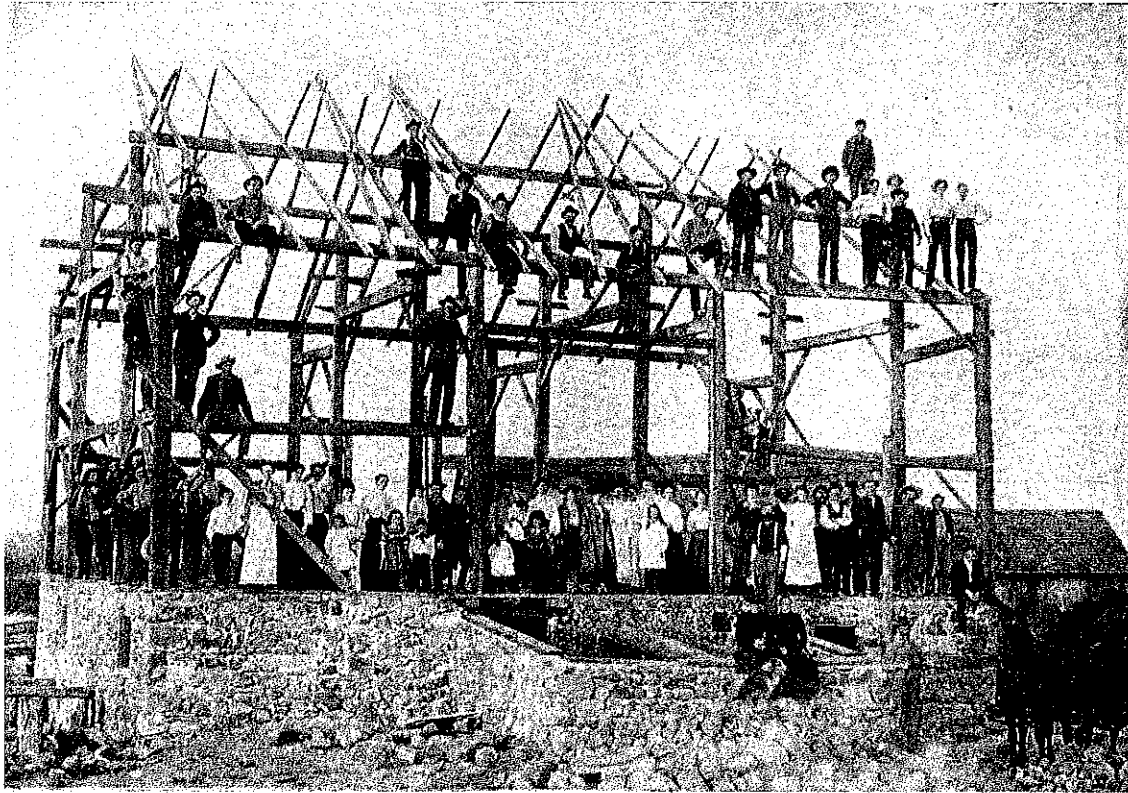
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Preserving the Past, in the Present, for the Future.

The S.C.H.A. is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation, appreciation, and dissemination of the history and heritage of Simcoe County.

Originally organized in 1891 as The Simcoe County Pioneer and Historical Society, the SCHA has undergone several name changes ultimately reorganizing in 1971 to become Simcoe County Historical Association, operating under the Charter of the Ontario Historical Society.



Vespra barn. Photo courtesy of the [Barrie Historical Archive](#).

Simcoe County Historical Association

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

7pm

Guest Speaker: Cathy Walton

**Vanishing Barns: Remembering the Gentle Giants Through Photographs,
Stories, Diaries and Genealogy**

The barns become alive with the stories told by their owners. Photos of each unique barn records an important link to the preservation of our Simcoe County

history. How many farm tools do you recognize?

There will be a quiz.

When she was only two, Cathy cried "cow...pig...horse!" when she had to leave the old farmhouse that soon after became her family's home, and when they moved there the barn became her playground. As a preschooler, she tentatively crawled across beams on hands and knees while her younger brother walked across them. Cathy helped her dad mow thousands of small round hay and straw bales under the heat of the roof, and she was relieved when, at the age of forty, today's large bales came into existence. Cathy married 'the boy next door'. The house she's lived in for much of her married life was moved to its present location by teams of horses, after a fire a hundred years ago, and her kitchen was actually once the barn that was part of that move. Directions to Cathy's home still include 'We're a mile and a half up the road on the left... the barn is right beside the road.'

Retiring after teaching for thirty-four years, Cathy's attention became drawn to the silent disappearance of the barns on the road where she'd lived since the age of two.

Over the next seven years she recorded the history of more than 160 barns.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99919410715?pwd=aUdwaEZvVklUeXJNa0ppMWINaTl6dz09>

Meeting ID: 999 1941 0715

Passcode: 633132

Dial in Numbers +1 647 374 4685 +1 647 558 0588

AGM Zoom Etiquette

- Microphones on mute unless speaking
- When you join the meeting, please type your name in the Chat window for attendance purposes
- When a motion is put forward for voting, please type Y or N in the Chat window
- If you have a question, please type it in the Chat window

NEW ZOOM USERS

To make the meeting as efficient and effective as possible, if you don't already have one, create a free Zoom account at <https://zoom.us> . To login, you can use your zoom account email and password, Google (Gmail), Facebook account, or login using SSO.

Once you click the meeting link above, Zoom will begin launching the application. If you happen to join the meeting before the host, then Zoom will wait until the host joins before starting the meeting.

It's recommended that you log on to Zoom before your scheduled meeting to test your Video and Audio to ensure everything is functioning correctly. You can find the Settings tab in the main dialog box or in the meeting menu bar. From the settings tab, click on Audio to test, select and adjust your speakers and microphone. Once the sound has been tested, click on video to test and select your video camera.

'See' you on the 23rd!

Our spring **News and Views** newsletter is now online!

We hope you enjoy the great feature articles!

Click [here](#) to get your copy now!

Help the SCHA continue to offer great historical programming, events and information!

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Annual Membership fee for individuals or organizations: \$20

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membership@simcoecountyhistory.ca

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Comprehensive Zoning By-law Update

NOTICE OF STATUTORY PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE CONCERNING THE TOWN OF NEW TECUMSETH COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW UPDATE

TAKE NOTICE that, the Council of the Town of New Tecumseth will hold a

Statutory Public Open House on Wednesday, March 31st, 2021 at 2:30pm and 6:30pm

To consider a draft Zoning By-law completed through the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law Update pursuant to Sections 34 (12) and Section 34 (13) of the *Planning Act*, as amended. The draft Zoning By-law applies to all lands within the Town of New Tecumseth, as such no location map is provided.

A Zoning By-law is a legal document required by the province through the Planning Act that implements the objectives and policies of a municipality's official plan, provides a legal way of managing land use and future development, and protects residents from conflicting and possibly dangerous land uses. It describes exactly how land may be used; where buildings and other structures can be located; the types of buildings that are permitted and how they may be used; and, the lot sizes and dimensions, parking requirements, building heights and setbacks from the street.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the proposed draft Zoning By-law is to update the provisions of the By-law to conform to the Town's new Official Plan and be consistent with provincial policy, conform to the County of Simcoe Official Plan and to ensure that the Zoning By-law responds to the community's needs. Public Open House is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed Zoning By-law with Town staff in an informal setting.

Notification

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of New Tecumseth on the proposed Zoning By-law, you must make a written request to the Town Clerk, Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth, 10 Wellington Street East, Alliston, Ontario, L9R 1A1; clerk@newtecumseth.ca.

Public Advisory

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of New Tecumseth to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submission to the Town of New Tecumseth before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submission to the Town of New Tecumseth before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body may not

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be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you are not able to attend the Public Open House, there are other ways to participate. For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights or to submit comments, you may contact the Town of New Tecumseth Planning and Development Department as follows:

- Mail: Town of New Tecumseth Planning & Development Department
10 Wellington Street East, Alliston, Ontario L9R 1A1
- Email: zoningupdate@newtecumseth.ca
- Phone: 705-435-3900
- Fax: 705-435-2873

If you wish to register for the virtual Public Open House, you must register online at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/new-tecumseth-zoning-by-law-update-public-open-house-tickets-144254899287>

If you wish to watch the virtual public open house, you can access the link to the livestream on the Town website or: <https://newtecumseth.civicweb.net/portal/>

Information related to the proposed Zoning By-law can be viewed online at: <https://www.newtecumseth.ca/en/business-and-development/comprehensive-zoning-by-law-update.aspx#>

Note: The Draft Zoning By-law will be available online soon.

Collection of Information

Personal information from those that make either an oral or written submission regarding the Amendment is collected under the authority of the *Planning Act* and the applicable implementing Ontario Regulation, and will become part of the public record for this Amendment

Questions about the collection of personal information should be directed to the Clerk's Office, Town of New Tecumseth, 10 Wellington Street East, Alliston, Ontario L9R 1A1, by calling 705.435.3900, or by email to clerk@newtecumseth.ca.

Statutory Public Meeting

A Statutory Public Meeting regarding the final recommended amendment will be held separately at a later date. Notice of said meeting will be forthcoming. The Public Meeting will provide an opportunity for Council to receive input from the public and stakeholders, prior to adoption of the Zoning By-law.

DATED at the Town of New Tecumseth this 11th day of March, 2021.

Derek Abbotts, MCIP, RPP, PLE
Manager of Development Planning
Town of New Tecumseth
Planning & Development Department
10 Wellington Street East
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Zoning By-law

UPDATE



Town of New Tecumseth

Zoning By-law Update

Invitation to Attend the Statutory Public Open House

The Town of New Tecumseth is undertaking its Zoning By-law Update, which will modernize the permissions for land uses, buildings and site design across the Town, and bring them into conformity with the new Official Plan. The first public draft of the new Zoning By-law will be released in mid March.

Please join us for the virtual Statutory Public Open House where you will have the opportunity to learn about the new Draft Zoning By-law and to discuss and provide your feedback on the updated zones and regulations. There will be two identical sessions, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, to meet the needs of different schedules/commitments.

To register for one of the Open House sessions, please [click here](#). The meeting link will be emailed to you through the Town's project email (zoningupdate@newtecumseth.ca) the day before.

Each virtual Open House session will be recorded and posted to the Town's [project webpage](#). The Draft Zoning By-law, once it is released, can also be accessed on the Town's [project webpage](#).

When: March 31st, 2021

2:30-4:00pm OR 6:30-8:00pm

Eventbrite Registration Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/new-tecumseth-zoning-by-law-update-public-open-house-tickets-144254899287>

For more information:

Visit the project webpage for updates and to share your thoughts. Get on our email list by emailing zoningupdate@newtecumseth.ca



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MEMORANDUM TO: Mayor Sandie Macdonald
CAO Colleen Healey-Dowdall
Clerk Lisa Lehr
Fire Chief Cynthia Ross Tustin

FROM: Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: March 11th, 2021

SUBJECT: Fire Safety Grant Announcement

Earlier today, the Government of Ontario announced a one time \$5M grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the start of the pandemic, Ontario's fire services have faced unprecedented challenges and have voiced those concerns to me as Fire Marshal. The ability to train fire service members in a COVID environment brought with it new restrictions and despite opportunities to train online and through other modes, I know that not all training priorities may have been met over the last year. In addition, my office has heard concerns from fire departments about fire code enforcement and the ability to enter premises to conduct inspections and promote fire safety. It is hoped that this grant will work to support fire services through this period of uncertainty and ongoing challenges.

I am pleased to advise that the Township of Essa is eligible to receive up to **\$9,800.00** as part of this grant program.

The grant is intended to provide fire departments with the flexibility to support two priority areas. First, this grant may be put towards ongoing training needs including registration, administrative programming, technology upgrades and associated costs for attending as well for providing services. In addition, if code compliance and inspections continue to be challenging, addressing opportunities for an inspection program may include technology, capital costs and training to ensure that fire services are able to meet the demand of this need at the local level.

In order to receive funds, the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) requires that the attached application be submitted by a representative of the municipality. As decisions regarding

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the grant may not have time to proceed to municipal council for approval within the timeframes identified below, my office would be comfortable with the fire chief accepting the grant in principle on behalf of the municipality, pending formal approval from the council. To help facilitate this process, once the grant applications are approved, I will send the respective fire chief a letter of intent that will be contingent upon council's deliberations. In order to allocate funds before March 31, 2021, all applications must be received by my office no later than March 19, 2021. In addition, as a condition of the grant, these funds must be spent by August 1, 2021, and a report back to the Fire Marshal will be required by September 1, 2021, to outline how the grant was utilized at the department level.

Completed agreements should be sent by email to the Office of the Fire Marshal at ofm@ontario.ca. If you have any questions about this grant, do not hesitate to reach out to your Fire Protection Adviser.

Yours truly,

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal



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For those departments who wish to use the grant to support a virtual inspection program to enhance your existing in-person inspection program, please provide a brief description of how the grant will be allocated, including the dollar amount. Please provide a brief overview of the compliance activities and how it will be administered at the department level, including potential rollout. Please refer to Fire Marshal Memo issued on March 11th, 2021 for additional information regarding eligible expenses. Please add extra lines to expand the text box below, if needed.

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| Name of Application submitter | |
| Title | |
| Signature | |
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Instructions:

1. Please ensure that all fields are completed as part of this grant application form.
2. If you require more space, please adjust the text boxes as needed.
3. If you wish to split the grant between supporting training and supporting a virtual inspection program to enhance your existing in-person inspection program, please complete both sections below.
4. Please email completed application to ofm@ontario.ca
5. **Applications must be received no later than 1700hrs on March 19, 2021.**
6. If you have any questions, please contact your Fire Protection Adviser.

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| Name of Municipality | Township of Essa |
| Name of Fire Department | Essa Township Fire Department |
| Municipal Mailing Address | 5786 County Road 21 Utopia, ON L0M 1T0 |
| Name of Fire Chief | Cynthia Ross Tustin |
| Email Address for Fire Chief | crosstustin@essatownship.on.ca |
| Fire Safety Grant Allocation Amount | \$9,800.00 |

For those departments who wish to use the grant to support training, please provide a brief description of how the grant will be allocated, including the dollar amount. Please provide a brief overview of the training being provided, mode of delivery (online, Regional Training Centre, Learning Contract, other) and estimated timelines for completion. Please refer to the Fire Marshal Memo issued on March 11th, 2021 for additional information regarding eligible expenses. Please add extra lines to expand the text box below, if needed.