

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
CONSENT AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022**

**A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

- p.1 1. Invitation to the 2022 Nottawasaga Foundation Golf Tournament dated April 28, 2022.
- p.2 2. Township of Essa Building Department Statistics – May 2022.
3. Correspondence from the Essa Public Library (EPL):
- p.3 a) EPL Report – April 2022.
- p.7 b) EPL Annual Report – 2022.
- p.14 c) May 27, 2022 – Letter of Resignation from EPL Board Member Susanna Malick.
- p.15 4. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Board Meeting Highlights – May 2022.
5. Correspondence from the County of Simcoe:
- p.17 a) May 27, 2022 – Release - County of Simcoe Receives Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada Grant in Support of Public Access Defibrillation Program.
- p.18 b) May 29, 2022 – County Council Highlights - Meeting Held on May 24, 2022.
- p.24 c) May 30, 2022 – Advisory - Making Tracks at the Simcoe County Museum.
- p.35 d) June 2, 2022 – Correspondence, re: Establishment of Information Library Service (ILS).
- p.32 e) June 3, 2022 – Release - Local Immigration Partnership Shows Support for Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven.
- p.33 f) June 3, 2022 – Advisory - Ask an Expert About Determining the Value of a Business For Sale or Purchase.
- p.35 g) June 8, 2022 – Advisory – County Hosts Virtual Open House to Engage Residents On Municipal Comprehensive Review Updates.
- p.37 6. Resolution from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio dated May 25, 2022, re: Human Trafficking.
7. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
- p.38 a) May 29, 2022 – Nominations for 2022-2024 AMO Board of Directors.
- p.40 b) June 8, 2022 – Policy Update - Blue Box Transition, Flood Hazard ID Mapping Program, Conservation Authorities Act Regs Webinar.
- p.42 8. Resolution from the Town of Aurora dated May 31, 2022, re: Private Member's Bill C-233 "Keira's Law".
9. Correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie:
- p.45 a) May 31, 2022 – Resolution - Bidding Wars on Apartment Rentals.
- p.47 b) May 31, 2022 – Resolution - Federal Government's Plans to Tax Vacant Foreign Owned Properties.
- p.49 10. Resolution from the City of Cambridge dated June 1, 2022, re: Request to the Province of Ontario for a Plan of Action to Address Joint and Several Liability.

**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.

From: Steve Jones <[sjones@nottawasagaresort.com](mailto:sjones@nottawasagaresort.com)>  
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 10:26:08 PM  
To: Colleen Healey <[chealey@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:chealey@essatownship.on.ca)>  
Subject: 2022 Nottawasaga Foundation Golf Tournament

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April 28, 2022

Township of Essa  
Colleen Healey-Dowdall

**An Important Notice to Our Generous Supporters:**

We hope everyone is safe and well. Last year, due to limits placed on us by COVID-19 restrictions, we had to make changes to the format of our **Annual Charity Golf Tournament**. The tournament was a great success and, from feedback we received, well liked by the participants. Due to the favourable response, this year's Tournament will follow the same format.

The tournament will take place on **Friday, July 15, 2022**. As we anticipate some attendance and social-distancing restrictions will still be in effect, golf will be limited to sponsors in the **Titanium, Platinum, Double-Gold, and Gold** Sponsorship categories. **Titanium, Platinum, Double-Gold, and Gold** can also choose to take golf vouchers instead, for a later date. We ask that you please continue your support as a Double-Gold Sponsor or, perhaps, move up a level.

**TITANIUM Sponsor: \$15,000**

8 participants for the Executive Tournament. Includes golf, cart, and specialty holes featuring food, beverages, and prizes

or

16 x 18-Hole Golf and Cart Vouchers to be used at a future date

(Includes corporate acknowledgement on all electronic and print media and corporate logo on Foundation website)

**PLATINUM Sponsor: \$5,000**

4 participants for the Executive Tournament. Includes golf, cart, and specialty holes featuring food, beverages, and prizes

or

8 x 18-Hole Golf and Cart Vouchers to be used at a future date

(Includes corporate acknowledgement on all electronic and print media and corporate logo on Foundation website)

**DOUBLE-GOLD Sponsor: \$2,500**

2 participants for the Executive Tournament. Includes golf, cart, and specialty holes featuring food, beverages, and prizes

or

4 x 18-Hole Golf and Cart Vouchers to be used at a future date

(Includes corporate acknowledgement on all electronic and print media)

**Titanium, Platinum, Double-Gold, and Gold Sponsors** can register securely using PayPal (PayPal account is **not** required) by clicking here:

[Nottawasaga Foundation Registration by Credit Card](#)

All Golf vouchers are valid until the **end of the 2022** golf season.

May-22

Current

Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD	
Residential	33	68	\$5,828,270.00	\$10,514,857.00	\$34,591.68	\$66,384.02	
Commercial	2	6	\$18,500.00	\$2,456,200.00	\$225.00	\$7,667.30	
Industrial	1	2	\$15,000.00	\$215,000.00	\$500.00	\$3,297.00	
Institutional		0		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Agricultural	1	1	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$226.80	\$226.80	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>\$6,161,770.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,486,057.00</b>	<b>\$35,543.48</b>	<b>\$ 77,575.12</b>	
<b>Y.O.Y.</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>\$11,065,980.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,043,705.00</b>	<b>\$87,664.38</b>	<b>\$ 156,697.22</b>	<b>-50.49%</b>

NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

Dwelling Units Created

Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	8	13	\$4,120,000.00	\$6,583,958.00
Mult Res Bldgs		0		\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg		0		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$4,120,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,583,958.00</b>
<b>Y.O.Y.</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>\$ 6,633,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,697,550.00</b>
	<b>-68.00%</b>	<b>-66.67%</b>	<b>-37.89%</b>	<b>-43.72%</b>

Reviewed by CBO Pedro Granes



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# Essa Public Library Report: April 2022

## IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

### Outcomes



This group meets with Library staff member, Lewis to start a new session of the Learn to Run Club

Library staff motivated this patron to try the Kitchen Library Pasta Maker. She shared these photos after and commented, *"It was a great way to get creative and I was inspired to make bow tie pasta by hand. Thanks for encouraging me."*



First time user of the Simcoe County Libraries App said, *"It's nice that you have an app to use now."*

A visitor that staff helped scan and email documents was very pleased with the service: *"What a great experience. Thanks so much."*

*"It's like shopping. I'm leaving with a bag of books!"* said an NPSS student after checking out 26 graphic novels.

A couple who attended the First Aid for Seniors said, *"The class was amazing. We are grateful we came."*

After being in the library for a visit with his little granddaughter, a Grandpa said, *"I didn't know there was so much here. I could stay for days."*

*One of our library patrons visited us and was excited to be in the building: "I just can't get enough of this place!"*

A Mom arriving with her two little ones was greeted by staff. She exclaimed, *"What a warm welcome!"*

One of our senior patrons shared, *"I live alone you see so these books are the only company I have."*

More wonderful comments:

*"I tell my friends all the time to use the library. There are so many great books."*

*"Seeing on my date due receipt how much I save on the price of items, I don't even bother with book stores anymore. I really appreciate what you all do."*

*"I feel like I'm home everytime I come here."*

*"I love the 'staff picks' labels because I trust your choices."*

**Programming Events & Attendance**

**Adults**

Zoom Cercel de Conversation  
 Virtuel: 13

Bookclub - Angus: 5  
 Bookclub - Thornton: 4

Cookbook Club: 4

Tech Learning - (in person/phone/email)  
 Angus Branch: 6  
 Thornton Branch: offered

Outreach - Geocache  
 Angus Branch: 4  
 Thornton Branch: 7

Art Display: continues

Exams: 1

Learn to Run Club - Angus: 21

Paper Card Craft - Angus: 7

**Social Media**

Facebook: 11 posts  
 Reactions: 120  
 Followers: 1,288

Twitter: 15 tweets  
 Reactions: 172  
 Followers: 1,056

Instagram: 6 posts  
 Reactions: 90  
 Followers: 484

Youtube Views: 15,595  
 Reactions: 0  
 Subscribers: 399

**Kids**

**Beanstack**

*New Horizons Books:*  
 Active readers: 10  
 Books read: 260  
 Badges earned: 11

*New Horizons Minutes:*  
 Active readers: 2 new signups - not active  
 Minutes read: 0  
 Badges earned: 0

*Growing Readers:*  
 Active readers: 2  
 Minutes read: 641  
 Badges earned: 24

Beanstack challenges offered: 52

**Virtual**

Growing Together Storytime: 108

**Other Fun**

Storytime: 75  
 L'Heure du Conte Bilingual: 16  
 School Outreach: 20

What's Up Wednesdays After School - Angus: 29

Wiggles & Giggles Baby Group - Angus: 108

**More**

*Library Zest* blog posts, videos & email campaigns: 1

*Library Zest* blog traffic: 31

*Library Zest* unique visitors: 22  
 Makerspace: 3

**Seniors Aging Well**

First Aid training: 2

**Young Adults - Unleash Your Future Grant & more**

Pen Pal Program: 1

UYF Virtual Speakers - Mark Black: 22

One more page Teen Book Club: 6

First Aid Training (Virtual): 16

First Aid Training (In person): 10

**Community Partners**

Ontario Parks Passes available:  
 Angus: 8 Thornton: 5

Collecting medical and personal item donations, at both branches, with Barrie's Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church for Ukrainian people: 7 boxes/ 9 large bags.

**Tweens**

Loot Packs: 9

## Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	Apr. 2021	Apr. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	3,478	6,318	25,531
Thornton Branch	1,236	1,179	5,688
Angus Branch Computer Use	0	206	642
Thornton Branch Computer Use	0	9	41
Angus Branch Wireless Use January - April 2022*	369	12,403*	12,403
Thornton Branch Wireless Use January - April 2022*	150	7,873*	7,873
eAudio & eBooks	1,024	1,392	3,881
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>6,257</b>	<b>29,380</b>	<b>56,059</b>

Circulation Analysis	Apr. 2021	Apr. 2022	YTD 2022
Print	2,550	4,721	20,393
Non-Print	2,077	2,707	10,560
Computer Use/Internet + Wireless (Jan-Apr 2020)*	519	215+ 20,276*	20,959
eAudio Books	243	240	803
eBooks	781	1,152	3,078
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	62	42	161
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	25	27	105

Materials Used In-Library	Apr. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	153	565
Thornton Branch	18	74

## Online Resources & New Members

<b>Library website visits</b>	<b>YTD 2022</b>
3,670	13,560

<b>Simcoe County Libraries App</b>	<b>YTD 2022</b>
164	1,328

<b>Digital Library visits</b>	<b>YTD 2022</b>
2,328	5,227

<b>New Members</b>		<b>YTD 2022</b>
Angus Branch	48	226
Thornton Branch	3	12

## Library Highlights

Essa Public Library partnered with Barrie's Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church to accept donations for the Ukrainian people. The community stepped up and made us proud. These amazing handmade quilts were donated. Thank you to all who donated.



A little one enjoying the Kids' Room.



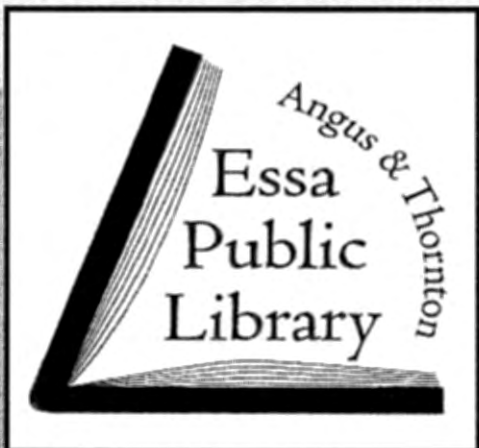
Wiggles & Giggles Baby Group having a great time.

*"Look at these beautiful handmade quilts!! Along with medical supplies, these quilts and many more have been donated by patrons of Essa Public Library. The Barrie Ukrainian community would like to thank the Library Board and the Essa Community for your support and generous donations to Ukraine!"* ❤️



Having fun with the Early Literacy Computer.

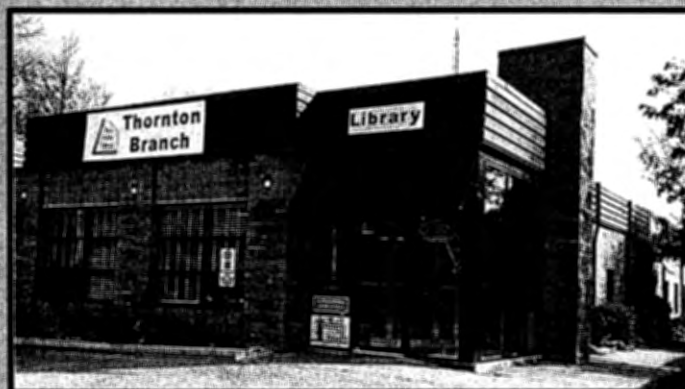




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Angus Branch



Thornton Branch

Imagine >>

Discover >>

Connect >>

**Mission: Connect people, grow ideas & inspire discovery**

### **Essa Public Library Board Members**

Derek McKeever, Chair  
 Jennett Bushey, Personnel Committee  
 Carol Cryer, Chair of Policy & Planning Committee and SOLS Representative  
 Judith Hunter, Vice-Chair and Chair of Personnel Committee  
 Pieter Kiezebrink, Council Representative - Partial Term  
 Susanna Malick, Chair of Finance Committee  
 Andrew Morrison, Policy & Planning Committee  
 Henry Sander, Council Representative  
 Keith White, Council Representative - Partial Term  
 Laura Wark, CEO/Board Secretary/Treasurer  
 Glenda Newbatt, Manager of Library Services

### **Essa Township Council**

Sandie Macdonald, Mayor  
 Ron Henderson, Ward 3 Councillor  
 Pieter Kiezebrink, Ward 1 Councillor - Partial Term  
 Henry Sander, Ward 2 Councillor  
 Michael Smith, Deputy Mayor  
 Keith White, Ward 1 Councillor - Partial Term

### **Essa Public Library Staff**

Laura Wark, CEO  
 Glenda Newbatt, Manager of Library Services  
 Angie Wishart, Coordinator of Facility and Support Services  
 Holly Elliott, Coordinator of Children & Family Experiences  
 Karly Bruce & Christine Simone,  
 Coordinator of Children & Family Experiences - Bilingual  
 Paula Hughes, Library Technician  
 Ann-Marie Crackle, Roberta Miller, Victoria Murgante, Emily Nakeff, Lewis Sabo, Dawn Travers, Tracy Ward: Public Engagement Representatives

Many thanks to our **Library Volunteers** for lending a hand.

## EPL 2021 Annual Report

### Message from 2021 Library Board Chair >>

2021 was another challenging year and again I feel that we met those challenges successfully. Thank you library staff for the fantastic job you have done which has made 2021 a successful year. Thank you Laura for your outstanding leadership and thank you Library Board and Essa Council for your continuing support.

A few highlights for 2021:

- Continuing with library services throughout the pandemic
- Offering 13 Author Talks in partnership with 9 libraries in the South Simcoe
- Growing food to share at the Angus Branch
- Teeny Halloweeny
- Virtual Story Times
- Book bundles for all ages
- Virtual Trivia nights
- Simcoe Reads which was televised by Rogers TV

The primary goal of the Essa Public Library is to eliminate barriers and to make the library a destination for all people in Essa and the surrounding area. I believe we have been successful.

I would like to thank the following for their most generous grants to the library:

RBC Grant \$ 37,500

New Horizons for Seniors \$7,438

Canada Summer Jobs \$5,773

Tim Hortons \$4,793.50

I resigned from the library board effective December 15, 2021 as Donella and I are going to move back West. It has been a fantastic 21 years and I have seen the library come a long way in its development and I know it has a great future.

I would like to thank my wife Donella who has been by my side helping me for the last 21 years. She is a great proofreader, steno and photographer.

Thank you all again for your unwavering support over the years and rest assured that I will miss you all.

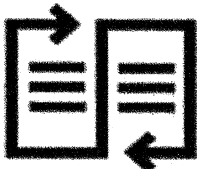
Fond Regards,

Derek J, L McKeever

Board Chair (2000-2021)


# EPL 2021 Annual Report

<b>Total Population Served</b> (resident & contracting) <b>23,456</b> Active cards <b>3,362</b>	<b>Number of Service Points</b> <b>2</b> <b>Total Weekly Hours of Operation</b> <b>82</b>	<b>Number of Public Access Computer Workstations with Internet</b> <b>16</b> <b>Number of lending laptops &amp; tablets</b> <b>18</b>
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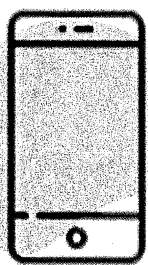


**94,882**  
Items circulated


**31,963**



Digital Library visits



**1,783**  
Simcoe County Libraries Mobile App use



**42,894**  
Visits to our Website



**1,270**  
Programs Offered



**6,818**  
Program Attendance

## EPL 2021 Annual Report

## Funding &gt;&gt;

Expenses	Budget	YTD Actual Cost	Variance Over/Under
Salaries/Wages	523,383	499,202	(24,181)
Benefits	139,392	127,621	(11,771)
Operating	196,715	183,723	(12,992)
Utilities	23,650	20,703	(2,947)
Repairs & Maintenance	23,360	18,826	(4,534)
Miscellaneous	6,000	4,302	(1,698)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>912,500</b>	<b>854,376</b>	<b>(58,124)</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(912,500)</b>	<b>(854,376)</b>	<b>(58,124)</b>

Revenues	Budget	YTD Actual Cost	Variance Over/Under
Grants	43,185	46,038	2,853
Fees & Fines	6,400	3,131	(3,269)
Rentals	500	-	(500)
Licenses/Permits	1,200	264	(936)
Interest	250	402	152
Other/Miscellaneous	10,000	3,643	(6,357)
Internal	-	16,081	16,081
Donations	47,020	48,992	1,972
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>108,555</b>	<b>118,551</b>	<b>9,996</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>108,555</b>	<b>118,551</b>	<b>9,996</b>

Financial information provided by Essa Township Treasury as of April 28, 2022.



The Township of Essa is responsible for the majority of Library funding.

### Additional Contributors

County of Simcoe

Province of Ontario

Government of Canada for  
Canada Summer Jobs &  
New Horizons for Seniors

RBC Retired Volunteer Program

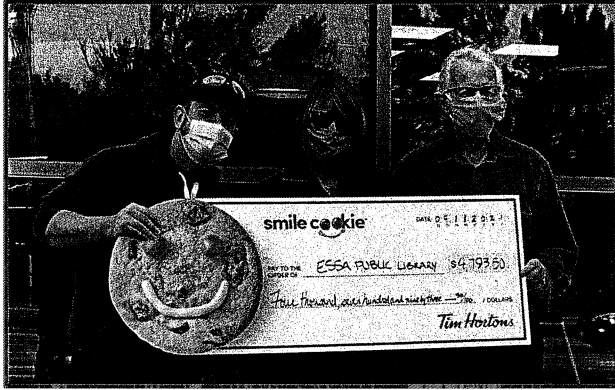
RBC Future Youth Program

Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign,  
Thornton

International Dyslexia Association Ontario

## EPL 2021 Annual Report

### Library Year in Review >>



Tim Hortons (Cookstown & Thornton) Manager, Scott Bialo presented \$4,793.50 from the Smile Cookie Campaign, to Essa Public Library CEO, Laura Wark & Board Chair, Derek McKeever. This money will be applied to Thornton Branch rejuvenation projects.

- Library Board Chair & Vice-Chair participate in KPMG interviews for the Simcoe County Library System Service Delivery Review Project.
- Library Board is especially grateful to RBC for the final year of the Future Youth Grant to help youth achieve career & vocational skills and goals.
- Library Board is pleased to embark on a pilot project with Service Ontario.
- Library Board is proud of Essa Public Library for being the Simcoe Reads Winner for 2021.

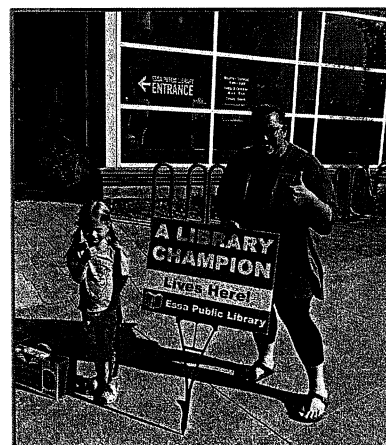
### Satisfaction >>

*"You have all done such a wonderful job with the Book Bundles. My kids and I looked forward to our bundles as if they were Christmas gifts. Each one was put together with such love and care, which was so wonderful to see. Please know how much they meant to us. We wanted to say thank you for all your dedication during this crazy pandemic. We look forward to coming into the library and chatting to you about great book suggestions"*

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."*

*"I have a very close relationship with my own grandparents which has inspired me to participate in Essa Public Library's Pen Pal program."*

*"Your Library is a quiet, peaceful and cozy place for my family, with friendly, kind staff. The Kids' Room was great. I have a son turning 3. It was his first experience of a library and he said he liked it and wants to visit again. We made beautiful memories there."*



**Summer Reading Fun: Library Champion**

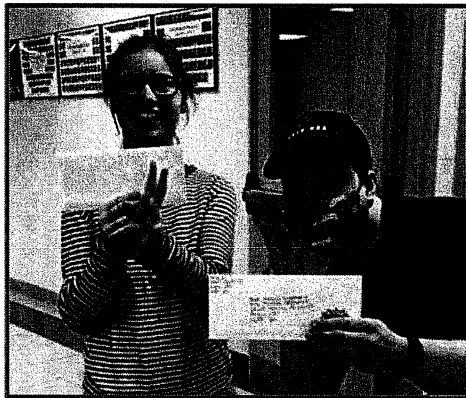
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NPSS Life Skills students lend a hand in the Community Gardens.



Teeny Halloweeny Fun.



Pen-pal program between teens & seniors.



Storywalks at both branches.

Tween Loot Packs.



French Conversation Group - virtual program.



Seniors' Craft Kits.

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To: Laura Wark

Cc: Judith Hunter; Jennett Bushey; Carol Cryer; Henry Sander; Pieter Kiezebrink; Morrison, Andrew; Glenda Newbatt

Fri 2022-05-27 7:38 PM

Hello Laura,

Please accept my resignation from the Essa Public Library Board.

When I told Mel that I wanted to be on the Library Board he commented that I would be 'bored'. Well, seven and a half years later I can say that it has been rewarding, interesting, challenging, fun and even frustrating but never ever boring!

You and your exceptional team have done a brilliant job - EPL is the jewel in the crown of Essa township.

Please find enclosed my response to County Council's Resolution 2022-263.

One good thing, I will now have time to browse in the library!

Regards,

Susanna Malick





## NVCA May 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

**Next Meeting: June 24, 2022, held virtually**

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

### **Restoring the Nottawasaga Watershed – a documentary**

Fred Dobbs, Manager, Stewardship Services shared a documentary showcasing the importance of sports fishing in our watershed municipalities, and how NVCA and its partners are working to restore the Nottawasaga River to maintain and enhance these unique recreational opportunities.

[View the documentary here](#)

### **Change in service provider for conservation area remote parking payment**

NVCA will be moving to HotSpot as the new remote parking payment system starting on June 8, 2022. Staff were recently notified by the current service provider that remote payment services will no longer be offered.

Staff will be waiving parking fees during Customer Appreciation Week (June 1 – 7, 2022) to thank NVCA patrons for their continued support.

### **Update on Phase 2 Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act**

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is moving forward with Phase 2 of the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act (CAA) to improve the governance, oversight, transparency and accountability of CA operations.

The regulations and policy build on current CA budgetary practices with updates to align the levy apportionment methods and budget processes with the new funding framework and categories of programs and services established

by recent amendments to the CAA and first phase of regulations. The changes will ensure a smooth transition by January 1, 2024 of CAs to the new funding framework and three categories of programs and services.

### **Potential Appointment of Agricultural Representative**

Changes to the CAA enabled the Minister of MECP to appoint a member from the agricultural sector to each conservation authority Board of Directors.

On February 8, 2022 conservation authorities were notified that the Ministry had posted job advertisements on the Public Appointments Secretariat website for an agricultural sector position for each conservation authority.

NVCA's Administrative By-law will be updated to reflect the Minister's ability to appoint an agricultural sector representative. The new member will be subject to NVCA's Administrative Bylaw including the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policies.

### **Planning Services Review**

As noted in a March 2022 staff report, between 2018 and 2021, NVCA's Planning Services team has seen a 75% increase in workload, placing tremendous pressure on staff to meet provincial and municipal review timelines and has resulted in reduced efficiency in recognizing user fee revenues.

In addition, the NVCA Board of Directors approved housekeeping changes to planning and permit review fees in December 2021. It was anticipated that a more in depth review of fees would occur in 2022/23.

NVCA will examine current fees and opportunities to expand the level of service

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meet the needs and expectations of our partners, as well as be more consistent with other conservation authorities. This increased level of service is expected to potentially include the addition of new technical staff

An RFP has been issued to retain consulting services to review NVCA's Planning Services department program rates and fees.

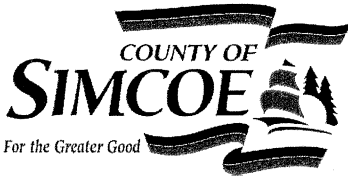
## **Natural Heritage Program Strategy**

NVCA staff released the Natural Heritage Program Strategy. The document outlines the program's historical work completed and outlines the recommended directions in support of the NVCA's Integrated Watershed Management Plan, Strategic Plan and Business Plan.

Building on the strength of the program accomplishments to date while recognizing the value of current natural heritage monitoring and planning approaches and support the integrated watershed management framework, the core program areas include: development of a watershed-wide natural heritage system, wetland evaluation and mapping, monitoring, natural heritage inventories, and program communications.

These program components provide supports to the NVCA's vision of "a sustainable watershed that is resilient to the effects of climate change, urban growth and other stressors and provides for safe, healthy and prosperous people and communities."

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**Joint Release**  
County of Simcoe, Office of the Warden and CAO  
1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario L9X 1N6  
simcoe.ca

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**County of Simcoe Receives Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada Grant in Support of Public Access Defibrillation Program**

**Midhurst/May 27, 2022** – Recognizing the need for automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to be placed in community facilities across Simcoe County, in 2005, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services launched the Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program. To date, the program has helped to place and maintain more than 940 AEDs in public places, schools and private businesses across the region.

The deployment of these AEDs, combined with the quick administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by community members, has directly resulted in 28 lives saved since the program’s inception.

Understanding the vital role of AEDs during cardiac emergencies, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation recently awarded the County of Simcoe Paramedic Services PAD Program with a \$26,949 grant-to purchase 16 new AEDs. These new AEDs will replace older AEDs within the community, ensuring that the proper equipment is ready and able to be deployed when needed.

“We are thankful to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada and Firehouse Subs locations in Barrie for providing us with this invaluable funding,” said Warden George Cornell. “In an emergency, every second counts. The added benefit of having the very best lifesaving equipment accessible to the public in key locations throughout our communities can help save lives.”

These new AEDs will be placed in previously identified locations throughout the summer months. For more information on our Public Access Defibrillation Program or to register your existing AED with 9-1-1, visit our website.

**About Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada**

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada has awarded 279 grants to public safety organizations since 2015. This grant is one of 11 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada awarded to public safety organizations during the most recent grant cycle. The 11 grants will provide critical lifesaving equipment valued at more than \$279,000 combined across Ontario.

To donate and learn more, visit any Firehouse Subs restaurant or online at [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org).

**About the County of Simcoe**

The 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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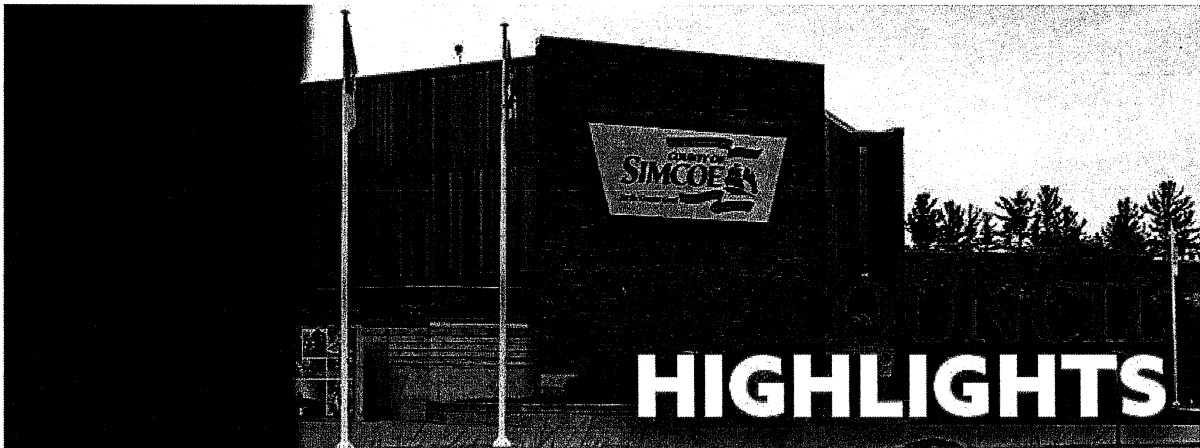
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Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. The information contained within the Highlights is based on approved material from within the associated agenda packages, linked at the bottom. These reports were part of the agendas from the **Council Meeting on May 24, 2022**, and **Committee of the Whole on May 10, 2022**. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate report, which can be accessed by clicking on the title. Images are also linked to relevant resources.

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

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## Simcoe County Hospital Alliance Funding Allocation

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In 2006, a Health Care Strategy Committee completed a review and recommended that County Council ensure effective and equitable utilization of County health care tax dollars to help fund health care needs within the County of Simcoe. As a result of this review, County Council approved continued hospital funding in the amount of \$3 million annually to the Simcoe County Hospital Alliance for a 10-year period extending from 2007 to 2016. This funding has been subsequently extended until 2031 in the amount of \$45 million. Funding of area hospitals is Provincial jurisdiction, however County Council recognizes the important role our hospitals play in our communities and provides this annual funding on behalf of its member municipalities.

On May 26, 2022, Council approved payments of the 2021 Simcoe County Hospital Alliance Funding Allocations, as requested by the Simcoe County Hospital Alliance Chair in alignment with the funding policy. The requested payments totalled \$1,800,526, including \$8,040 to Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, \$3,680 to Southlake Regional Health Centre, \$788,806 to Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, and \$1,000,000 to Georgian Bay General Hospital.

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## Paramedic Services Week and Paramedic for a Day

May 22 to 28 is National Paramedic Services week, a time to reflect on the dedication and resilience of these exceptional first responders serving our communities. This year's theme, "Faces of Paramedicine" will focus on the diverse and growing range of specialties within the profession.

In addition to responding to approximately 80,000 calls annually, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services is evolving its programs and services to meet the needs of our growing communities, ageing population, and increased demands.

Congratulations to Chloe, a Grade 5 student at Warnica Public School in the City of Barrie for her winning entry to the virtual Paramedic for a Day contest. She enjoyed her visit with County of Simcoe Paramedic Services and Siren the Fox. [Chloe's creative video entry](#) highlighted the steps that should be taken if ever the first responder is you!

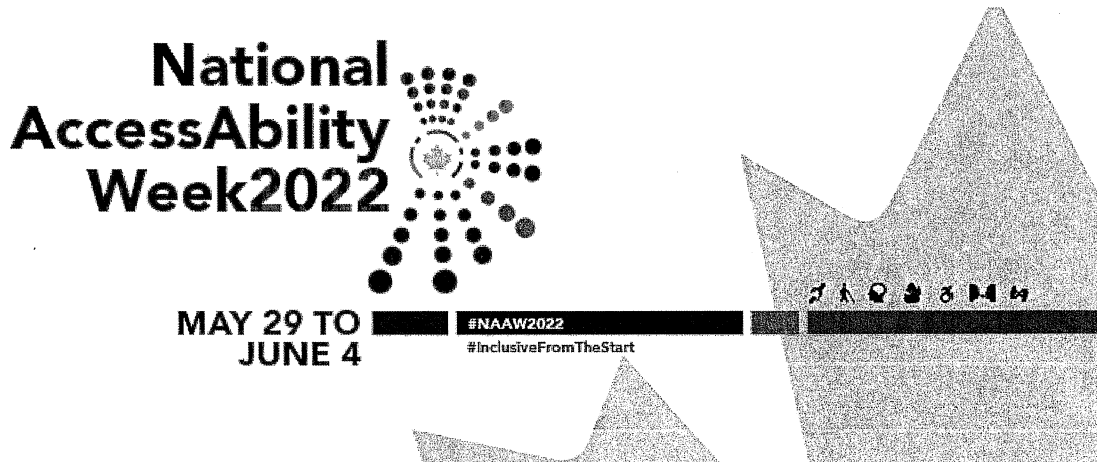
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## Barrie Collingwood Railway Trail

In 2017, the County purchased a 38km long section of the former Barrie Collingwood Railway (BCRY) corridor, which extends from the southern boundary of the Town of Collingwood to Utopia, with the intention of preserving the BCRY Right-of-Way for a future higher order transportation corridor and to use it as an active transportation trail during the interim.

On May 26, 2022, Council reaffirmed the protection of the BCRY corridor for potential future higher order transit use through retaining a contiguous corridor and right of way. Staff will continue to work with Metrolinx, the Ministry of Transportation, and other levels of government to examine long-term higher order transportation needs of the BCRY corridor. Initial development of the BCRY corridor will proceed on the basis of non-motorized uses until a Master Trails Strategy and Plan is completed.

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## National AccessAbility Week

In 2019, the Accessible Canada Act came into force. National AccessAbility Week brings together all Canadians in recognizing the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities and strengthening, the

collaborative effort needed to create a country that is fully accessible and inclusive.

National AccessAbility Week is a time to look at the gains that the County has made in removing barriers and improving access for all who live, work and play in Simcoe County and look forward to the work that still needs to be done. Through the work of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee, the County continues to remove and prevent barriers to persons with disabilities, as required by legislation.

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## Anti-Human Trafficking Services and Supports

On February 22, 2022 Council requested that staff provide information on the provincial Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy and an update on anti-human trafficking services and supports available to victims and survivors of human trafficking in Simcoe County.

On May 10, 2022, Committee of the Whole received a report with information on designated national and global awareness raising dates; the nationally designated Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and the global World Day against Trafficking in Persons.

Human trafficking has been identified as one of the fastest growing crimes in the world. As part of their report, staff produced a list of organizations throughout Simcoe County dedicated to and/or specializing in services and supports to survivors of human trafficking. Many local organizations are also members of the National Human Trafficking Hotline, [www.canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca](http://www.canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca), 1-833-900-1010, a 24-hour, seven days per week hotline, available in telephone and online chat format.

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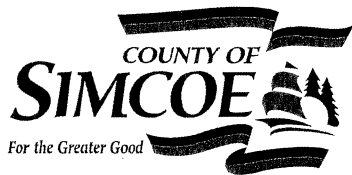
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## Making tracks at the Simcoe County Museum May through September 2022

**Midhurst/May 30, 2022** – By popular demand, the Simcoe County Museum has opened a new temporary exhibit that is sure to make tracks across the County. *Making Tracks – Mountain Biking in Simcoe County* explores the evolution of the sport in the region, and how Simcoe County has been a training ground for World Cup champions and Olympics team members. This exciting temporary exhibit runs from May 12 to September 5, 2022.

The temporary exhibit is the result of an idea brought forward by residents of the community, and features mountain bikes from the past 30 years, a tandem bike, and even a mountain bike used in the Tokyo Olympics by Simcoe County’s Peter Disera. Interactive areas include a Winners’ Podium as well as a stationary bike used to compare museum visitors’ skills with pro athletes.

**EXHIBIT: Making Tracks – Mountain Biking in Simcoe County**

<b>Date</b>	May 12 to September 5, 2022
<b>Time</b>	10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (daily)
<b>Location</b>	Simcoe County Museum
<b>Admission</b>	Admission to the Museum is by donation. There is no set cost, however there is a suggested fee of \$5.00 per person.

**About the Simcoe County Museum**

Take the Infinite Journey with the Simcoe County Museum, a cultural exploration of our historical past and exciting future. The Simcoe County Museum is owned and operated by the County of Simcoe and offers year round exhibits, events and educational programs for visitors of every age. Visit our website at [museum.simcoe.ca](http://museum.simcoe.ca) for further details. Simcoe County Museum does not require proof of vaccination to enter the Museum. Physical distancing and masking requirements are still in effect inside the Museum.

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June 2, 2022

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Dear Mayor and Municipal Council;

**Re: Establishment of Information Library Service (ILS)**

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and

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That up to \$280,000 be funded from the General Contingency Reserve to deliver the recommended outcomes; and

That the Library Board be dissolved and that By-law 2242 be rescinded when appropriate, and that the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, municipal Councils, and Library Boards be so advised.

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter and Schedule 1 which solicits your Library Board's ongoing interest in partnering with the County of Simcoe and the Information Library Service (ILS) governed under the Municipal Act, and to confirm the invaluable services that will continue to be delivered by the County of Simcoe ILS through its Information Technology Department.

Once your Library Board has had an opportunity to consider the ILS services outlined in Schedule 1, the County requested confirmation from your Library Board by July 10, 2022 that your Board will continue to partner with the County of Simcoe for the delivery of library services to our residents as generally outlined in Schedule 1. Our dedicated ILS Project Manager will work with designated library staff towards the service modifications and enhancements.

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Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence please contact the undersigned at extension 1623 / email [john.daly@simcoe.ca](mailto:john.daly@simcoe.ca), or the Acting Chief Executive Officer for the Simcoe County Library Co-operative, Allan Greenwood, extension 1230 / email [allan.greenwood@simcoe.ca](mailto:allan.greenwood@simcoe.ca).

Regards,



George Cornell, Warden  
County of Simcoe

Copy to: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers



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June 2, 2022

Chair, Library Board  
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Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Cornell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

George Cornell, Warden  
County of Simcoe

Schedule 1 – Terms of Engagement / Information Library Service (ILS)

**Information Library Service**

**Costs:** There are no additional costs to the Library Board for the creation of the County's new Information Library Service (ILS). The County of Simcoe will assume all costs to establish the new ILS.

The existing County Library Co-operative operated under the Public Libraries Act and will now transition to the Information Library Service (ILS) governed under the Municipal Act, and will continue to maintain and deliver electronic database and electronic subscription management services using the existing Sirsi Dynix vendor and potentially other vendors, as the libraries have come to rely on. Should the Sirsi Dynix platform and relationship with said vendor become untenable in the future, the County's IT Department will consult with staff and prepare recommendation(s) for County Council.

The ILS will be administered by the County IT Department, maintaining one Full Time Employee (FTE) for ILS maintenance, e-subscriptions and Software as a Service (SaaS), one FTE for Network maintenance and cyber security, and the full support of the County's Helpdesk team.

The new centralized ILS model will provide technical support through the County IT HelpDesk as well as direct access to Sirsi Dynix for defined technical issues. This new process will streamline calls for assistance and allow Library Boards to receive faster service through self-help, and more direct service from Sirsi Dynix.

County IT will develop network infrastructure standards for all wired and wireless technology connected to the network & wifi; develop minimum technical standards for all equipment which ensures stability and reliability of equipment and performance levels and streamlines support; implement a robust and modern government-grade security program for all equipment connected to the ILS to ensure all patron data is protected from the risk of cyber attack and ransomware. Computers and software will be updated remotely and regularly with necessary system upgrades and patches which further mitigates the risk and impact of cyber attacks, eliminating additional travel costs for staff.

The County IT Department will Chair an ILS IT Sub-Committee with representation from Library CEOs or Boards to discuss service levels and technical enhancements in support of ILS services.

**Software as a Service (SaaS)**

**Costs:** There are no additional costs to the Library Board in support of the migration to Software as a Service (SaaS), however there are savings for each Library Board. Table 1 below suggests the annual licence savings to be realised by each Library Board with this implementation, based on previous fees assessed to each Board for a local contribution to licencing costs, and these savings may be used however the Library Board deems appropriate:

Municipality	Savings
Clearview	\$3,153
Severn	\$2,278
Collingwood	\$5,909
Essa	\$3,099
Midland	\$7,490
New Tecumseth	\$6,019
Penetanguishene	\$3,740
Ramara	\$4,256
Springwater	\$5,936
Tay	\$2,814
Wasaga Beach	\$5,938

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The County of Simcoe will assume the full SaaS licence costs, estimated to be \$120,000. In addition, the County will assume full project management costs to migrate to SaaS, estimated to be \$30,000.

The existing Sirsi Dynix vendor will be engaged to migrate from the on-premise software to Software as a Service (SaaS) cloud services. With this migration, it is anticipated there will be additional savings for the County not having to maintain servers, software and applying updates.

As with all software deployments, Library staff will be required to receive updated training to allow them to use software features well within their purview and make appropriate changes in support of their managed collections and patrons. Any significant SaaS maintenance will be co-ordinated by the County ILS team.

For clarity, Library staff will have operational roles within the Enterprise/Symphony software, such as functions where they need to interact with their patron records, and from an administrative role Library staff, having received the appropriate training, will be able to run their own statistical reports, something the County had to create previously. Our goal is to fully empower libraries to use these tools of the trade independently with as little third-party intervention as possible, or at least reduce reliance on others to do basic library functions.

### **Subscriptions and Databases in SaaS**

Costs: There are no additional costs to the Library Board for the electronic subscriptions and electronic databases. ; The County IT budget will contribute up to \$200,000. Of course, individual libraries may continue to purchase additional titles.

The Library CEOs collectively can fully determine the titles to maintain and purchase for the County's \$200,000 contribution.

As a project management team evaluates the transition steps, electronic databases evaluation will include how access and use of said databases will be achieved for those municipal libraries not utilizing the Sirsi Dynix platform.

### **Single Electronic Library Card and Reciprocal Borrowing Agreements**

Costs: There are no additional costs to the Library Board to deploy a digital library card; any unforeseen reasonable costs through Sirsi Dynix in this regard will be assumed by the ILS. Should the costs for this optional feature be deemed unreasonable or too high by the County IT Department, this optional feature would be withdrawn. Should Library Boards deem it appropriate to enter into new reciprocal borrowing agreements, the County Legal Services can co-ordinate the development of the agreement, at no additional costs to the Library Board.

The single card would be electronic, however municipal libraries would still be able to issue a tangible card at their own expense if desired, thus maintaining specific individual municipal library brands.

Under this centralized electronic hub model, each municipal library still maintains their owned library titles (assets) but now all titles are proposed to be identified within the wider Sirsi Dynix system and available to all patrons, at all municipalities. Titles and assets, fully managed by each municipal library based on their individual demographics and interests, become visible to all patrons within the participating libraries. The centralized electronic hub would be configured to make all the collection titles visible across the municipal libraries, capitalizing on all collections (books, videos, music, eBooks) available in Simcoe County, but would still identify which municipal library owns the asset. Should a particular title or asset not be available from a municipal library, any librarian could initiate an inter-library loan, as may be done today. The Ontario Library Service offers Canada Post Library Materials



Rates for parcel pickup, both scheduled or on-demand. As an efficiency and customer service improvement, it is proposed that municipal libraries extend the same services and reciprocal borrowing agreements across all municipalities. In terms of privacy, a statutory notice would be published by each municipal library to make residents and patrons aware of a new single library card in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

### **Office 365**

**Costs:** There are no additional software costs to the Library Board to upgrade computers to Office 365. The County of Simcoe will assume the annual licence costs of \$27,000 to deploy and maintain a consistent software platform. Each Municipal Library is required to maintain the hardware at a standard to which Office 365 can be deployed.

Having all Library Boards operating on the same software platform will ensure seamless Helpdesk support, and to implement a government-grade security program to ensure all patron data is protected from the risk of cyber attack and ransomware.

### **Titles and other Asset Distribution**

**Costs:** There are no additional identified costs to the Library Board to incorporate title assets of your choosing from the current County Library Co-operative holdings.

The County Library Co-operative has amassed a significant collection; the County proposes that each Library Board will be provided with a list of holdings, and library staff can meet to determine their interest in assuming ownership of the titles. Upon receiving the co-ordinated response, the County will have the materials packaged and shipped to each main branch Municipal Library.

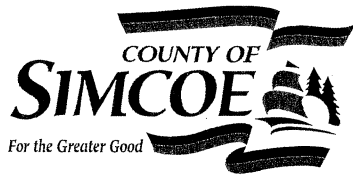
### **Cultural Services**

Library Boards know their communities and demographics. Throughout the region there are several cultural services offerings including those afforded by the County of Simcoe such as the Local Immigration Partnership. Any of the County-afforded services will be available to local libraries and can be co-ordinated by the Library CEOs Committee.

### **Other**

The above items are deemed to be the most significant components to implementing the new ILS. There may be other operational aspects to be evaluated and resolved and it is anticipated that the the transition period involved a Project Manager will address these aspects as best as possible. The costs associated with the ILS that are paid by the County of Simcoe IT Department are a significant contribution towards the overall costs of operating local libraries. Participation in this County offered IT service is completely voluntary. County of Simcoe IT Department prepares it's annual operating budget in accordance with the financial principles and practices set out by the County of Simcoe's Finance Department and all budgets are approved by County Council.

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## Local Immigration Partnership shows support for Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven

**Midhurst/June 3, 2022** – In May and June, the Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) was proud to offer two community information sessions to align with the Government of Canada’s Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven. The information sessions discussed existing community resources and supports, and joined community leaders in discussing challenges and opportunities.

Since the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, millions of Ukrainians have been forced to flee their country. In response, the Canadian government announced the launch of the Canadian-Ukraine authorization for emergency travel (CUAET), a special temporary residence visa program for Ukrainians seeking safety in Canada. The government is also prioritizing family sponsorship applications for Ukrainian relatives of Canadian citizens and permanent residents. On a regional level, LIP is sharing updated information, as it becomes available online and bringing partners together to support Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven in Simcoe County.

“We know that when we work together, ordinary citizens benefit,” said Warden George Cornell. “I am proud of the work that the Local Immigration Partnership has done, in coordination with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, to provide safety and security to those fleeing war in Ukraine. Thank you to all of those who are able to lend a helping hand during these tumultuous times.”

Settlement services offered through the LIP and area partners help newcomers settle and adapt to life in our communities. These services include information, referrals to other community services, language training, and assistance finding employment that matches newcomers' skills and education. Additional supports may be available to ensure that programming is accessible, such as transportation, childcare and interpretation/translation services.

### **About the Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership**

The Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership was established in 2011 and is funded by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada. The Partnership Council is comprised of numerous community leaders, including representatives from education, policing, libraries, economic development, health, housing family counselling and supports, employment services, settlement services, government, and the United Way of Greater Simcoe County. Visit [immigration.simcoe.ca](http://immigration.simcoe.ca) for more information.

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## Ask an expert about determining the value of a business for sale or purchase

**Midhurst/June 3, 2022** – Join us on June 16 at 12 p.m. to learn how to determine the value of a business for sale or purchase, and how to prepare to sell your business. David Holmes, a chartered professional accountant and chartered business valuator, will discuss common issues to navigate when buying or selling a business.

Through this Ask an Expert session, participants will learn:

- How to prepare your business for sale
- What information a buyer should request and review
- How businesses are valued and the most common business valuation methodologies
- The primary considerations that impact a business' value
- Common issues when selling or buying a business
- Tax planning when buying or selling a business

### **EVENT: Virtual Ask an Expert Speaker Series - How to Value a Business**

**Where:** Virtual – details to be provided upon registration

**When:** Thursday, June 16, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Register:** This is a FREE event, but registration is required. To register, visit [https://aae\\_valuingyourbusiness.eventbrite.ca](https://aae_valuingyourbusiness.eventbrite.ca)

### **About the Speakers**

**David Holmes, CPA, CA, CBV, CFF**, is a chartered professional accountant, chartered business valuator and certified in financial forensics with over twenty years of valuation, finance and accounting experience working with organizations that have ranged from large publicly listed companies to smaller owner-managed entities. David is the past Academic Advisor to the Canadian Institute of Chartered Business Valuators (CICBV) and York University where he was responsible for overseeing the CICBV's Program of Studies.

David is a partner at Rumley Holmes LLP, a professional services firm with over twenty professionals, where he advises business owners on valuations, the purchase and sale of businesses and tax minimization strategies.

### **About the Ask an Expert series**

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

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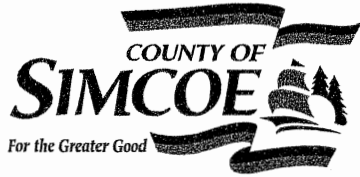
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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **County hosts virtual Open House to engage residents on Municipal Comprehensive Review updates**

**Midhurst/June 8, 2022** – On June 21, 2022 between 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., the County of Simcoe is hosting a virtual Open House regarding a proposed first phase growth management County Official Plan Amendment (OPA) resulting from the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR). Attendees will learn more about the OPA and MCR process to-date, as the County works through a mandatory provincial process to meet Ontario's Growth Plan targets.

"Municipalities have an important role in provincial growth planning, and the County's Planning team is working with the Province, our lower tier municipalities and local residents as part of our collaborative Municipal Comprehensive Review process," said Warden George Cornell. "Please help us shape our future by providing input."

Over the past two months, County Planning Staff along with the MCR project consultants attended individual meetings with local municipal staff, mayors and deputy mayors that requested additional opportunities to discuss growth management and recommendations produced to date in relation to their local municipality. As part of the comprehensive planning process, local residents can learn about the proposed amendments and ask questions at the virtual Open House.

The virtual Open House will take place on Zoom on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 between 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Pre-registration is required by no later than noon on Friday, June 17, 2022 if you wish to participate live and ask questions. To register, visit <https://simcoe-county-mcr.eventbrite.ca>. Any person may watch the virtual Open House on the [County of Simcoe's YouTube Channel](#).

This proposed OPA represents the first of multiple amendments to the existing County Official Plan that will establish where and how growth is to occur in the County to 2051.

The public Open House is part of a larger consultation process, and no decisions will be made at this meeting. The County is specifically looking for your input on the first phase growth management OPA at this time. There will be opportunity through future statutory Open Houses and Public Meetings anticipated to occur in 2023 regarding additional County OPAs to address settlement area boundary expansions, natural heritage systems, agricultural lands, climate change, and watershed management, for the public to provide comment on these matters as it relates to specific properties, and in general.

#### **About the Municipal Comprehensive Review**

The MCR will help shape the growth of Simcoe County and our communities for the next 30 years. Through the Ontario Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the County is mandated by the Province to plan for a population of 555,000 and 198,000 jobs by 2051. This is determined at the Provincial level based on population and economic forecasting.

The MCR process allows all parties to have a local and regional say on how we jointly want to see the County and our communities grow, with our environment, infrastructure and planning policies as key considerations.

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For more information on the virtual Open House for first phase growth management OPA, including the proposed OPA document, supporting technical reports, and the most current information, including information on upcoming meetings, visit [www.simcoe.ca/mcr](http://www.simcoe.ca/mcr).

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May 25, 2022

Dear County of Simcoe Municipalities,

Council at its Regular Meeting held on May 11, 2022, passed the following resolution.

**RESOLVED** *Whereas the crime of Human trafficking in Ontario is threatening our most vulnerable population, Ontario resources have reportedly served 427 young girls that have been victimized/exploited since 2013 that include Simcoe County as a recruitment hub and subsidiary of the trafficking recruitment corridor;*

*And Whereas the provincial government has dedicated significant funding to support County/Regions in executing strategies to address Human Trafficking; these strategies are based on the core components of education, prevention, housing, and supports;*

*And Whereas statistics report a 43% increase in 2019 (Stats Can), and projecting a marked increase in 2020 -2021 as a result of COVID-19 shadow pandemic results from isolation;*

*And Whereas Peel Region has made significant progress by supporting the Anti-Human Trafficking Service Providers Roundtable consisting of Regional Police, and over forty service agencies committed to supporting survivors, and training frontline staff;*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio raise further awareness to the issue of Human Trafficking by utilizing communications platforms to further community awareness, initiating training and a strategy for all staff and council, working with Simcoe County, community partners, and school boards to eradicate Human Trafficking;*

*And Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Simcoe County MPPs/MPs and municipalities in Simcoe County.*

I trust you will find this satisfactory.

Best Regards,

*Fiona Smith*

Fiona Smith  
Acting Deputy Clerk



**Krista Pascoe**

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May 26, 2022

## **Nominations for 2022 - 2024 AMO Board of Directors**

Please be advised that nominations to the 2022 – 2024 AMO Board of Directors are due Monday, June 27, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. As a member of the AMO Board of Directors, you will be part of the governance of one of Canada’s most influential public policy and advocacy organizations.

The 2022 – 2024 AMO Board of Directors nomination package includes:

- A summary of the qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors;
- A summary of the offices for which elections will be held at the 2022 Annual Meeting;
- An estimate of the annual time commitment required to serve on the AMO Board of Directors and for those who will then serve on the AMO Executive Committee; and
- Nomination Form

Please forward a completed Nomination Form to the Association via email [amoelections@amo.on.ca](mailto:amoelections@amo.on.ca) or fax at (416) 971-6191 or mail to the attention of Brian Rosborough, Executive Director. Scans and photographic images of documents are acceptable.



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All candidates will be contacted to confirm receipt of their nominations and at that time will receive further information on the election process.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Brian Rosborough, Executive Director at (416) 971-9856, ext. 362, e-mail [brosborough@amo.on.ca](mailto:brosborough@amo.on.ca) or Adam Garcia, Manager, Executive Office, ext. 356, email [agarcia@amo.on.ca](mailto:agarcia@amo.on.ca).

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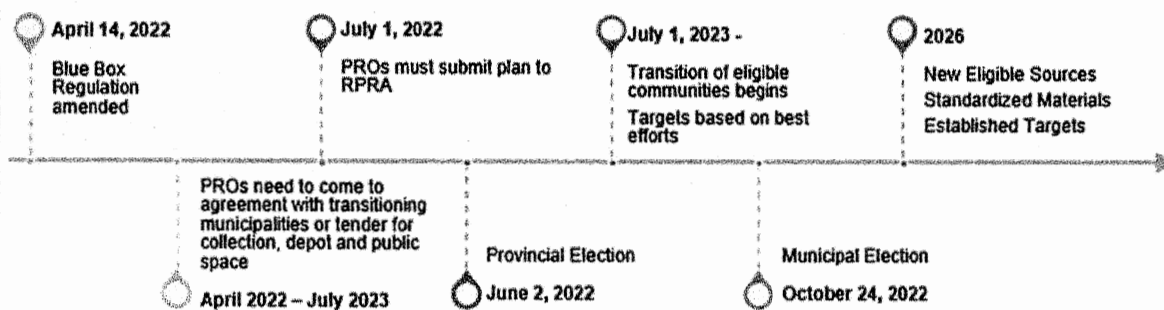
June 8, 2022

# AMO Policy Update – Blue Box Transition, Flood Hazard Identification Mapping Program, Conservation Authorities Act Regulations Webinar

## Blue Box Transition

A new Blue Box regulation was passed in June 2021 and amended this April. The regulation makes producers of packaging, paper, and packaging-like material responsible for the operation and financing of Ontario's blue box system. Responsibility for the program shifts from municipal governments to producers between July 1, 2023, and December 31, 2025. A transition schedule is included as part of the Regulation.

### Compressed Timeline Ahead of First Community Transitions on July 1, 2023:



Producers have started to procure collection services for the program and are looking for municipal feedback. The organization representing the majority of the producers, Circular Materials, has published contract terms for municipalities who wish to provide Blue Box services (e.g., curbside collection, depot, public space). Municipal governments provided feedback and some concern about incorporating their terms into existing agreements. Circular Materials responded and indicated they are revising their terms and new proposals will be provided on June 15.

As we have indicated throughout this process, Municipal Councils need to decide whether to provide services to producers under commercial terms that are satisfactory

to them or decline and have producers provide their own collection system. The time has arrived for these decisions. Decisions are being requested from municipal governments as to whether they wish to provide Blue Box collection services or not by July 15, 2022. If you have not yet discussed this at Council and made these decisions, you should check in with staff to determine when this will occur. In some cases, delegated authority to staff for these decisions may be required given any summer recess for Council and the upcoming municipal elections.

### **Flood Hazard Identification Mapping Program – Survey Deadline June 17<sup>th</sup>**

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, Conservation Ontario hosted a webinar for Conservation Authorities and Municipalities about the Federal Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program (FHIMP). The session was recorded and can be found [here](#).

At this webinar Natural Resources Canada spoke about the national priorities for the Program, eligible activities, and overall opportunities for Ontario, with a goal of sharing information and informing local project ideas. While a program has not yet been rolled out in Ontario, a survey "Canada's Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program (FHIMP) - Ontario" is being used to express early interest in pursuing funding under the Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program should Ontario secure funding for projects. The deadline for survey responses is Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Conservation Authorities Act Regulations Webinar – June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Conservation Ontario and AMO will co-host a 1-hour webinar on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm to discuss the second phase of regulations under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. To register, click [here](#).

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May 31, 2022

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The Honourable Karina Gould, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development  
House of Commons  
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Gould:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of May 24, 2022**  
**Motion 10.1 - Councillor Humfries; Re: Private Member's Bill C-233 "Keira's Law"**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on May 24, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas violence against women is a Canadian public health crisis that demands urgent action; and**

**Whereas one in four women experience domestic violence in their lifetime. One woman or girl is killed every other day, on average, somewhere in our country; and**

**Whereas the most dangerous time for a victim of abuse is when she separates from her partner. According to research from the U.S. Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, when there is a history of coercive control, violence and a recent separation, a woman's risk of domestic homicide goes up 900 times; and**

**Whereas the current Canadian court system is not equipped to protect women. According to the National Judicial Institute, there is no mandatory education for Judges on domestic violence. Judges need education on what constitutes domestic violence or coercive control. A formal education program would ensure**

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**another line of defense for victims, as well as preventing violence and abuse before it happens; and**

**Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the domestic violence crisis. Women's shelters and crisis centres have reported a marked increase in requests for services this year. The concerns for children are significant.**

**According to recent research from The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, doctors have seen more than double the number of babies with serious injuries as this time last year. These include head injuries, broken bones or in some cases death. Institutions across the country are reporting a similar trend; and**

**Whereas, according to Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, children must be protected from "all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other person who has care of the child." Our current family justice system often fails our children in this regard; and**

**Whereas, in worst case scenarios, children are killed by a violent parent. As reported by the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative, recent separation and domestic violence are the two biggest risk factors for domestic violence related child homicides; and**

**Whereas custody disputes are an additional risk factor. Each year in Canada, about 30 children are killed by a parent. Mothers are responsible about 40 per cent of the time, often due to postpartum depression or mental illness. In the 60 per cent of cases where fathers are the murderers, anger, jealousy or post-separation retaliatory revenge are the usual motivations; and**

**Whereas Keira's Law is named after four-year-old Keira Kagan, who was killed while in the custody of her father, in 2020; and**

**Whereas many cases of domestic violence are inappropriately labelled as "high conflict" in the family court system. According to research by Rachel Birnbaum, a Social Work Professor at the University of Western Ontario who specializes in child custody, approximately one third of cases called "high conflict" by the court had substantiated evidence of valid concerns about domestic violence. These cases must be recognized and treated differently by judges; and**

**Whereas voting in favour of "Keira's Law", contained in Private Member's Bill C-233, will not only protect victims of violence and children, it will save lives by**

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**amending the *Judges Act* to establish seminars for judges on intimate partner violence and coercive control;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls upon the House of Commons to support Member of Parliament Anju Dhillon's Private Member's Bill C-233, that will raise the level of education on domestic violence and coercive control for federally appointed Judges; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Karina Gould, MP, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development; The Honourable Candice Bergen, Interim Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada; Yves-Francois Blanchet, MP, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois; Jagmeet Singh, MP, Leader of the New Democratic Party; MP Tony Van Bynen; and MP Leah Taylor Roy; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond  
 Town Clerk  
 The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Copy: Hon. Candice Bergen, M.P., Interim Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada  
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## Legislative Services

May 31, 2022  
File #120203

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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

**Re: Bidding Wars on Apartment Rentals**

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 30, 2022 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** Canada's housing market has not only made it difficult for many Canadians to afford to purchase a home but also to rent apartments, and

**Whereas** there is a disconnect between affordability of housing and apartment rentals versus wages that have not kept pace with them nor has it kept pace with inflation, cost of living expenses, the rising costs of goods & services including – food, gas and utility, and

**Whereas** Ontario has now become the least affordable jurisdiction suffering the worst erosion in the last 50 years, and

**Whereas** many Canadians continue to be locked out of the housing & rental market for many reasons including the affordability of a down payment, rising inflation rates, and the escalation of bidding wars, and

**Whereas** bidding wars do not stop at home purchases but have now transitioned to apartment rentals as a ripple effect of the real estate market, and

**Whereas** there is a profound psychological effect to those individuals who continue to be shut out of the housing and rental market as a direct result, and

**Whereas** both blind bids and open bids are bad for the housing and apartment market which can lead to a housing bubble, and while blind bids offer no transparency, both types create unrealistic values that helps the seller and the rental owner but hurts the purchaser and renter, and

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The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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**Whereas** there are multiple sites that encourage and teach how to win at bidding wars, and

**Whereas** there is no comprehensive data or statistics that currently tracks prices for rentals, and

**Whereas** the Government of Ontario will be introducing new legislation with respect to blind bidding only which does not prohibit the seller from entering into a bidding war but, rather, would give sellers the option to "opt for an open offer process", and

**Whereas** the changes to the *Trust in Real Estate Services Act* provides an advantage to the seller(s) and largely weakens opportunities of the buyer and renter further adding to the disparity between the two;

**Now therefore, be it resolved,**

**That:** Both the Federal & Provincial Governments enact legislation that prevents both open and closed bidding on both rental units and residential sales, and further

**That:** Both the Federal & Provincial Government prohibit sales beyond the list price, and further

**That:** A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Municipalities for their support.

**References:**

<https://www.truenorthmortgage.ca/blog/how-the-blind-offer-is-hurting-the-canadian-housing-market>

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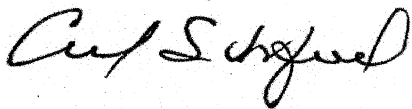
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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Prime Minister of Canada  
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Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: Federal Government's Plans to Tax Vacant Foreign Owned Properties**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 30, 2022 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** the Federal Government proposed a tax on vacant non-resident foreign owned properties in the 2021 budget, and

**Whereas** the intent of this tax is to reduce speculation in the real estate market which is believed to contribute to housing unaffordability in Canada, and

**Whereas** Fort Erie and other vacation destinations across Ontario have a high number of non-resident American-owned vacation properties that are vacant during the tourism off-season during the winter months, and

**Whereas** the Federal Government signaled their intent to exempt non-resident foreign owned vacation properties in Canada so long as they meet certain requirements including being located in a Census Agglomeration with a population of less than 30,000 people, and

**Whereas** Fort Erie and numerous other seasonal vacation destinations across Southern Ontario are in Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomerations with populations well in excess of 30,000 people despite the communities themselves being small and medium-sized municipalities, and

**Whereas** Fort Erie and other communities across Ontario have a long history of being a vacation destination for American visitors, many of which have owned the same property for generations, and would be taxed yearly on their assessed value of their vacation property based on this proposal, and

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**Whereas** vacant property taxes would be allocated to the general revenues of the federal government and not directly benefit the municipalities where these properties are located and serviced, and

**Whereas** vacation properties that are seasonally vacant do not contribute to the speculation that is believed to contribute to housing unaffordability in Canada,

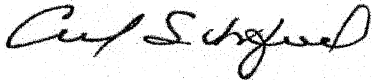
**Now therefore be it resolved,**

**That:** The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie requests the Federal Government to review the proposed exemption framework for seasonal vacation properties to better reflect the reality of where these properties are located and how they are used, and further

**That:** This resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue (Canada), Tony Baldinelli, Member of Parliament for Niagara Falls, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities located in Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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June 1, 2022

**Re: Motion from Councillor Liggett – Request to the Province of Ontario for a Plan of Action to Address Joint and Several Liability**

At the Special Council Meeting of May 31, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase with especially large increases going into 2022; and

WHEREAS Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property tax payers to carry the lion's share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault; and

WHEREAS these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:

1. That the Provincial Government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1-year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.



5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals.

6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.

7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the City of Cambridge call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations despite COVID-19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Attorney General, the Council of the Region of Waterloo, all Ontario municipalities.

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

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D Manton'.

Danielle Manton  
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)  
Hon. Premier Ford  
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
City of Cambridge Council