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CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021**

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REPORT TO COUNCIL**

None.



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March 31, 2021

Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding Planning Act Timelines:

“WHEREAS the City of Kitchener, like many Ontario municipalities, is experiencing significant growth; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has conducted extensive work through its Development Services Review to remove red tape and improve public engagement; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to make a decision within a prescribed timeline; and,

WHEREAS the passing of Bill 108 in 2019 reduced the timelines for processing development applications before they can be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for a non-decision from those outlined in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 as follows:

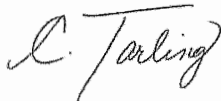
- from seven months (210 days) to four months (120 days) for Official Plan amendments;
- from five months (150 days) to three months (90 days) for Zoning By-law amendments; and
- from six months (180 days) to four months (120 days) for Plans of Subdivision; and

WHEREAS the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the local MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

- c: Honourable Tim Louis, M.P.
- Honourable Raj Saini, M.P.
- Honourable Marwan Tabbara, M. P.
- Honourable Bardish Chagger, M.P.
- Honourable Bryan May, M.P.
- Honourable Amy Fee, M.P.P.
- Honourable Catherine Fife, M.P.P.
- Honourable Belinda Karahalios, M.P.P.
- Honourable Mike Harris, M.P.P.
- Honourable Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P.
- Bill Karsten, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
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April 9, 2021

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Moved by Councillor Barton
Seconded by Councillor Manner

RE: Road Management Action On Invasive Phragmites

WHEREAS Phragmites australis (Phragmites) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes including Georgian Bay; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

WHEREAS invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive Phragmites under the Invasive Species Act; and

WHEREAS Phragmites occupy over 4,800 hectares of land around Lake St. Clair alone, while 212 hectares of Phragmites occupy land along the St. Lawrence River. The Georgian Bay Area is particularly affected by Phragmites australis, with more than 700 stands along the shorelines and multiple visible stands on the highways and roads that threaten valuable infrastructure and wetland areas; and

WHEREAS volunteers, non-governmental organizations, and various municipalities have invested tens of thousands of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing managements plans to control invasive Phragmites on roads, coasts, shorelines and in wetlands; and

WHEREAS roads and highways where Phragmites that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

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WHEREAS according to “Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario’s Roads” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application, and cutting; and

WHEREAS these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

WHEREAS mother nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive Phragmites, and to implement best management practices for invasive Phragmites, and to join the Ontario Phragmites Working Group to collaborate on the eradication of Phragmites in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Norman Miller.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites; and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Carried.

April 16, 2021

To: MP Shipley,
48 Alliance Blvd Suite 104
Barrie, Ontario

Sent via email

RE: Clean Fuel Standard

Good day,

At its regular meeting on April 7, 2021, Council of the Township of Springwater passed resolution C146C-2021 endorsing the following letter presented by the Township of Springwater's Agricultural Advisory Committee regarding the Clean Fuels Standard:

Dear Mr. Shipley,

The purpose of this letter is to discuss the Proposed Clean Fuels Standard that is being considered for legislation. As members of the Springwater Township Agricultural Advisory Committee, we have serious concerns with this proposal. This proposal in its current form, has the potential to be catastrophic to the Canadian farmer. The proposed rules and regulations for restrictions on land use are detrimental to the long-term viability of Canadian agriculture.

If this proposal goes ahead, Canadian farmers will be unable to make improvements to their land to make it more efficient for the use of crop production, thus making them unable to meet the needs of food supply needed for the ever-growing population. Making improvements to land for crop production is essential to the growing demand in food supply for our country and should not have restrictions placed upon it. Instilling restrictions in this manner is no different than telling a homeowner that any renovations made after a specific date disqualifies any future renovations.

The restrictions being imposed through the Clean Fuels Standard will make it so Canadian farmers are unable to recoup costs that they are spending in order to meet the needs of the growing population in Canada. Having these restrictions in place, will have buyers seeking products elsewhere, out of country. What will this do to Canada's economy?

The ideas proposed, 'setbacks from watercourses and woodlands,' would come at a tremendous cost to the Canadian farmers who have purchased, paid taxes, and cared for, for generations, are suddenly unable to use the land for renewable fuel purposes.

How will these costs be recovered if the farmer is unable to utilize this land for crop production? Is a farmer going to have to build separate grain storage to store products that are ineligible for renewable energy at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars? Isn't it important that the Canadian Government work with Canadian farmers, not impose unworkable rules and regulations that hinder crop production and create a competitive disadvantage with other countries?

The Canadian Government has shown little regard for Canadian farmers in some of their policies and proposed legislation in recent years. The Clean Fuels Standard combined with the recent Carbon Tax, has the potential to put many Canadian farmers out of business. We need our governments to work with Canadian farmers in order to provide for the growing need of food supply in our country.

Please contact Chair David Spring to discuss this further at (705) 730-4033. We look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,



Don Allen
Mayor, Township of Springwater

David S. Spring
Chairperson of the Springwater Township Agricultural Advisory Committee

Cc:

Hon., Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change;
MPP Doug Downey,
Hon., Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
All Ontario Municipalities

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April 21, 2021

Re: Resolution - City of Cambridge Council – Request for Paid Sick Leave

At the Special Council Meeting of April 20, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following motion:

Mover: Councillor Wolf
Secunder: Councillor Reid

WHEREAS as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increase in cases in Ontario, our hospitals and Intensive Care Units s are overrun with people sick with the virus;

AND WHEREAS according to the Provincial Science Advisory Table on COVID-19 we need to protect essential workers and support them with paid sick leave;

AND WHEREAS it is being reported that the drivers of transmission are indoor work places, particularly industrial workplaces, warehouses, and distribution centres;

AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 crisis has unmasked the inequalities in our Province as most of the people now getting sick are the most vulnerable in our society and are those who cannot afford to stay home and often live and work in crowded conditions;

AND WHEREAS Workers who are denied paid sick days do not avoid illness, they bring the infections to work with them, and they transmit them to their coworkers, employees without paid sick leave;


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Cambridge Council urge the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier to require Ontario employers to provide no less than five paid sick days annually to workers — after three months of employment — by amending the

Employment Standards Act, 2000, or through a different mechanism and to provide necessary funding, fiscal relief and/or support to employers so that all workers in Ontario have access to no less than 10 paid sick days annually in the event of a declared infectious disease emergency, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure all Ontario workers have access to protected and paid emergency leave so care can be provided to children, parents, and/or other family members who may become ill and that all workers may receive paid time off to enable them to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine.

AND FURTHER that upon Council's approval of this motion that it be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Provincial Minister of Labour, the Premier, and each Ontario municipality.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

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

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Subject: AMO Policy Update – Federal Budget Highlights, Revised COVID-19 Measures, and Red Tape Bill

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April 19, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Federal Budget Highlights, Revised COVID-19 Measures, and Red Tape Bill

Canada Budget 2021: Highlights for Ontario Municipal Governments

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, brought down her first Budget today and the federal government's first Budget since before the beginning of the pandemic.

Budget 2021 includes significant new spending on policies of interest to Ontario municipal governments including: affordable childcare and housing; broadband internet expansion; support for the tourism sector; and climate change, greenhouse gas reduction and the circular economy. It also makes new commitments to extend sickness benefits through Employment Insurance and extension of rent supplements and hiring benefits; increasing Old Age Security for seniors over 75.

Items of interest to Ontario municipal governments include:

Childcare and Early Learning: Moving forward on the Throne Speech commitment to establish a national early learning and childcare system, the government is committing to provide funding to provinces and territories to subsidize and make childcare more affordable. The plan will aim to reduce fees for parents with children in regulated childcare by 50 per cent on average, by 2022, with a goal of reaching \$10 per day on average by 2026, everywhere outside of Quebec. \$30 billion will be spent over 5 years starting in 2021 with \$8.3 billion ongoing to support the government vision.

Housing and Homelessness Prevention: The government is making additional commitments under the National Housing Strategy. There are targets and plans for a

variety of measures to help build, repair, and support 35,000 affordable housing units for vulnerable Canadians. This will be achieved through an investment of \$2.5 billion and a reallocation of \$1.3 billion in existing funding to speed up assistance. Funding will maintain the increases to the Reaching Home program to address homelessness for a further two years. A new tax on unproductive use of housing by foreign non-resident owners.

Broadband: The government has proposed to provide another \$1 billion over six years for the Universal Broadband Fund, to help connect rural and remote communities to high-speed internet faster. This increases the overall size of the Fund to \$2.75 billion and sets them on track to achieve their 98% high-speed coverage initiative by 2026.

Long-Term Care: The government is proposing to provide \$3 billion over five years, starting in 2022-23, to support provinces and territories in ensuring standards for long-term care are applied. Work is underway to develop national standards.

Tourism: The Budget provides \$1 billion to support tourism sector businesses including supports for events and festivals. This includes \$200 million for major festivals through Canada's Regional Development Agencies, \$200 million in support for community festivals and \$500 million to support tourism-based businesses through a Tourism Relief Fund.

Transit: The Budget commits to the earlier announcement of permanent infrastructure funding for transit of \$15 billion including subway development, fleet electrification and zero-emission transit vehicles.

Climate Change/Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction: The Budget commits to the goal of net zero emissions for Canada by 2050. Significant investments in climate change and GHG reduction including \$5 billion over seven years for the Net Zero Economy Accelerator to invest in decarbonizing major emitters such as cement, aluminum, and steel sector businesses to allow them to adopt cleaner technology.

The Budget provides \$4.4 billion for CMHC zero interest loans to homeowners, up to \$40,000, for deep energy retrofits on existing housing stock to reduce energy consumption and GHG emissions.

The Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund will be provided with \$1.4 billion over 12 years to support climate adaptation and disaster mitigation projects that protect people and communities from climate change impacts. Of this, \$670 million is for small projects between \$1 million and \$20 million. AMO has long called for more dedicated funding for climate adaptation projects including extending this funding. In addition, the Budget will provide \$63.8 million to improve flood mapping, a key recommendation of AMO's recent flooding paper.

\$54.8 million is committed over two years to help the forestry industry and communities to take advantage of bio-economy opportunities in areas such as biofuels and building materials that can improve sustainable economic development.

\$319 million over seven years for carbon capture and storage initiatives and demonstration projects to help reduce GHGs from large emitters. The Budget also proposes to consult on tax incentives for these projects.

\$1.5 billion over five years for clean fuels through the Clean Fuels Fund to support such initiatives as hydrogen fuel adoption and biomass.

Provincial Stay-at-Home Order Revisions

Late Friday, April 16th the Province announced additional enforcement, travel restrictions, and public health measures. Additional enforcement tools came into force at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 17th, 2021.

Since then, provincial amendments to regulations were made to clarify that playgrounds will remain open and that police officers and other provincial offences officers, including municipal bylaw officers, will not have as much enforcement authority as announced on April 16th to support enforcement under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*.

Reducing Red Tape Bill

Bill 276, Supporting Recovery and Competitiveness Act, 2021 was introduced for 1st reading on April 15th and contains 28 schedules impacting a wide range of matters. A general overview is available.

From a municipal government perspective, the following schedules are of interest:

Schedule 9 Changes to Designate Long-Term Care Homes: *French Language Services Act*

The Schedule changes the definition of “government agency” in the *French Language Services Act* to permit the designation of municipal long-term care homes and joint homes as public service agencies delivering services in the French language.

Schedule 21 Changes to Delivery Roles: *Ontario Works Act, 1997*

Earlier this year, the government announced a new social assistance vision. Once fully realized, there will be a significant change in municipal roles and responsibility for Ontario Works delivery. Municipal governments will focus on frontline casework helping people to access the life stabilization services that they need in the

community to become more independent and ready for employment. The Province would assume responsibility for financial assistance delivery.

The Bill's proposal would provide authority to the Minister and the government to make these changes. The details will be worked out in subsequent regulations.

Schedule 23 Energy Transmission Projects: *Planning Act*

Section 62 of the *Planning Act, 1990* currently exempts Hydro One's transmission projects that are approved under the *Environmental Assessment Act* from the *Planning Act, 1990* in its entirety. This exemption was introduced in 1983, before the energy market was restructured, at a time when Hydro One was part of the fully integrated, Crown-owned Ontario Hydro.

The Bill's proposal would apply Hydro One's exemption to all transmitters whose transmission projects undergo Comprehensive or Streamlined Environmental Assessment processes.

Schedule 24 Changes to Consents and Subdivisions: *Planning Act*

This schedule alters many elements of Section 50 to 57. This includes stopping merging of lots as a result of the death of one of the joint tenants; interests in land acquired for an energy line would be allowed to be disposed of but only to owners of abutting land, some administrative matters to clarify validation and issuing certificates, circulation, use of part lot control, leases for uses ancillary to a building, amending and cancelling consents, and applicant would be able to apply to the consent granting authority to request a one-time extension of up to one year (2 years total) in which to satisfy the conditions of approval for the consent.

Many of these proposals are addressing longstanding problems with the consent and subdivision process. AMO will continue to work with the province when any regulatory changes come forward.

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From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
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April 27, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Ministry of Transportation Bill, CSPA Regulations, *Municipal Act* Clarification, and Delegation Requests Open

New Road Safety Legislation

The Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, introduced new road safety legislation in the Ontario Legislature yesterday. The Bill focuses on increasing and escalating penalties for stunt driving and street racing including higher fines, vehicle impoundment, demerit points, license suspensions, and mandatory courses.

The Bill also includes new changes aimed at regulating Ontario's towing industry, introducing a Director of Towing in the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), company, driver and vehicle standards, and protections for consumers. Currently some municipalities license tow truck operators to protect consumers. These local regimes will continue but could potentially be replaced by the provincial regulator in the coming years. MTO will be consulting with affected municipalities.

The Bill makes changes, also, to the incident collection requirements to track car doors hitting cyclists and electric scooters, and redefines power assisted bicycles. While AMO was hopeful that changes requested by municipal governments to increase *Highway Traffic Act* fines would be brought forward, these changes were not included in the Bill at this time. However, MTO is working to allow Administrative

Monetary Penalties for red-light and Automated Speed Enforcement technology infractions under section 21.1 of the Act to be in place by July 1, 2022.

Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) Regulations

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is consulting on new regulatory proposals that are necessary to bring the Act into force. Additional regulatory proposals will be posted in the future. The first five proposals are:

1. Oaths and affirmations for police officers, First Nation Officers, special constables, auxiliaries, and police service board members,
2. Composition of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Governance Advisory,
3. A review and revision period for community safety and well-being (CSWB) plans,
4. Suspension without pay, and
5. Chief's referral to the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency.

Comments will be accepted until June 7, 2021. AMO will be reviewing and providing general comments on these regulations and members are encouraged to examine them and submit comments as appropriate.

Municipal Act, Section 357 (1) d and 323 (1) d Clarification

The Ministry of Finance has issued a clarification on Section 357 (1) d and 323 (1) d of the *Municipal Act* regarding property tax refund applications related to business shutdowns. AMO understands that a number of municipalities have received applications related to refund requests as a result of shut down orders to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The Ministry has informed AMO and other municipal associations that:

“While it is the responsibility of each local municipality to interpret and administer these sections for itself, it is the Ministry’s view that sections 357(1)(d) and 323(1)(d) are not intended to provide relief in a situation where a property **has not been physically damaged or demolished.**”

The Ministry notes that businesses affected by the shutdown may be able to apply for provincial property tax and energy rebates as well as the federal Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) programs.

AMO Conference Delegation Meetings Open

Delegation meetings are a key feature of the AMO Conference. To request delegation meetings as part of your AMO 2021 Conference experience, please [click here](#). As an AMO Conference delegate, you can request a virtual meeting with a Minister or Parliamentary Assistant at the AMO Conference. The deadline to submit your request is **June 4, 2021.**

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Subject: AMO Policy Update – Reports on Long-Term Care Pandemic Response

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April 28, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Reports on Long-Term Care Pandemic Response

The Office of the Auditor General (AG) of Ontario released a special report on Pandemic Readiness and Response in Long-Term Care. It is the result of an initiated audit which sought to assess whether the Ministry of Long-Term Care and the long-term-care homes were sufficiently positioned, prepared, and equipped to respond to the issues created by the pandemic in an effective and expedient way.

The general conclusion reached by the AG is that they were not. It was also concluded that the Province implemented several measures to deal with the impact of COVID-19. However, some unintended consequences on the homes' residents and staff further contributed to crowding and staffing shortages. The AG has provided 16 recommendations. The Province has responded that it will consider them along with other recommendations from other sources.

The independent Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission has announced that it will provide its report to the Ministry of Long-Term Care this week by April 30, 2021. After this it will be up to the government to release the report publicly. AMO provided a written submission and testimony to the Commission.

Ontario's Ombudsman is also expected to issue a report at some point based on its own investigation.

Once the reports have been released, AMO will send a members' communication with explanation of each and analysis of the implications.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ask an Expert Series presents Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity

Midhurst/April 26, 2021 – The County of Simcoe and area partners are hosting another “Ask an Expert” virtual session for business owners on May 6th from 2 to 3:30 p.m., focused on Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity.

The impacts of a global pandemic have affected businesses and organizations, and their ability to deliver goods and services. Taking the time to develop a business continuity plan can help organizations identify vulnerabilities, and develop mitigation strategies and contingency plans in order to reduce the negative consequences of all types of emergencies.

This session will provide the knowledge and tools required to initiate a business continuity plan as well as enhancing emergency preparedness among staff members.

Local experts presenting at this virtual session include:

- **Rob Heffernan, Emergency Services Program Supervisor, County of Simcoe**
Rob joined the Emergency Management Department at the County of Simcoe in 2008. He delivers a range of emergency management training courses and for staff at the County, local municipalities and partner organizations. As an Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator he works on the development and maintenance of the County’s Emergency Operations Centres and Emergency Response Plans, including the Continuity of Operations Plan. Rob is committed to helping residents and organizations to be better prepared for emergencies and disasters in our region.
- **Colleen Simpson, Manager of 911 and Emergency Planning, County of Simcoe**
Colleen joined the County of Simcoe as Manager of 911 and Emergency Planning in 2019. She oversees the Emergency Planning department, while ensuring the development, implementation and administration of the County’s emergency management programs. Colleen has over 20 years experience in emergency services along with extensive knowledge in 911 and emergency management. She has a Master’s degree in Disaster and Emergency Management and is certified as an Associate Business Continuity Professional (ABCP).

EVENT: Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity

Where: Virtual – details to be provided upon registration

When: Thursday, May 6th ~ 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Who: Entrepreneurs, business owners and organizational leaders

Register: This is a FREE event, but registration is required. To register, visit https://askanexpert_businesscontinuity.eventbrite.ca/

The “Ask an Expert” webinar series is presented by the County of Simcoe, member municipalities, the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, the Province of Ontario, the Sandbox Centre, the Small Business Centre of Barrie, Simcoe County and Orillia, the 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, the Simcoe Muskoka Workforce Development Board, Georgian College and Lakehead University.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ask an Expert Series presents Businesses in Transition and How to Stay in Control

Midhurst/April 28, 2021 – COVID-19 has necessitated broad changes and impacts for many businesses. On May 20th from 2 to 3:30 p.m., the County of Simcoe and area partners are hosting another “Ask an Expert” virtual session for business owners, focused on Businesses in Transition and How to Stay in Control.

Many business owners who had carefully developed business plans and models over the lifespan of their operations have had to reconsider their best-laid plans and adapt quickly. Financial forecasts that seemed realistic in 2019 may be less viable and owners may be considering other options.

Local experts will provide information regarding:

- Staying in control after negative financial growth – Insolvency Trustees experts Brenda Wood and Robyn White
- Transitioning – Experts Lawyer Tim Timpano and Accountant David Holmes

EVENT: Businesses in Transition and How to Stay in Control

Where: Virtual – details to be provided upon registration

When: Thursday, May 20th ~ 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Who: Entrepreneurs, business owners

Register: This is a FREE event, but registration is required. To register, visit https://askanexpert_businessstransition.eventbrite.ca/

The “Ask and Expert” webinar series is presented by the County of Simcoe, member municipalities, the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, the Province of Ontario, the Sandbox Centre, the Small Business Centre of Barrie, Simcoe County and Orillia, the 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, the Simcoe Muskoka Workforce Development Board, Georgian College and Lakehead University.

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

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April 27, 2021

Dear Head of Council,

As you may be aware, the Ontario government is consulting on how to strengthen accountability for municipal council members. We want to ensure that councillors and heads of council maintain a safe and respectful workplace and carry out their duties as elected officials ethically and responsibly. More information on the scope of consultations can be found at Ontario.ca.

As part of this work, my colleague Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister for Children and Women's Issues will be seeking input from members of council representing each of Ontario's municipalities through one of two hour-long telephone townhall sessions with municipal representatives from Central Ontario's municipalities on May 18, 2021 at 12:30 PM EDT.

This session will provide participants with the opportunity to share their valuable feedback on:

- what changes or mechanisms are needed to better hold council members accountable for municipal code of conduct violations;
- how to effectively enforce these codes
- whether a broader range of penalties for violations of the codes of conduct are needed; and
- the circumstances in which these potential penalties could be applied.



Please identify one member of your council to participate in the session. Once chosen, the one identified member of your council should register via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) by Thursday, May 6, 2021. The registered member will receive instructions about how to participate in the session prior to the meeting.

We have also launched an online survey to seek input on ways to strengthen accountability mechanisms for municipal council members. I encourage members of council and municipal staff to provide their input on this important topic through the online survey: [Consultation: Strengthening accountability for municipal council members | Ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/consultation/strengthening-accountability-for-municipal-council-members). This online survey will be available until July 15, 2021. Please share this link with your municipal staff.

I hope you will accept this invitation to participate in this session, as we look forward to hearing your feedback on how to strengthen accountability for municipal council members.

Sincerely,

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Steve Clark

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c: Clerk and Chief Administrative Officers
- Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues
- Kate Manson-Smith Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Marie-Lison Fougère, Deputy Minister Responsible for Women's Issues



A People Place, A Change of Pace
SHELBURNE
ONTARIO, CANADA

April 27, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

On behalf of my Council, I am urging your government to *immediately* implement and fund the necessary policies to provide adequate paid sick day benefits for Ontario's workers.

It is a widely accepted fact that workplaces are a significant source of COVID-19 transmission throughout our province. Sadly however, too many Ontarians are still going to work when they are sick for fear that they will lose pay should they stay at home. This is entirely counterproductive to our collective efforts to contain this deadly virus and is contributing to the high case counts that we continue to see throughout Ontario.

The federal Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is not nearly sufficient to rely upon as our only line of defense on this front. While it offers some help, this program is temporary, not fully accessible to all workers, and the delays involved in applying fail to adequately cover the crucial first few days of an illness. We can do better Mr. Premier.

I am confident that a "Team Ontario" approach to this issue will find the kind of tailored solution needed to meet the needs of workers within our province. A universal Ontario paid sick day policy must ensure accessible and timely supports to allow workers to stay home when they are sick, get tested, self-isolate and follow all necessary COVID-19 control measures without fear of income-loss and financial hardship. We owe this to our workers who have given so much over this past year.

It's time for action Mr. Premier.

Respectfully yours,

Wade Mills

Mayor, Town of Shelburne



Community Services

Legislative Services

April 27, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Province Investigating and Updating Source Water Protection Legislation

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 26, 2021 passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed a resolution on October 21st, 2019 identifying that 1,100 private water wells were in operation in the Town of Fort Erie, of which 75% were used for domestic purposes including human and livestock consumption, and

Whereas the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie further identified in that resolution that Council requires the protection of water in the aquifer supplying water to those wells from contamination as the result of any remediation of Pit One owned by the Port Colborne Quarries in the City of Port Colborne, and further

Whereas Report No. PDS-23-2021, approved by Council on March 22, 2021, identified that while the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, The Regional Municipality of Niagara and Local Area Municipalities work together to protect source water, these plans do not generally apply to private servicing, and

Whereas Report No. PDS-23-2021 further identified efforts undertaken by the Town of Fort Erie through available provincial planning policy, regulation and legislation to protect source water within the Town of Fort Erie without any explicit ability to designate source water protection for private services, and

Whereas on July 28, 2010, through Resolution 64/292, the United Nations General Assembly explicitly recognized the human right to water and sanitation and acknowledged that clean drinking water and sanitation are essential to the realization of all human rights, and

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Mailing Address:

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON L2A 2S6

Office Hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (905) 871-1600 FAX: (905) 871-4022

Web-site: www.forterie.ca

Whereas it would be desirable to ensure that those in our community who rely on wells and other private servicing for clean drinking water are afforded the same source water protection as municipal drinking water systems;

Now therefore it be resolved,

That: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie recognizes and acknowledges that clean drinking water and sanitation are basic human rights and essential to the realization of all human rights, and further

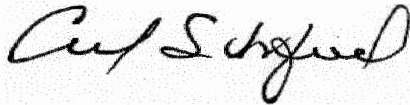
That: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie requests that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks consider legislative changes that would permit the expansion of source water protection to aquifers and private services, and further

That: This resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Wayne Gates, MPP Niagara Falls, Jeff Burch, MPP Niagara Centre, Jennifer Stevens, MPP St. Catharines and Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West, and further

That: This resolution be circulated to all Conservation Authorities and Municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement and support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

cschofield@forterie.ca

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The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks jeff.yurekco@pc.ola.org

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Ontario Municipalities



April 28, 2021

Minister Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
Sent via email to: minister.edu@ontario.ca

Re: Bus Stops on Dead End Roads

Dear Minister:

At the last regular Council meeting of the Township of Scugog held April 26, 2021, the above captioned matter was discussed and I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed:

That Dead-End Road delegations be received: from parents, video, site www.durhamdeadendroadkids.ca and attached correspondence and;

Whereas Dead-End Road kids (cul-de-sacs, private roads) busing being moved from long-time residential to highspeed (some 80km) common stop pickups; percentage of 830,000 Ontario bused students impacted as Student Transportation Services (STS) citing buses shouldn't access private roads, do 3-point-turns, or back up; kids expected to walk 1-2km twice daily (caregivers 4x) in morning dark, on narrow road shoulders, with no "bus stop ahead" warning signage;

Whereas Parents report employment/housing at risk. Must leave work to drop off/pick up children to avoid safety hazards of kids walking on highways unsupervised; secondary school youth reporting education at risk as missing class/affecting grades; children with disabilities not helped like double amputee who needs stop moved 160ft; parents told it's their "responsibility to get kids to bus safely";

Whereas Parents being told busing policy is schoolboard's, but they say it's STS's, who say it's Governance Committee or Ministry of Transportation, but Ministry of Education say it's "transportation consortia who administer policy"; and trustee, governance say cannot change policies, so parents appealing to police, press, & councils re dangers then; oncoming car killed 12-yr-old Cormac and injured sister while waiting at newly relocated bus stop at the base of a hill;

Whereas STS have advised road improvements are responsibility of municipalities, yet municipalities don't own needed land, nor have \$ millions to create 77m bus turnarounds, meanwhile;

Whereas Ontario Transportation Funding is \$1 billion; Jan 27/20 Ministry said they'd improve student transportation, review funding formula; and given STS gets their funding by scoring well in reviews, and given Ministry establishing "Student Transportation Advisory Group" to hear STS sector expertise, experience and ideas;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Scugog requests:

THAT exceptions to allow 3-point turns or backing up where necessary, to provide safer service to dead-end and private road kids, that policies be amended to reflect; when not possible;

THAT exceptions to allow indemnification agreements to access private land for bus turnarounds to keep bus stops safer and closer to prescribed 800m distance; when not possible;

THAT "Bus Stop Ahead" warning signage be required to notify oncoming traffic, prior to STS moving common stop to main roadway;

THAT STS be comprised of solutions like mini-buses, vans, taxis, or public transit, worked into funding formula so doesn't negatively impact STS funding stats;

THAT Kid KPI "Key Performance Indicator" be included for Ministry "Effectiveness & Efficiency Follow Up Reviews", establishing benchmarks for responsive-problem-solving for kids & parents' busing concerns, and this be an STS factor to receive funding;

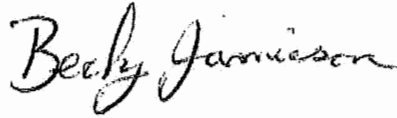
THAT Province provide "Parent Portal" for ongoing busing feedback of their STS, so families and kids can review/provide comments, especially during Ministry STS reviews and revisions to funding;

THAT Province have GPS tracking software to notify parents when children picked up/dropped off, and

THAT this motion be distributed to Premier Doug Ford, Honorable Stephen Lecce (Minister of Education), Honorable Caroline Mulroney (Minister of Transport), Durham MPP Lindsey Park, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, all Durham MPPs, Durham Region, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA), and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Should you require any further information in regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Coleman, Director of Public Works and Infrastructure Services at 905-985-7346 ext.149.

Yours truly,



Becky Jamieson
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

Attachments

cc: Carol Coleman, Director of Public Works and Infrastructure Services
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Honorable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transport minister.mto@ontario.ca
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) amo@amo.on.ca



April 30, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
 Room 281
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Brantford City Council Meeting held April 27, 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

Request - Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities

WHEREAS COVID-19 restrictions have had significant impacts; and

WHEREAS many forms of socializing, recreation and sport have been curtailed; and

WHEREAS the game of golf can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of The City of Brantford recommends:

- A. THAT The Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities which can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; Will Bouma, MPP, Brantford-Brant, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Big City Mayors; and the list of other Municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,

Tanya Daniels
 City Clerk
tdaniels@brantford.ca

cc MPP Will Bouma, Brantford-Brant
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 Ontario Big City Mayors
 All Ontario Municipalities

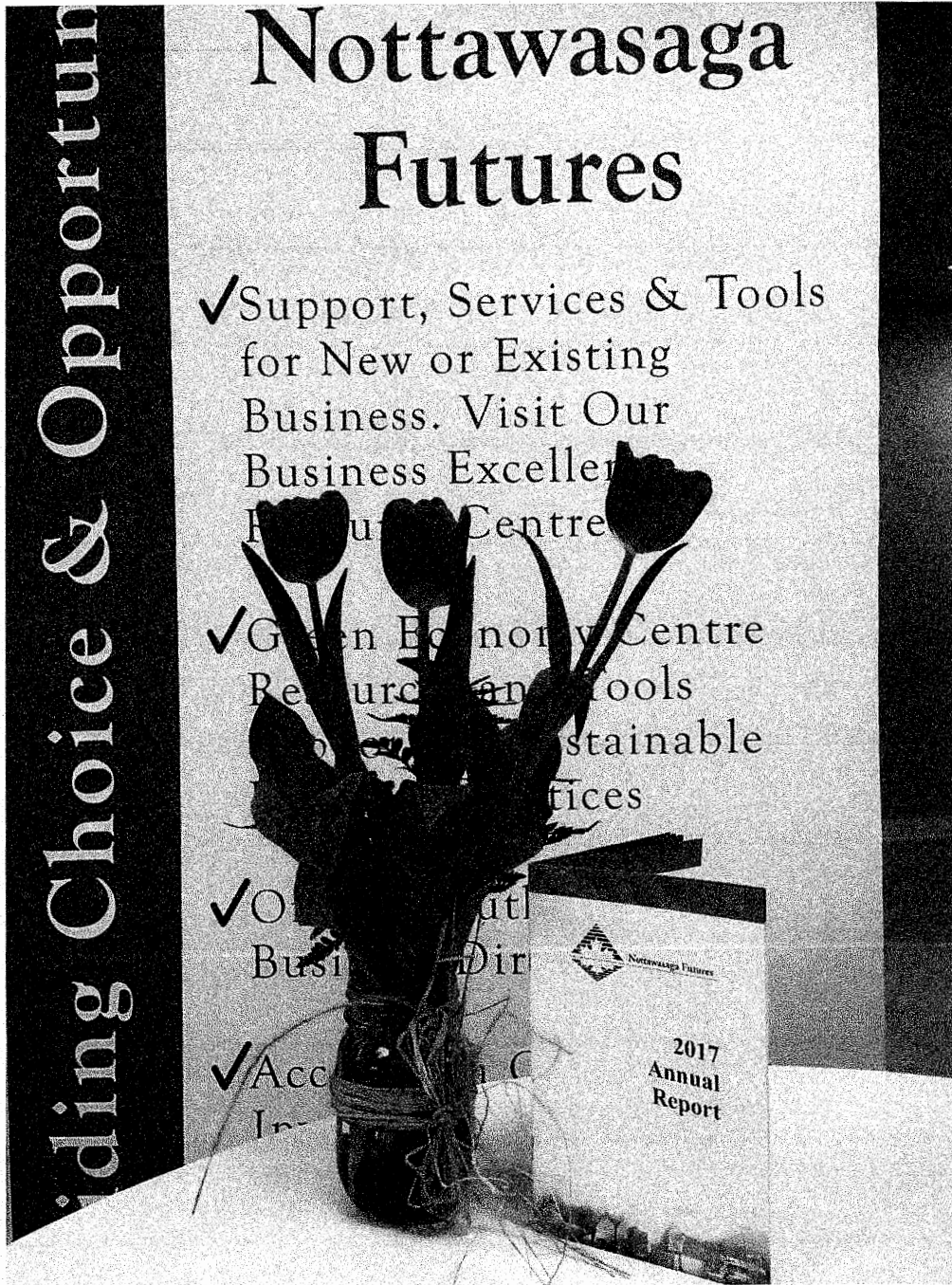
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Lisa Lehr

From: Robin Brown <robin@nottawasaga.com>
Sent: April 19, 2021 2:00 PM
To: Lisa Lehr
Subject: Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter



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



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Nottawasaga Community Futures Development Corporation is holding its Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Our event will be held virtually and the public is welcome to attend.

If you would like to attend, please email robin@nottawasaga.com

Mental Health Services Available for Business Owners



Nottawasaga Futures is proud to partner with the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, the Town of Innisfil, and the Town of New Tecumseth to support a pilot program, expanding mental health consultation services to our local business community.

Entrepreneurs from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, the Town of Innisfil, and the Town of New Tecumseth are able to access confidential support sessions with a mental health professional for up to five hours, free of charge.

Contact Martin Kuzma at 705-435-1540 or martin@nottawasaga.com and once you are confirmed as an entrepreneur or business owner, you will be connected directly to a mental health professional.

Accessible mental health resources are critical to our entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Nottawasaga Futures has partnered with the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, the Town of Innisfil and the Town of New Tecumseth to launch a mental health program they hope will instill some peace-of-mind in turbulent times.

The confidential service is complimentary to businesses within the Nottawasaga CFDC catchment area, regardless of size or sector.

People requiring more information or wanting to participate, can contact Martin Kuzma at 705-435-1540 or martin@nottawasaga.com to answer some qualifying questions unrelated to personal health.



Raise a Cheer for Trees Along Our Streams!

Come join one of our community planting events. Protocols include: pre-registration, small ratio of volunteers to group lead, and staggered start times. Bring your own mask, gloves, water & snack. Help us help the environment and ENJOY the outdoors!

Thank you to groups like Honda Canada, Friends of Utopia, F&P Mfg., Nantyr Shores, and Bradford Cooperators who have reached out to help. RSVP to receive your registration package. (Note that events may change subject to COVID guidelines.)

RSVP | PRE-REGISTRATION
 E-mail: silvia@nottawasaga.com
 Phone/Text: 705 440-9129



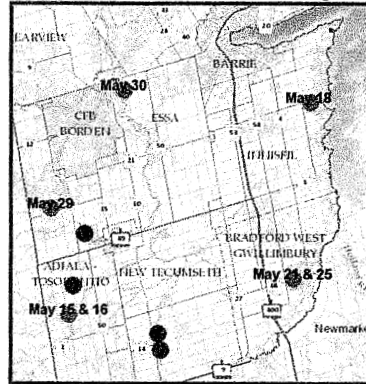
Trees for Streams events are made possible with support from local conservation authorities, landowners, industry/business, municipalities, schools, service/outdoor clubs, funding partners and volunteers like you!

**South Simcoe Streams Network
 2021 Trees for Streams Bulletin**

**Shout-Out for Volunteers
 Now Recruiting for Events Listed Below**

MAY WEEKENDS Saturday/Sunday	MAY WEEK DAYS Monday thru Friday
Sat. 15th 2 / Spring events 9:00 to noon & 1:00-4:00 pm Nottawasaga River	Tues. 18th 9:00 to noon Box Secours Creek
Sat. 16th 9:00 to noon Nottawasaga River	Fri. 21st 9:00 to noon Fraser Creek
Sat. 29th 9:00 to noon Pine River	Tues. 25th 9:00 to noon Fraser Creek
Sat. 30th 1:00-4:00 pm Nottawasaga River	SEE MAP BELOW FOR THE EVENT LOCATIONS

Map Showing All OPEN & CL-OSED 2021 Planting Events



South Simcoe Streams Goals:

- To invest in streams together for community and waterway health
- To support and initiate community projects for healthier streams in South Simcoe combining multi-partner resources and community volunteer efforts for improved habitat, cleaner water and communal wellbeing
- To engage volunteers of all ages and walks of life from schools, youth and service clubs to business and industry to participate in stream rehabilitation
- To build cooperative partnerships to help generate the tools, know-how and funds needed to restore degraded stream systems
- To advance community awareness and appreciation of stream and river resources, ecological threats and benefits to local communities



BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY



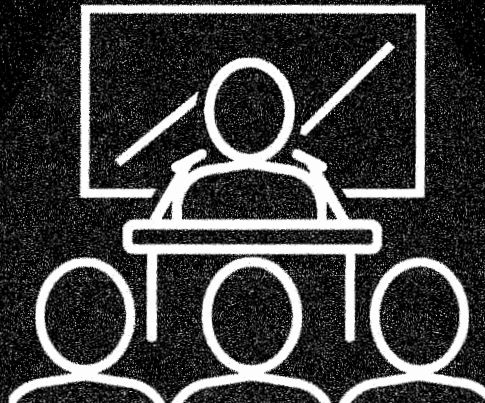
Nottawasaga Futures is currently seeking to fill a Board Member position. Interested individuals residing in South Simcoe who are passionate about community service are encouraged to apply.

Preference will be given to applicants with board experience volunteering and/or working in a non-profit environment.

Please note, this is a volunteer position and requires a commitment of a maximum 4 hours/month.

To find out more information about our organization please go to our website www.nottawasaga.com

Please forward your resume to Martin Kuzma at martin@nottawasaga.com



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Do you have an interest in becoming a volunteer member of a Board that helps local businesses? Then we would love to chat with you!

We are Nottawasaga Futures, a community economic development agency serving the South Simcoe area.

Nottawasaga Futures is governed by a Board of Directors made up of enthusiastic and forward-thinking volunteers who ...

- Volunteer 2-4 hours per month and
- Have backgrounds in finance, accounting, entrepreneurship or
- Experience in community economic development
- Enjoy working with a diverse group of volunteers

Sound Interesting? Contact Martin Kuzma,CEO via email or phone.

Email: martin@nottawasaga.com

Phone: 705-435-1540 ext. 109

Check out the latest video on our YouTube channel
Nottawasaga Futures AgKnowledge Forum 2021

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7A_1Ac0d12c

Financial Support and Resources

Federal and provincial government financial supports:

- [Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy \(CEWS\) program](#)
- [Canada Emergency Business Account \(CEBA\) program](#)
- [Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy \(CERS\)](#)
- [Support for Indigenous Businesses](#)
- [Business Credit Availability Program](#)
- [Regional Relief and Recovery Fund Program Guidelines \(RRRF\)](#)

Please contact Martin Kuzma for information on our projects

Click here to go to our website

The Board of Directors of Nottawasaga Futures
would like to invite you to our virtual Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:30 pm.

Please let us know if you would like to attend by contacting Robin Brown by Friday May 7

robin@nottawasaga.com

(705) 435-1540 ext. 108 or 1-800-509-7554

A zoom link will be emailed to you Monday May 10, 2021

We look forward to seeing you there.



Nottawasaga Futures



Federal Economic Development
Agency for Southern Ontario

Innovation, Science and
Economic Development Canada

Agence fédérale de développement
économique pour le Sud de l'Ontario

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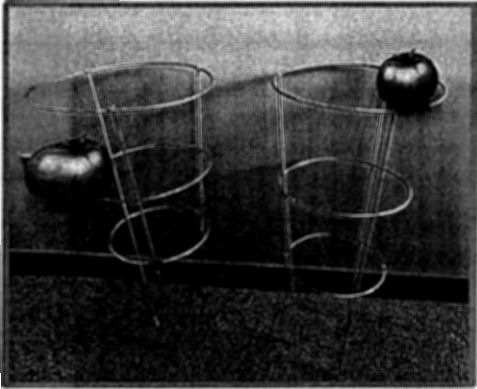
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Essa Public Library Report: March 2021

IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

Outcomes



With the Community Garden in mind, the NPSS Manufacturing class made two stainless steel tomato cages that won't rust.



Seed Library packages and Grab 'n Grow kits available through Curbside services.



Celebrating International Women's Day, virtual guest speaker, Alison Springer shared her passion for helping youth discover the greatness that lies within.

One of our young Entrepreneurs shared a note for others using the Jewelry Kit,
"Don't be hard on yourself. Everything takes practice. Just have fun and be safe!"

Comment from a patron after renewing their library card
"Thank you so much! I love our library."

We received a call from a patron desperately seeking reading material. She was enthusiastically grateful that we're open for curbside because she was frantic when we were closed last year.

Book Bundle Love

"I usually can never decide on a book, so I never end up choosing one. Now that someone else is choosing them for me, I feel a little more obligated to try them... The selection I received is fantastic."

"My girls were so excited when I brought the bundle home. It was so nicely tied up with a ribbon, they could not wait to sit down to just have a morning of reading some new books."

"You did a fantastic job putting together the book bundle for my son. Thank you so much for this service."

"We received our first book bundle last week. It was perfect! You provided books that I never would have thought to pick out. My son loved all the books suggested. He especially loved 'Is that wise, Pig?' Looking forward to our next bundle."

One patron called the Township and said, *"Library Book Bundles is an excellent service. I've used it twice now. The staff really look after me. Thank you."*

"Thanks so much for arranging another great library program. Living Out Loud gave me so many great resources!"



Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Trivia Night: 195
 Zoom Cookbook Club: 6
 Zoom Cercel de Conversation Virtuel: 34
 Zoom Bookclubs/both branches: 10
 Zoom Living Out Loud series: 29

Tech Learning - Angus (phone/email/in library): 16

Tech Learning - Thornton (phone/email/in library): 5

Tech Assistance 30-min Appointments: 9

Outreach - Angus Geocache location accesses: 2
 Outreach - Thornton Geocache location accesses: 2

Artists' Display: 1

Beanstack's "10 to try" Active Readers: 13
 Books read: 46
 Badges earned: 24

Makerspace: 2

Seniors Connect

Seniors Connect Grab 'n Go Craft kits handed out at both branches: 21

Pen Pal Program letters: 28

Digital Programs

YouTube Channel

Storytime/Preschoolers: 3
 Misc. Videos: 7
 Camphill Maple Syrup Series: 4

Zoom Online

Library Storytimes: 5
 Wiggles & Giggles: on hiatus
 Bookclubs: 2
 Cookbook Club: 1
 Adult Trivia: 2
 Cercle de Conversation Virtuel: 5
 Living Out Loud: 3

Social Media

Facebook: 35 posts
 Reactions: 251
 Followers: 1,173

Twitter: 23 tweets
 Reactions: 121
 Followers: 1,006

Instagram: 16 posts
 Reactions: 228
 Followers: 345

Youtube Views: 3,913
 Reactions: 6
 Subscribers: 221

Beanstack

All Beanstack Challenges activities offered: 105

Kids

Zoom Online

Zoom Library Storytime: 208

Zoom Wiggles & Giggles: on hiatus

Outreach

Book bundle requests - All ages: 101

St. Patrick's Day craft kit - Angus: 30; Thornton: 7

Grab 'n Grow kits: 29

Beanstack

1,000 Books before Kindergarten
 Active readers: 25
 Books read: 758
 Badges earned: 187

#WinterRead2021
 Active Readers: 13
 Books read: 248
 Badges earned: 25

Beanstack's 2021 Reading Challenge
 Active readers: 20
 Books read: 320
 Earned badges: 130

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future: Grant

International Women's Day Virtual Speaker, Alison Springer: 68

Teen Book Reviews: 3

Pen Pal Program letters: see statistics in Seniors Connect

More

Library Zest blog posts/videos/email campaigns: 6

Library Zest blog traffic: 161

Library Zest unique visitors: 45

Community Partners

NVCA Maple Syrup series: 24

Camphill's Maple Syrup series: 45

Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	Mar. 2020	Mar. 2021	YTD 2021
Angus Branch	5,659	3,434	10,630
Thornton Branch	863	1,214	4,026
Angus Branch Computer Use	106	35	35
Thornton Branch Computer Use	57	0	0
Angus Branch Wireless Use	1,094	660	1,400
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	241	182	536
eAudio & eBooks	1,041	1,125	3,279
TOTALS:	9,061	6,650	19,906

Circulation Analysis	Mar. 2020	Mar. 2021	YTD 2021
Print	3,192	3,058	9,441
Non-Print	3,250	1,513	4,991
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	1,498	877	1,971
eAudio Books	258	187	651
eBooks	783	938	2,628
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	43	54	141
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	37	23	83

Materials Used In-Library	Mar. 2021	YTD 2021
Angus Branch	0	0
Thornton Branch	0	0

Online Resources & New Members

Library website visits	YTD 2021	BlueCloud Mobile visits	YTD 2021
4,001	11,048	162	392

E-resources visits	YTD 2021
2,474	7,775

New Members		YTD 2021
Angus Branch	19	48
Thornton Branch	3	4

Library Highlights



St. Patrick's Day
Storytime included
a craft kit to make
a rainbow.

