

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
CONSENT AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021**

**A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

- p. 1 1. Essa Public Library Report – January 2021.
- p. 5 2. Resolution from the Township of Perth South dated February 2, 2021, re: Ontario Announces Working Group to Better Focus Conservation Authorities.
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- p.16 4. Resolution from the Township of Perry dated February 19, 2021, re: Support the Town of Carleton Place resolution that the Government of Ontario Prioritize Children and Childcare as part of its Post Pandemic Recovery Plan.
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6. Correspondence from the County of Simcoe:
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- p.26 b) Notice of the Adoption of an Official Plan Amendment for Waste Management Policies and Schedules
- p.28 7. Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated February 17, 2021, re: Consulting on Growing the Size of the Greenbelt.
- p.29 8. Correspondence from the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Ontario (AMCTO) dated February 18, 2021, re: An Open Letter to Ontario Municipal Councils.
9. Policy Updates from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO):
- p.31 a) February 19, 2021 – Pre-Budget Submission, AMO-CUPE Economic Recovery Letter, Emergency Orders Extended, and Updated COVID-19 Regional Framework.
- p.33 b) February 24, 2021 – Build Back Better Extension and New Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation.
- p.35 10. Memorandum from the Town of New Tecumseth dated February 24, 2021, re: Request for Comments – Notice of Complete Applications and Public Meeting.
- p.37 11. Correspondence from Georgian College re: HomeFeast – Virtual Community Event.

**B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION**

None.

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

None.

**IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT**

**Outcomes**



At Angus Branch, Lewis is preparing holds. To quote him, *"I think patrons have learned how to place holds online."*



**This little one was so happy to get her Book Bundle of board books. How exciting!**

An Angus patron, receiving her adult fiction Book Bundle, was thrilled, *"The books were good selections. This worked well for me. I will go that route again and I appreciated Lewis's help."*

Two children at Thornton Branch came to collect their Book Bundles and exclaimed, *"Look at all the books. I even got Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping."*

Another happy Thornton Book Bundle patron said *"Wow, look at all this stuff. Karly knocked it out of the park."*

Comment from an excited senior picking up her Seniors Connect blanket craft kit... *"You are having more of these crafts, right? I just LOVE them."*

During our curbside service in January, we heard this over and over, *"I am so happy you are open."*

A comment from a patron who got her new membership... *"I love the online posts you make, I've been following you on social media for a while and you're doing such a wonderful job"*. She also said that her granddaughter attends NPSS, remotely right now, and always talks about how great the library is.

The whole family (who have memberships) are also loving Beanstack.

A patron, who discovered genealogy searching through Ancestry Library Edition, was grateful that remote use was extended. Paula also found her back issues of the Family Tree Magazine to give her more searching tips.

A patron noticed we offered curbside printing. She sent her items via email and picked up her prints 20 minutes later. She left a donation as a thank you and commented, *"This is a great service, I really appreciate this."*

A senior in Thornton was asking about Wifi and Karly promoted the Seniors Connect I pads & internet hubs to her. The patron said she is so thankful for the library & the kind staff. She also mentioned other non-book items that amaze her (Fun kits and Nature backpacks).

Saturday Night Trivia remains SO popular... *"Thanks again so much for continuing on with Trivia. Our little group was texting how much we all appreciate it."*

# Programming Events & Attendance

## Adults

Zoom Trivia Night: 114  
 Zoom Cookbook Club: 1  
 Zoom Cercel de Conversation  
 Virtuel: 23

Angus/Thornton Tech Learning  
 (phone/email/in library): 27  
 Angus - Tech Tutor appts:  
 Thornton - Tech Tutor appts:

Outreach - Angus Geocache  
 location accesses: 2

Outreach - Thornton Geocache  
 location accesses: 3

Artists' Display: on hiatus

Beanstack's "10 to try"  
 Active Readers: 9  
 Books read: 28  
 Badges earned: 45

Beanstack's Mindfulness  
 Challenge (All ages)  
 Active readers: 8  
 Books read: 126  
 Earned badges: 25

## Seniors Connect

Seniors Connect Grab 'n Go  
 Craft kits handed out at both  
 branches: 42

Home delivery: 1

## Digital Programs

### YouTube Channel

Storytime/Preschoolers: 16  
 Misc. Videos: 2

### Zoom Online

Library Storytime: 4  
 Wiggles & Giggles: on hiatus  
 Cookbook Club: on hiatus  
 Adult Trivia: 2  
 Cercle de Conversation  
 Virtuel:4

### Social Media

Facebook: 15 posts  
 Reactions: 132  
 Followers: 1,141

Twitter: 13 tweets  
 Reactions: 32  
 Followers: 1,003

Instagram: 6 posts  
 Reactions: 110  
 Followers: 271

Youtube Views: 5,326  
 Reactions: 10  
 Subscribers:193

### Beanstack

All Beanstack Challenges  
 activities offered: 86

## Kids

### Zoom Online

Zoom Library Storytime: 133

Zoom Wiggles & Giggles: on  
 hiatus

### Outreach

Book bundle  
 requests - All ages: 113

Virtual Storytime with Pine  
 River P.S.: 20

### Beanstack

1,000 Books before  
 Kindergarten  
 Active readers: 8  
 Books read: 174  
 Badges earned: 5

Holidays around the World  
 Active readers: 8  
 Books read: 336  
 Badges earned: 7

#WinterRead2021  
 Active Readers: 15  
 Books read: 347  
 Badges earned: 102

## More...

Library Zest blog  
 posts/videos/email campaigns:  
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Library Zest blog traffic: 69

Library Zest unique visitors:29

Makerspace: not offered

Exams: On hiatus

## Teens & Tweens

Beanstack's "Read Woke"  
 On hiatus

## Unleash Your Future

Entrepreneur Applications  
 received: 5

Entrepreneur Starter Kits  
 prepared: 4

Entrepreneur Kits circulating: 1

## Circulation Totals & Analysis

<b>CIRCULATION</b>	<b>Jan. 2020</b>	<b>Jan. 2021</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
Angus Branch	9,558	4,001	4,001
Thornton Branch	1,298	1,552	1,552
Angus Branch Computer Use	520	0	0
Thornton Branch Computer Use	48	0	0
Angus Branch Wireless Use	1,517	282	282
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	308	150	150
eAudio & eBooks	916	1,071	1,071
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>14,165</b>	<b>7,056</b>	<b>7,056</b>

<b>Circulation Analysis</b>	<b>Jan.2020</b>	<b>Jan. 2021</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
Print	5,178	3,395	3,395
Non-Print	5,534	2,083	2,083
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	2,393	432	432
eAudio Books	272	244	244
eBooks	644	827	827
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	94	44	44
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	50	31	31

<b>Materials Used In-Library</b>	<b>Jan. 2021</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
Angus Branch	0	0
Thornton Branch	0	0

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## Online Resources & New Members

<b>Library website visits</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>	<b>BlueCloud Mobile visits</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
3,678	3,678	100	100

<b>E-resources visits</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
2,713	2,713

<b>New Members</b>		<b>YTD 2021</b>
Angus Branch	21	21
Thornton Branch	0	0

## Library Highlights



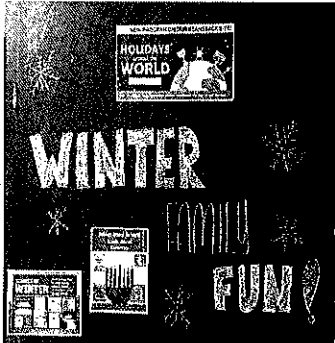
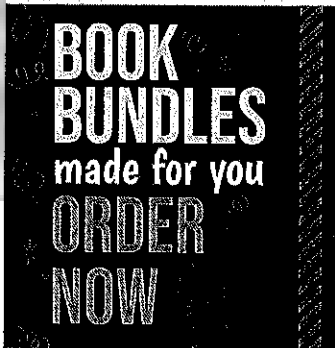
Four different *Seniors Connect* craft kits were available to seniors in the community.



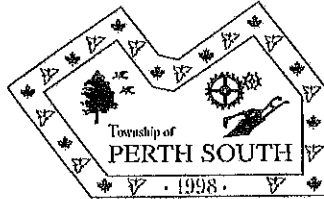
Maker space in Thornton ready to go.



*Book bundles*, for all ages, are a huge hit. Everyone loves them!



Beanstack's *Holidays Around The World* was promoted during the lockdown.



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February 2, 2021

Via Email: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

Honourable Jeff Yurek  
 Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks  
 777 Bay Street  
 College Park - 5th Floor  
 Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**Re: ONTARIO ANNOUNCES WORKING GROUP TO BETTER FOCUS  
 CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES**

Dear Minister,

The Municipality of Perth South ("Perth South") is pleased to see your Ministry's development of regulations for the *Conservation Authorities Act*, 1990 R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 (the "Act"). Perth South supports the proposed changes your government passed respecting conservation authorities in schedule 6 of Bill 229, the *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act* (Budget Measures), 2020 ("Bill 229"). I expressed this support in my email to you on November 5, 2020.

Our municipality, like many others across Ontario, has encountered longstanding conflicts regarding operational scope and costs with our principal conservation authority the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority ("UTRCA"). Despite requests made in writing and through delegations at annual Board Budget meetings no resolution has been found. It is for this reason that Perth South was pleased to see the changes made through Bill 229; however, we were disappointed when the Working Group composition was announced as it is dominated by conservation authorities who are tasked with recommending the very regulations that govern them. I am sure you can agree that the initial optics of the governed designing the governance of themselves is concerning. Conservation authorities, most of whom opposed your reforms, should not be relied upon to develop fair and objective recommendations on their own.

Further to my email of January 12, 2021, I am writing to you to confirm and clarify your full intent and scope for the Working Group your Ministry announced on December 16, 2020 to develop updated regulations. We are hopeful that you will direct this Working Group with clear, limited, and specific instructions that will focus on the intent of changes included in Bill 229.

Perth South seeks your clarity that this Working Group's tasks will be built on the following principles in the areas of focus highlighted:

1. *Mandatory core programs and services conservation authorities would be required to provide.*
  - (a) That 'mandatory' core programs are limited to the changes included in schedule 6 of Bill 229: conservation lands solely owned by conservation authorities, flood-control, erosion, and natural hazards;
  - (b) That conservation authorities are not permitted any discretion via regulations to exit those defined and strict categories; and
  - (c) That 'services' must be concise, limited, and have obvious direct need to fulfil core mandates not merely 'link' or 'complement' the same.
2. *The agreements between municipalities and conservation authorities and the transition period associated with non-mandatory programs and services*
  - (a) That the regulations establish a clear, consistent, and template pro-forma for these agreements that includes at a minimum:
    - i. a specified time limitation to prevent perpetuity;
    - ii. clear intent and objectives;
    - iii. clear definitions, terms, and conditions;
    - iv. the identified necessity for it/them;
    - v. accurate, evidence-supported budget forecasting;
    - vi. the impact of items (i-iv) on each participating municipality;
    - vii. supporting science-based evidence that meets or exceeds the standard(s)/threshold(s) applied to any third party deemed an applicant and/or subject to an



agreement's provisions including on any items requiring peer review;

- viii. municipal and public input mechanisms and timelines;
- ix. dispute resolution processes that adhere to the legislation and the timelines proscribed therein; and
- x. municipal refusal/opt-out clause(s) where proposals do not have the support of the participating municipality and/or do not reasonably benefit a participating municipality or municipalities given their geographical extent or limit within the watershed of the conservation authority in question.

- (b) That the "transition period," associated cannot be greater than one (1) fiscal year from the date of Bill 229's passage in the case of any pre-existing agreement and no more than two (2) years from the date of Bill 229's passage; and
- (c) That the Working Group must understand the principle that one "cannot do by regulation what one cannot do in law."

3.. *How local members of the community can participate in their conservation authorities through community advisory boards*

- (a) That these advisory boards and the conservation authorities that they 'advise' are not delegated responsibilities or tasks that are a normative function of a conservation authority's operations and not delegation(s) or devolution(s) of a conservation authority's board and its committees' obligations and normal work;
- (b) That voluntarily submitted proposals for programs, projects, and services cannot be for activities either not contemplated or permitted under either conservation authorities' mandated functions or approved non-mandatory agreements;
- (c) That advisory committee's recommendations and work are neither binding nor required under a conservation authority's administrative by-laws;
- (d) That any aspect of an advisory committee's work that requires public consultation becomes a function of the conservation authority's board or its approved board-fulfilled committees not the advisory committee/group;
- (e) That membership on any advisory committee or group must be balanced and reflect its composition to watershed citizens who are

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resident and contributing ratepayers in participant municipalities of the conservation authority in question;

- (f) That conservation authorities' obligations to conduct deliberate, regular, thorough, and transparent public consultation on matters of policies, programs, and services cannot be delegated to an 'advisory' committee or group. That such functions remain a core and mandatory function of a conservation authority's board; and
- (g) That community advisory boards neither relieve nor substitute a conservation authority's obligation to incorporate citizens into consultative and/or input processes that are board-led or directed.

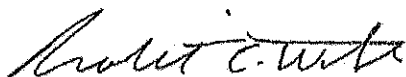
We understand and agree that partnerships and collaboration are critical but want to ensure that there is balance in the parties that will represent the Working Group.

Perth South also looks forward to greater clarity from the Ministry with respect to conservation authority budget and levy processes in the regulation updates. We are very pleased with the avenues of appeal Bill 229 will now provide, after recently exploring the costly and difficult appeal process that previously existed.

As you work to reach the final outcome on these long overdue changes, Perth South and its residents are relying on you to ensure that the development of regulations will align with the spirit of the changes requested by Perth South and other municipalities across the province during the consultations that occurred in early 2020.

I thank you for the work you are undertaking and trust our comments will be received and conveyed with your support to this Working Group. I am confident many more municipalities in this province would echo our points of view.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Wilhelm  
Mayor  
Township of Perth South

cc: All municipalities in Ontario

Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks Working Group members on Proposed Regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act.

Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington



*Sent via Email*

February 11, 2021

**RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE**

At the Town of Gravenhurst Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 9, 2021 the following resolution was passed:

**Moved by Councillor Lorenz**  
**Seconded by Councillor Murray**

**WHEREAS** the site of the Ontario Fire College has been in institutional use since 1902 as the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives and the site of many heritage buildings that require protection;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Gravenhurst has been home to the Ontario Fire College since 1957, providing world-class training and camaraderie to thousands of Firefighters from across the Province in a unique setting;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College has established the reputation to certify both Volunteer and Career firefighters in a cost effective manner, offering top-tier training to all Fire Departments in Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** there is concern from several municipalities and firefighters across the Province that the closure is detrimental to their training and that downloading of training is simply too expensive for municipalities and not included in their 2021 budgets;

**AND WHEREAS** the Fire Marshal has a duty (F.P.P.A.S 9.2(e)) to operate and maintain a central fire college and that regional training facilities are unproven and the closure of the Ontario Fire College was implemented with no stakeholder consultation;

**AND WHEREAS** the community of Gravenhurst has benefitted from the employment opportunities that the Ontario Fire College has provided;

**AND WHEREAS** the closure of the facility will result in significant job losses and would be a detriment to the broader community;

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of Ontario reconsider the closure of the Ontario Fire College;

**AND THAT** if the closure occurs, the facility and site in the Town of Gravenhurst be considered to be the location of a Regional Training Centre for Fire and Emergency Services, for all the people of Ontario;

**AND THAT** the Province engage the Town of Gravenhurst and community partners to use the site in a matter that fosters growth of the community in a responsible way;

**AND FINALLY THAT** this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Norm Miller, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Kayla Thibeault  
Director of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Town of Gravenhurst

February 19, 2021

Mr. Graydon Smith, President  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
200 University Ave., Suite 801  
Toronto, Ontario M5H 3C6

Dear Mr. Smith:

**Re: Closure of the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst**

The Township of Tiny Council recently reviewed correspondence dated January 14, 2021, from the Office of the Fire Marshal regarding the pending closure of the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst, Ontario.

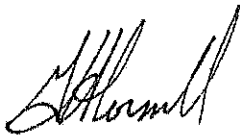
The Ontario Fire College provided fire service training to hundreds of municipal fire departments, like ours, who do not have the capacity or resources to provide their own in-house training for specialized programs.

Should the Office of the Fire Marshal continue to develop fire fighter training curriculum, municipalities will now bear the cost for its use and delivery. The alternative use of Regional Training Centres, for specialized training, will be at a significant cost to municipal fire departments, including room and boarding expenses.

With the closure of the Ontario Fire College and the lack of provincial or federal funding for volunteer fire departments for much needed training, it puts municipalities at risk.

We ask that reconsideration be given to the closure of the Ontario Fire College, at the very least, until a plan is in place to support municipalities with the resources and funding that is required to adequately train and support its fire fighters.

**The Corporation of the Township of Tiny**



George Cornell  
Mayor

cc. The Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services  
Ontario Municipalities  
Jill Dunlop, MPP, Simcoe North



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February 19, 2021

Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request that the Province of Ontario Reverse Decision to Close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

**"Resolution #2021-69**

**Moved by: Paul Sowrey**

**Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time, and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

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**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O.Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

**WHEREAS** when the Ontario Government revoked O.Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Perry requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

**Carried."**

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Beth Morton  
Clerk-Administrator

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- cc: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General
- Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg
- Ontario Fire College – Gravenhurst Campus
- All Ontario Municipalities
- Township of Perry Fire Chief Dan Marshall

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February 25, 2021

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

Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**RE: Request that the Province of Ontario Reverse Decision to Close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst**

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Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on February 23, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong supported the following resolution:

**"Resolution R2021-041**

**Moved By: Jeff McLaren    Seconded by: Jody Baillie**

*WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and*

*WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and*

*WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and*

*WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and*

*WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and*

*WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and*



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WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

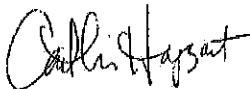
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Strong hereby requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario

**Carried"**

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Caitlin Haggart  
Clerk Administrator

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cc: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General  
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg  
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February 19, 2021

Via Email

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen  
 Minister of Families, Children and Social Development  
 House of Commons  
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Honourable Minister,

**RE: Support the Town of Carleton Place resolution that the Government of Ontario Prioritize Children and Childcare as part of its Post Pandemic Recovery Plan**

Please be advised that at their last regularly scheduled meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

**"Resolution #2021-71**

**Moved by: Paul Sowrey**  
**Seconded by: Joe Lumley**

**Be it resolved that** the Council of the Township of Perry supports the resolution from the Town of Carleton Place requesting the Government of Ontario to:

- a. prioritize children and childcare as part of its overall post pandemic recovery plan;
- b. develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support facilities through the provision of licensed childcare and early learning education; and
- c. provide increased funding to childcare provides reflective of COVID-19 operating cost increases to ensure a safe reopening and long-term sustainability for the sector.

**Carried."**

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Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

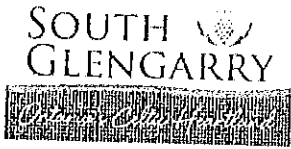


Beth Morton  
Clerk-Administrator

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cc: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
MP Scott Aitchison, Parry Sound-Muskoka  
MPP Norm Miller, Parry Sound-Muskoka  
Stacey Blair, Clerk, Town of Carleton Place  
All Ontario Municipalities

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Stephanie Jaworski

RESOLUTION NO 55-2021

SECONDED BY Lyle WARDEN DATE February 16, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry hereby supports the letter by the Township of South-West Oxford, attached hereto, in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities and that this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED       DEFEATED       POSTPONED

Frank Prevost  
Mayor Frank Prevost

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor Prevost	—	—
Deputy Mayor Warden	—	—
Councillor Lang	—	—
Councillor Jaworski	—	—
Councillor McDonell	—	—

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January 11, 2021

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building, Queens Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Speeding on provincial, county and municipal roadways continues to put the lives of Ontarians at risk. While we have access to several tools to help mitigate speeding traffic, the one tool that is currently not fully available to us is Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE) (aka Photo Radar). Over the past decade, in South West Oxford the vast majority of charges laid are for drivers travelling well in excess of the posted speed limit. The cost of providing police time for something that could be done through the use of technology is disturbing to our council. The Council feels that it would be far more effective to have police concentrate on other problems such as Break and Enters, illegal drugs and domestic problems.

We need a way to address the poor behaviours and habits that are putting our citizens at risk and tying up much needed first responder resources that could be better utilized to improve the well-being of our communities. Speeding, particularly through our small villages, creates community concerns for the safety and wellbeing of our children and other vulnerable members. We need your help.

In keeping with this The Council of the Township of South-West Oxford duly moved and carried the following resolution at the regular meeting held on January 5, 2021:

*...RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to the Clerk to send a letter to the Premier, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities.*

Please help municipalities in the Province by passing the necessary regulations for municipalities to use ASE (if they choose) that will bring about the driving behavioural changes we need.

We look forward to your help with this issue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ellen Greb".

Mary Ellen Greb, CAO

c.c. AMO, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Municipalities

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Martin Lang

RESOLUTION NO 56-2021

SECONDED BY Lyle WARREN

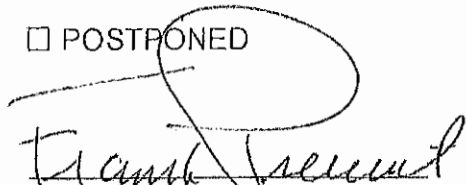
DATE February 16, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry hereby supports the resolution passed by the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, attached hereto, and urges the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to review the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and consider the recommendations as presented by the Township of Guelph/Eramosa and furthermore that this resolution be forwarded to MPP Jim McDonell, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Government and Consumer Services, the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

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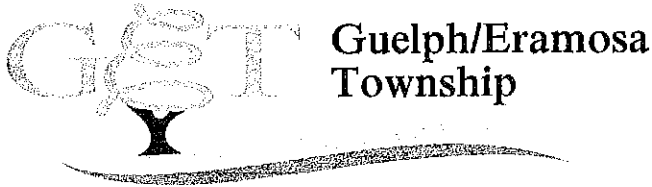
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February 8, 2021

**Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 2J3

**Attention: The Hon. Steve Clark**

**Re: Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation**

At the Township of Guelph/Eramosa's Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday February 1, 2021, the following resolution was put forward and passed:

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa has received Clerk's Department Report 21/03 regarding Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation; and

That that the following motions be passed in support of a request to review and reform of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

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AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in



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requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;

6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

Please accept this for your information and any necessary action.

Sincerely,

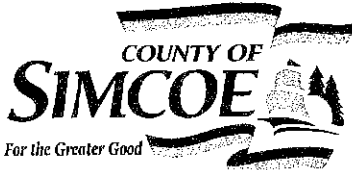


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Deputy Clerk

Cc. Ted Amott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills  
Michael Chong, MP Wellington-Halton Hills  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**County accepting applications for its 2021  
Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant Program**

**Midhurst/February 16, 2021** – The County of Simcoe is now accepting applications for its 2021 Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant Program. Grants will be awarded to qualified organizations that cultivate collaborations to develop tourism, culture and sport programs and initiatives.

“County Council is committed to supporting the outstanding tourism, culture and sports sector in Simcoe County, which has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic over the past year,” said Warden George Cornell. “Our region is brimming with local talent, entrepreneurs and organizations that continue to struggle through these challenging times. That is why this year, Council has made the decision to double our allocation for the 2021 Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant - in order to assist local residents and businesses to continue to thrive, enhance our local communities and grow regional tourism.”

The Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant Program is the result of a merger between the Simcoe County Tourism Development Fund (SCTDF) and the Arts, Culture and Heritage (Built, Natural and Environmental) Grant, and is accessible to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations within Simcoe County. In 2020, the County received 99 applications requesting a total of almost \$1.1 million in financial support. However, due to COVID-19, in April 2020, Council voted to suspend the Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant and apply the allocated \$300,000 for 2020 to the 2021 envelope, increasing the 2021 budget to \$600,000.

Through this grant program, the County will support and enhance tourism, culture and sport in Simcoe County by:

- Investing in tourism, culture and sport activities that promote awareness, access, participation and appreciation of the distinct, diverse offerings within the County of Simcoe
- Building organizational capacity in local existing and new organizations
- Encouraging collaborative opportunities and partnerships
- Contributing to the County of Simcoe's overall economic health and sense of place
- Enhancing participants' experiences by supporting innovative and accessible programming

**Interested applicants are asked to submit their forms by Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.** Applications will be accepted for photo and/or video production, storytelling, product and/or experience development, marketing, event enhancement, operator engagement, capacity-building activities, cycling infrastructure and tourism wayfinding signage.

All applications will be reviewed by the County of Simcoe's Grant Program Task Force, consisting of appointed County Councillors with support from County staff. The grant program will provide up to \$600,000 in funding, which will be divided among successful candidates based on program requirements, objectives and overall benefit to the entire region.

Details and application guidelines can be found at [www.experience.simcoe.ca/resources](http://www.experience.simcoe.ca/resources). Potential applicants can contact the County's Tourism staff via email, at [tourism@simcoe.ca](mailto:tourism@simcoe.ca) with questions.

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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](http://simcoe.ca).

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**NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF AN  
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT**



**for  
WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND SCHEDULES  
within**

**THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE OFFICIAL PLAN**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Corporation of the County of Simcoe enacted By-law No. 6882 to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 5 to the Official Plan for the County of Simcoe on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021, pursuant to Section 17 and 21 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended.

Official Plan Amendment No. 5 (**County File: SC-OPA-1901**) applies to all lands within the County of Simcoe and as such, no key map has been provided in this notice.

**THE PURPOSE and EFFECT** of the amendment is to amend the County of Simcoe Official Plan to clarify the County's policies regarding its Solid Waste Management System (Section 4.9) and update how solid waste management sites are identified on Schedules 5.6.1 and 5.6.2. The effect of the amendment will introduce a systems approach to waste management in the County, differentiate landfilling and non-landfilling activities, clarify language associated with D-4 Assessment Areas and D-4 studies, and update associated mapping schedules.

**PRIOR TO** adoption of Official Plan Amendment No. 5, a statutory public meeting was held on November 24, 2020 to receive public input on the proposed official plan amendment in accordance with Section 17(15) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990. With the adoption of Recommendation CCW-19-21 of the Committee of the Whole, Council deems it expedient to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 5 to the County of Simcoe Official Plan.

**PUBLIC INPUT** in the form of oral submissions were not received at the Public Meeting. Written submissions were received in advance and following the public meeting. The effect of these comments are detailed in the associated staff report (CCW 2021-016). The County is satisfied that these comments were considered prior to adoption of Official Plan Amendment No. 5. To view Item CCW 2021-016, visit <https://www.simcoe.ca/Planning/Pages/wasteCOPA.aspx>. A hardcopy of Item CCW 2021-016 will be made available upon request.

**THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT** and background materials are available for viewing on the County of Simcoe website at <https://www.simcoe.ca/Planning/Pages/wasteCOPA.aspx>.

**ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** will be entitled to receive a Notice of Decision of the Approval Authority, being the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, if a written request to be notified of the Decision is made to:

**Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Central Municipal Services Office  
777 Bay Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3  
Attn: Laurie Miller, Regional Director (Acting)**

**DATED** at Midhurst this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

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County of Simcoe Administration Centre  
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**NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF AN  
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT**



for

**THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE  
OFFICIAL PLAN**

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Official Plan Amendment No. 6 (**County File: SC-OPA-1902**) applies to all lands within the County of Simcoe and as such, no key map has been provided in this notice.

**THE PURPOSE and EFFECT** of the amendment is to amend the County of Simcoe Official Plan to implement new policies within the County Official Plan that recognize the Age-Friendly Community (AFC) concept. The amendment encourages planning for complete communities including the provision of housing and services for meeting the needs of older persons by adding a new section 4.10 specific to Age-Friendly Planning, new definitions, and enhanced policies and objectives throughout the Plan.

**PRIOR TO** adoption of Official Plan Amendment No. 6, a statutory public meeting was held on November 24, 2020 to receive public input on the proposed official plan amendment in accordance with Section 17(15) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990. With the adoption of Recommendation CCW-20-21 of the Committee of the Whole, Council deems it expedient to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 6 to the County of Simcoe Official Plan.

**PUBLIC INPUT** in the form of oral submissions were not received at the Public Meeting. Written submissions were received in advance and following the public meeting. The effect of these comments are have been incorporated into the County Official Plan, which is identified as Schedule 3 to the County staff report Item CCW 2021-019. The County is satisfied that these comments were considered prior to adoption of Official Plan Amendment No. 6. To view Item CCW 2021-019, visit <https://www.simcoe.ca/Planning/Pages/County-Official-Plan-Amendment-Age-friendly.aspx>. A hardcopy of Item CCW 2021-019 will be made available upon request.

**THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT** and background materials are available for viewing on the County of Simcoe website at <https://www.simcoe.ca/Planning/Pages/County-Official-Plan-Amendment-Age-friendly.aspx>.

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February 17, 2021

Dear Head of Council,

**RE: Consulting on growing the size of the Greenbelt**

I am writing today to announce that my ministry is launching a consultation on **growing the size of the Greenbelt**.

The government has been clear that we are protecting the Greenbelt for future generations. We are committed to growing the Greenbelt and will not consider any proposals to remove any lands or changes to the existing Greenbelt Plan policies.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on ways to grow the size and further enhance the quality of the Greenbelt, with a priority of:

- i. A study area of lands focused on the Paris Galt Moraine, which is home to critical groundwater resources.
- ii. Ideas for adding, expanding and further protecting Urban River Valleys.

The maps available for this consultation are for discussion purposes only and do not represent a proposed boundary.

For more information on this consultation, please visit <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-3136> where you will find information about growing the Greenbelt:

- Proposed principles for growing the Greenbelt
- Discussion questions for consideration
- Context map of the Paris Galt Moraine area

The consultation is open for 61 days and ends on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

I look forward to receiving your input on this proposal. If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact the ministry at [greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca](mailto:greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

Steve Clark  
Minister

c: Planning Head and/or Clerks

**From:** AMCTO President <[president@amcto.com](mailto:president@amcto.com)>  
**Sent:** February 18, 2021 8:27 AM  
**To:** Lisa Lehr <[llehr@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:llehr@essatownship.on.ca)>  
**Subject:** An Open Letter to Ontario Municipal Councils

Dear Lisa Lehr,

We would appreciate your support in sharing the below open letter and for this letter to be included on your municipal council agenda:

February 18, 2021



**AN OPEN LETTER TO ONTARIO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS**

Dear Council,

As a vital municipal association with membership roots that reach deep into each and every part of Ontario, we know the challenges you have faced in continuing to provide essential municipal services within your community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As elected officials, we know that you recognize the contribution made by your municipal staff, many of whom are members of AMCTO. Municipal professionals across this entire province have been at the forefront of service delivery, applying their knowledge and skills to innovate processes and procedures to meet the evolving needs of residents and businesses.

One key point that is often overlooked in this pandemic is that many municipal staff were prepared to act and innovate BECAUSE of the professional municipal training and development they receive from organizations like AMCTO. The leadership skills, education and technical training prepare your staff in getting ahead of immediate community needs, reacting and responding to new challenges brought on by COVID-19. This unique and sought-after skillset has allowed your staff to provide council with options and solutions for keeping your municipality running.

In these challenging financial times, there will be temptation to divert operational funding away from staff training budgets. Now more than ever, it is crucial that municipalities continue to invest in your most valuable resource – your staff.

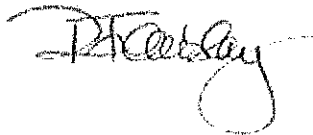
In addition to increased levels of employee retention, engagement and empowerment, investments in staff professional development strengthens your council's ability to provide

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reliable, effective and efficient services to your community, both today and in the future. The question is no longer "if" you innovate but "when". Innovation comes with knowledge, training, and exposing municipal staff to new opportunities to grow and develop professionally.

On behalf of AMCTO and its over 2,200 members, please accept my heartfelt thank you for your service during these difficult times. As "Municipal Experts", AMCTO will continue to be at your service to help you and your staff meet the needs of your community.

Sincerely,



Robert Tremblay, MPA, CMO, AOMC  
President  
AMCTO

CC: Graydon Smith, President, AMO

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**From:** AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 19, 2021 2:12 PM  
**To:** Lisa Lehr  
**Reply To:** Communicate@amo.on.ca  
**Subject:** AMO Policy Update – Pre-Budget Submission, AMO-CUPE Economic Recovery Letter, Emergency Orders Extended, Updated COVID-19 Regional Framework

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February 19, 2021

## **AMO Policy Update – Pre-Budget Submission, AMO-CUPE Economic Recovery Letter, Emergency Orders Extended, and Updated COVID-19 Regional Framework**

### **Pre-Budget Submission**

AMO is pleased to share its 2021 Pre-Budget submission titled **"Building a Recovery to Strengthen all of Ontario: A Provincial-Municipal Partnership for a Safe and Prosperous 2021"** that reflects a series of recommendations to help the Province and municipal governments navigate the ongoing pandemic and together pursue an integrated socio-economic recovery.

The submission outlines key recommendations for the government to pursue around the following themes:

1. Fiscal Stabilization for Municipalities
2. Healthy and Safe Communities for People
3. Investing in a Stronger Economic Recovery
4. Strengthening Ontario's Municipal Governments.

To support this submission's main recommendation, **AMO President Graydon Smith and CUPE Ontario President Fred Hahn jointly wrote to the Premier of Ontario** to urge him to champion new funding support similar to last year's Safe Restart Agreement. This funding is required to help support municipal governments and the

municipal workers who are keeping our communities safe and maintaining the essential services all Ontarians rely on most during the ongoing pandemic.

AMO is optimistic that Ontario is poised for a strong recovery, and a prosperous and competitive future. This submission generally calls for the continued collaboration between all orders of government to address the very serious challenges ahead and to accomplish positive change for all Ontarians.

## **Updated COVID-19 Regional Framework**

Today the Province has updated the COVID-19 Regional Framework. The City of Toronto, Peel Region, and North Bay-Parry Sound District will remain in full lockdown for at least two more weeks until Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. York Region will move from Shutdown to Red and the Lambton PHU region will move from Orange into Red as of the effective date of Monday, February 22 at 12:01 am.

## **Emergency Orders Extended**

Ontario Emergency Orders, which were to expire on February 19<sup>th</sup> in force under the Reopening Ontario Act (ROA), have been extended until March 21, 2021.

Orders under the ROA include the Province's ability to implement rules on public gatherings, business closures, and managing outbreaks in hospitals or long-term care homes. This extension does not change the length of how long a region is in lockdown.

The ROA must be extended every 30 days and the government must notify the public on which orders have been extended.

The full list of orders being extended by the Ontario government can be found 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](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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**To:** Lisa Lehr <[llehr@essatowship.on.ca](mailto:llehr@essatowship.on.ca)>  
**Subject:** AMO Policy Update – Build Back Better Extension, New Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation

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February 24, 2021

## **AMO Policy Update – *Build Back Better* Extension and New Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation**

### ***Build Back Better* Pilot Extended in Municipal Recovery Assistance Program**

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, announced today that the Province is providing an additional \$2 million to extend the *Build Back Better* pilot into 2023.

*Build Back Better* helps municipalities that require assistance to recover from flooding or other natural disasters to rebuild public infrastructure to a higher standard such as raising roads or increasing ditch sizes or other work to make communities more resilient. *Build Back Better* has been requested by municipal governments as a permanent change to the Municipal Recovery Assistance Program and AMO has long advocated for increased infrastructure funding for climate resilience.

### **Ontario Introduces New Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation**

Coinciding with National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, the Ontario government introduced the *Combating Human Trafficking Act*. The proposed new legislation and amendments to existing legislation will build upon the Province's \$307 million Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy.

The proposed changes include two new acts – the *Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy Act, 2021* and the *Accommodation Sector Registration of Guests Act, 2021* – as well

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as amendments to the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017* and the *Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking Act, 2017*.

The proposed legislation will focus on protecting children and youth, supporting survivors, and providing law enforcement with additional tools to prevent and deter human trafficking. More information can be found [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](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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MEMORANDUM

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

February 24, 2021

**TO:** County of Simcoe  
 Simcoe County District School Board  
 Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board  
 Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud  
 Conseil Scolaire Viamonde  
 Ontario Power Generation  
 Hydro One  
 Enbridge Gas Distributions  
 Alectra (formerly PowerStream)  
 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority  
 Canada Post Corporation  
 Bell Canada  
 Rogers Cable  
 CP Rail  
 Township of Essa

**FROM:** Derek Abbotts, Manager of Development Planning

**RE:** **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**  
**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATIONS & PUBLIC MEETING**  
 Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-law Amendment Applications  
 214 Gray Avenue, Alliston

**FILE NO.:** DEV 404

On December 15, 2020, The Town of New Tecumseth received complete applications from Poetry Living (Parkside) Ltd. c/o Antonio Di Sabatino, Holborn Group, to redesignate the subject property at 214 Gray Avenue, Alliston, from Commercial Corridor to Urban Residential in the Town's Official Plan, 2019 and to amend the Zoning By-law for the subject properties from Convenience Commercial – Exception (CC-4) to Urban Residential – Exception (UR2-21).

The subject property has a total approximate lot area of 5,021 square metres (1.24 acres) fronting on Gray Avenue, Dowling Road and Boyne Street. The property is currently designated Commercial Corridor on Schedule B1 to the Town's Official Plan, 2019 and zoned Convenience Commercial – Exception (CC-4) on Schedule A to Zoning By-law No. 2014-126. The application proposes to redesignate the lands to Urban Residential and rezone the lands to Urban Residential Exception (UR2-21) in support of developing 9 single detached dwellings on individual residential lots.

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The following items have been submitted in support of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications:

- Official Plan Amendment Application Form
- Zoning By-law Amendment Application Form
- Cover Letter and Owner's Authorization Form
- Planning Justification Report (including discussion of Urban Design policies)
- Draft Zoning By-law Amendment
- Functional Servicing Report
- Conceptual Grading Plan
- Conceptual Site Servicing Plan
- Traffic Impact Brief
- Noise Impact Study Addendum
- Concept Plan
- Location Map

Please [click here](#) to access the above documents in OneDrive.

Let me know if you require physical copies of the above documents.


Comments on the above noted application are requested on or before **Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**. If comments are not received by this date, it will be assumed that you have no concerns/comments respecting the application.

The Virtual Public Meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

If you require additional time in which to respond, or should you require any additional copies of the supporting studies, please contact the undersigned at (705) 435-3900 ext. 1254 or by e-mail at [dabbotts@newtecumseth.ca](mailto:dabbotts@newtecumseth.ca) before the commenting deadline.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Regards,



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# Barrie HomeShare

## HomeFeast

Be matched with a Georgian College Student

Learn & connect together on-line

Prepare to join us at HomeFeast - March 25th 4-6pm

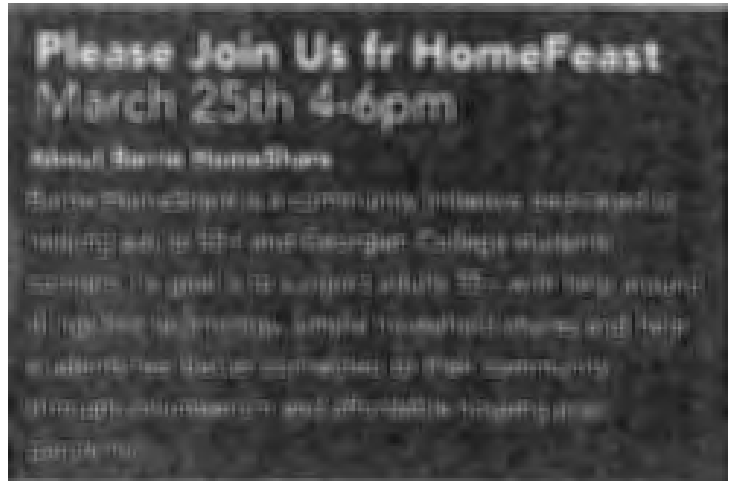
**What is HomeFeast? HomeFeast is a virtual community event hosted by Barrie HomeShare. During Georgian College's Changemaker in Residency Week, you and a Georgian College Student will cook a meal together online and then join in a virtual celebration feast.**

### How It Works

Adults 55+ will be matched with Georgian College Students and these matched pairs will meet virtually on a regular basis - starting on February 8th - to plan the HomeFeast meal. Barrie HomeShare will help to provide ingredients through meal kits and help you and the student learn how to connect together online.

### Why Participate?

Georgian College Students are looking to build connections and relationships within their community. Many are a long way from home, friends and families. You can help these students to build greater confidence in navigating technology while sharing a sense of connection during the provincial stay at home orders.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

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**Sign-up online**

[www.barriehomeshare.org](http://www.barriehomeshare.org)



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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **NVCA improves customer service during COVID-19 pandemic**

UTOPIA, Ontario (February 26, 2021) – Today, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) released its 2020 annual report, which highlights the efforts to serve watershed residents quicker and more efficiently, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am very proud of the accomplishments that our team and board of directors achieved last year," commented Doug Hevenor, CAO of NVCA. "None of which would have been possible without the dedication of our passionate and knowledgeable staff."

In 2020, NVCA's conservation areas saw a 60% increase in visitors compared to 2019. This led to an increase in revenue from parking fees, which went directly into maintaining trails, improving amenities, enhancing signage and many other projects to give visitors an enjoyable experience.

Several years ago, NVCA implemented online mapping and a property inquiry request form for property owners in the watershed. These tools, along with phone calls, emails and virtual meetings proved to be vital in the COVID-19 pandemic, as regulations staff were not able to meet face-to-face with permit applicants. As a result, NVCA met the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's customer service timelines by 98.7% and Conservation Ontario customer service timelines by 95.2%.

Last summer, NVCA's education team developed a video series for families to learn about nature near their homes. Lessons include Backyard Exploration, Pond Dipping and Citizen Science. The outdoor educators also delivered live and pre-recorded virtual content to Grade 4 students from the Simcoe County District School Board.

NVCA's forestry department planted over 100,000 trees, while in stewardship, staff and volunteers were masked up, sterilized, armed with hand sanitizer and physical distanced while completing 29 environmental restoration projects. These include removing the Petun Dam, restoring 65.4 hectares of grasslands, restoring and rehabilitating 31 km of stream banks and shoreline.



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Although most watershed monitoring work stopped due to the pandemic, NVCA partnered with the Georgian College Big Data Analytics post-graduate program to develop a database that will house and analyze 25 years of benthic macroinvertebrate (water bugs) data. The new tool will be used to help other program areas determine the impact of their projects.

Promoting that our watershed residents are safe from flooding and erosion hazards remain a top priority for NVCA in 2020. While working from home, NVCA's planners continued work with developers and municipalities, including reviewing natural hazard studies, environmental impact studies.

NVCA issued four flood messages and one high water levels message in 2020.

For more information about NVCA's projects and accomplishments in last year, download the [2020 Annual Report](#).

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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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