

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

- p. 1 1. Notice of Decision File No. E-OPA-1930 - 7511 9th Line dated September 10, 2019, re: Official Plan Amendment Subsection 17(35) and 21 of the *Planning Act*.
- p. 23 2. Correspondence from the Ministry of Finance dated September 10, 2019, re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).
- p. 24 3. Media Release from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) dated September 16, 2019, re: Volunteers Needed for Fall TD Tree Day Planting Events in Stayner, Minesing and Orangeville.
- p. 26 4. Correspondence from the Town of Newmarket dated September 17, 2019, re: Request for Support – *More Homes, More Choices Act*, 2019 – Bill 108 Proposed Regulations.
- p. 27 5. News Release from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility dated September 18, 2019, re: Ontario Helping to Keep Seniors Living with Dementia Safe.
- p. 29 6. Correspondence from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit dated September 20, 2019, re: Call for Restrictions on Vaping and Flavoured E-Cigarettes.
- p. 33 7. Correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry dated September 20, 2019, re: Proposed Changes to the *Aggregate Resources Act*.
- p. 34 8. Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated September 24, 2019, re: Building Code Services Transformation.
- p. 36 9. Media Release from the County of Simcoe dated September 24, 2019, re: County of Simcoe Introduces the Red Pine House – Forestry Education Centre.
- p. 38 10. Correspondence from the Township of Springwater dated September 26, 2019, re: Joint and Several Liability Consultation.
- p. 42 11. Correspondence from the Simcoe County Road Supervisors Association dated September 2019, re: 2020 AORS Tradeshow – Barrie Molson Centre – June 3 and 4, 2020.
- p.43 12. Draft Notice from Barrie Transit, re: Route Discontinuation.

B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None to be presented.

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

None to be presented.

File No: E-OPA-1930
Municipality: Township of Essa
Location: 7511 9th Line, Essa

Consent
Date of Decision: September 10, 2019
Date of Notice: September 11, 2019
Last Date of Appeal: October 1, 2019

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NOTICE OF DECISION
With Respect to an Official Plan Amendment
Subsection 17(35) and 21 of the *Planning Act*

A decision was made by County of Simcoe Committee of the Whole on the date noted above to approve Amendment No. 30 to the Official Plan for the Township of Essa, as adopted by Township of Essa By-law No. 2019-38 and as per Schedule 2 to Item CCW 2019-303.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment

The purpose and effect of the amendment is a site-specific amendment to the Township of Essa Official Plan to permit an on-farm diversified use in the form of a country event facility in an existing barn.

This decision is consistent with Provincial policy statements issued under the *Planning Act* and conforms with Provincial and County plans. A copy of the decision and Item CCW 2019-303 are attached.

Public Input in the form of oral and written submissions were received from the public and agencies. The effect of any comments are detailed in the associated staff report (CCW 2019-303). The County is satisfied that these comments were considered prior to approval of Official Plan Amendment No. 30.

When and How to File an Appeal

Any appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal must be filed with the Clerk of the County of Simcoe no later than 20 days from the date of this notice, shown above as the last date of appeal.

The notice of appeal should be sent to the attention of John Daly, County Clerk, at the address shown below and it must:

- (1) set out the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies;
- (2) set out the reasons for the request for the appeal;
- (3) include a completed Tribunal Appellant Form (A1); and,
- (4) Be accompanied by the fee charged under the *Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act 2017* in the amount of \$300.00, payable by certified cheque to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario.

Getting Additional Information

Additional information about the application is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the County of Simcoe at the address noted below, from the office of the municipality noted above, or by contacting the County of Simcoe Planning Department at (705) 726-9300.

Mailing Address for Filing a Notice of Appeal

County Clerk
County of Simcoe
Administration Centre,
1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON L9X 1N6

Attention: John Daly, County Clerk
Telephone: (705) 726-9300 - Ext. 1623

Please refer to the Tribunal website for the Appellant Form (A1) and more information on filing an appeal (<http://elto.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/about-lpat/>).

Who Can File an Appeal

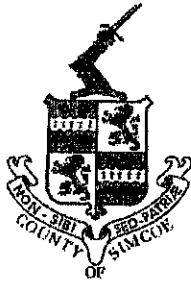
Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal the decision of the County of Simcoe to the Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

When the Decision is Final

The decision of the County of Simcoe is final if a Notice of Appeal is not received on or before the last day for filing a notice of appeal (please refer to the Last Date of Appeal noted above).

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Ref. Item No: CCW 2019-303

Meeting Date: September 10, 2019

COUNTY OF SIMCOE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLUTION

Delegated under the Authority of the Planning Act

MOVED BY: Councillor  (Strathkern)

SECONDED BY: Councillor  (Meadows)

That Official Plan Amendment No. 30 to the Township of Essa, as adopted by Township of Essa By-law 2019-38, as per Schedule 2 to Item CCW-2019-303, dated September 10, 2019, be approved; and

That Notice of Decision regarding Official Plan Amendment No. 30 to the Township of Essa Official Plan be provided in accordance with the Planning Act and Ontario Regulation 543/06.

Carried
Defeated


Corporate Services Business Section Chair



To: Committee of the Whole

Agenda Section: Corporate Services
Division: Engineering, Planning and Environment
Department: Planning – Delegated Authority

Item Number: CCW - 2019-303

Meeting Date: September 10, 2019

Subject: Request for Approval- Township of Essa Official Plan Amendment No. 30

Recommendation

That Official Plan Amendment No. 30 to the Township of Essa, as adopted by Township of Essa By-law 2019-38, as per Schedule 2 to Item CCW-2019-303, dated September 10, 2019, be approved; and

That Notice of Decision regarding Official Plan Amendment No. 30 to the Township of Essa Official Plan be provided in accordance with the *Planning Act* and *Ontario Regulation 543/06*.

Executive Summary

This privately initiated, site specific amendment to the Township of Essa Official Plan will introduce a policy exception to the Agricultural designation for the subject lands that will permit an on-farm diversified use in the form of a country event facility in an existing barn. County planning staff agree with the applicant's planner and Town of Essa planning staff that the proposal meets all applicable provincial and County policy.

The following provides a summary of the proposal:

- Location:** 7511 9th Line, Township of Essa
- Applicant:** Michelle Langford
- Proposal:** A site specific amendment to the Township of Essa Official Plan to permit an on-farm diversified use in the form of a country event facility in an existing barn.
- County File:** E-OPA-1930
- Municipal File:** OPA 30 (By-law 2019-38)

Background/Analysis/Options

The lands subject to Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 30 are located at 7511 9th Line in the Township of Essa. A location map of the subject lands is included as Schedule 1. The lands are in active

agricultural use as cropland apart from a small section of wooded area on the western part of the property. The property contains an existing barn and an intermittent stream bisects the property in a westerly direction. The Community of Ivy is located to the west with rural residential and agricultural properties surrounding the subject lands.

The proposal is to use the existing barn that is currently used as hay storage and retrofit it for a country event facility. The OPA limits the types of permitted events to weddings and similar social gatherings. These limitations ensure that the facility cannot be used as a banquet hall, which should be directed to a Settlement Area.

The lands are designated 'Agricultural', 'Rural' and 'Greenlands' per *Schedule 5.1 – Land Use Designations* to the Simcoe County Official Plan (SCOP). The portion of the property subject to the OPA is designated 'Agricultural'. The subject lands are designated 'Agricultural' and 'Rural' with a small band of 'Residential' along the portion of the property within the Ivy Settlement Area on *Schedule "A" – Land Use Designations* to the Township of Essa Official Plan (TEOP). The land is zoned 'Agricultural', 'Rural', 'Special Rural' and 'Low Density Detached Residential' in the Township Zoning By-Law 2003-50. The TEOP does not permit on-farm diversified uses as of right in any designation which is the reason for the OPA. Concurrent Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Approval applications have also been submitted in support of the proposal.

As the overarching planning policy document for the Town, the TEOP does not include the specific and detailed permissions included in a Zoning By-law. For that reason, the OPA provides high level permissions for the event facility while the implementing Zoning By-law is proposed to further scope the use by limiting the amount of events (maximum of 30 events per year) and when the events can take place (May 1 – Dec 31). The Zoning By-law will also limit the maximum building area dedicated to the use at 350 square metres (which is the size of the existing barn) and regulate the amount of parking spaces. Other specific issues of potential impact such as overnight accommodation is to also be prohibited, or regulated, through the Zoning By-law.

It is County planning staff's understanding that Township of Essa Council will consider adopting the proposed Zoning By-law once Site Plan Approval has been finalized. Since the implementing Zoning By-law contains necessary provisions to limit the scope of the use to ensure conformity with applicable provincial policy, County planning staff will continue to work with the Township to ensure the finalized Zoning By-law text contains the necessary provisions as outlined in this report.

Notice of a public meeting was circulated by the Township of Essa on February 11, 2018, the statutory public meeting was held on March 20, 2018, and Council for the Township of Essa adopted OPA 30 on May 1, 2019 through By-law No. 2019-38.

The following reports and materials were submitted in support of the subject OPA:

- Traffic Opinion Letter (Crozier Consulting Engineers, June 2018),
- Environmental Noise Feasibility Study (Valcoustics Canada Limited, June 2018),
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (SAAR Environmental, August 2018),
- EIA Response (SAAR Environmental Limited, December 2018),
- Servicing Review (C.C. Tatham & Associates Limited, October 2018),
- Agricultural Evaluation (Stovel and Associates Inc., January 2019),
- MDS Calculations (Cuesta Planning Consultants Inc., January 2019),
- Planning Report (Cuesta Planning Consultants, January 2019).

The following is an overview of the applicable planning policy which supports the recommendation for approval of the subject OPA:

Provincial Policy Statement (2014)

Section 2.3.3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) permits on-farm diversified uses in prime agricultural areas contingent on the use being compatible with and not hindering surrounding agricultural and rural residential uses. On-farm diversified uses are defined in the PPS as secondary uses to the principle agricultural use of the property, are limited in area, and include, but are not limited to, home occupations, home industries, agri-tourism uses, and uses that produce value-added agricultural products.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has produced a guideline for permitted uses in Ontario's prime agricultural areas which outlines the PPS criteria for on-farm diversified uses. All of the following criteria must be met to qualify as an on-farm diversified use in accordance with the PPS:

1. Located on a farm
2. Secondary to the principle agricultural use of the property
3. Limited in area. It is recommended that on-farm diversified uses occupy no more than 2% of the property (which for the subject property allows for 1.14 hectares to be dedicated to the use), to a maximum of 1 hectare
4. Includes, but is not limited to, home occupations, home industries, agri-tourism uses and uses that produce value-added agricultural products
5. Shall be compatible with, and shall not hinder, surrounding agricultural operations

The proposed use, including the barn and parking areas, would be approximately 0.24 hectares in area. On a 57 hectare property of which approximately 85% is actively cropped, this is well within the "limited in area" requirements outlined above.

As identified in the draft Zoning By-law, the uses will be restricted geographically and temporally (maximum of 30 events per year from May 1 - December 31 and only using the existing barn) and the maximum number of parking spaces will be limited. Additional structures associated with the events, as well as camping and/or festivals, are not permitted.

As noted in Section 2.3.3.3 of the PPS and SCOP Policy 3.3.14, new land uses shall comply with the Minimum Distance Separation formulae (MDS) which ensures separation of sensitive land uses from livestock facilities. However, the provincial MDS Guidelines give exemptions for on-farm diversified uses unless otherwise stipulated in local planning documents. The applicant's planner conducted MDS calculations nonetheless and has concluded that the required MDS setbacks are being met by the proposal.

Based on the above, County planning staff agree with the applicant's planner and Township of Essa planning staff that the subject application is consistent with the PPS.

Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019)

Section 4.2.6 of the Growth Plan discusses the agricultural system for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The intent of these policies are to protect agricultural land and to avoid or minimize any adverse impacts on the agricultural system from non-agricultural uses. The proposal is not removing

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any actively farmed land from the system and is not anticipated to impact agricultural uses on the subject lands or adjacent properties.

Sections 4.2.2 and 4.2.3 of the Growth Plan do not permit development within or directly adjacent to a natural heritage feature within a natural heritage designation or within or adjacent to a key hydrologic feature. The setback from the intermittent stream that traverses the property was established through the NVCA permitting process which permitted the driveway and barn to be built. As a result of the findings from the EIA, the applicant revised the concept plan to move the septic system away from the significant woodland property. The NVCA has indicated they have no concerns with the proposal.

County planning staff agree with the applicant's planner and Township of Essa planning staff that the proposal is in conformity with the Growth Plan.

Simcoe County Official Plan (2016)

Schedule 5.1 – Land Use Designations of the SCOP designates the subject lands as 'Agricultural', 'Greenlands' and 'Rural'. The area of the property subject to the OPA is designated 'Agricultural'. The Agricultural policies and permitted uses are outlined in Section 3.6 of the SCOP and on-farm diversified uses are permitted on the subject lands. The SCOP defers to the local Official Plans and Zoning By-laws to implement the PPS criteria for on-farm diversified uses, which is being accomplished via the applications presently under consideration.

Section 3.3.15 of the SCOP contains policies that aim to protect natural heritage features within the County. As noted in the section above, the NVCA has reviewed the proposal and the submitted EIA and has no concerns with the subject OPA as it relates to natural heritage protection.

County planning staff agree with the applicant's planner and Township of Essa planning staff that the proposal is in conformity with the SCOP.

Township of Essa Official Plan

The portion of the subject lands that are subject to the OPA are designated 'Agricultural' in the TEOP. The Agricultural policies in the TEOP are generally similar to those in the SCOP as they pertain to the protection of the prime agricultural land system. As the TEOP has not yet been updated to reflect the PPS permissions for on-farm diversified uses, a site specific OPA was required to permit the use on the subject land. The application otherwise conforms to the Township's Official Plan.

Comments Received

Through the consultation process, written and oral comments were received from the general public and internal departments and external agencies regarding the proposed OPA. Three comments from the general public in support of the application were received. The comments relating to concerns were generally in relation to the following:

Traffic: Some residents were concerned about the impacts that the proposal would have on traffic in the area. In a Traffic Opinion Letter prepared by Crozier Consulting it was determined that the sight distances at the driveway are in excess of what is required by Township of Essa Sightline By-law 2015-11 and Transportation Canada. It also found that intersection operations at 9th Line and 20th Sideroad would not be materially affected. Any wayfinding signage that may be required would be dealt with at the Site Plan Approval stage.

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Noise: Some residents were concerned about the impacts the proposal would have on noise in the area. In an Environmental Noise Feasibility Study prepared by Valcoustics Canada it was determined that the Ministry of Environment Noise Guideline limits can be met with appropriate sound level restrictions that would be implemented through the Site Plan Approval stage.

Scale of Use: Some residents were concerned about the impacts the proposal would have on their quality of life. This revolved around a concern about the potential for the use becoming a large scale event facility. As discussed, the PPS includes a number of criteria that must be met that ensure that the on-farm diversified use not hinder existing agricultural activities and that it remain compatible with the surrounding area. A number of restrictions will be placed on the use as discussed in this report and County planning staff agree that the scale is appropriate and do not anticipate any adverse negative impacts on the surrounding area.

No concerns were indicated by any of the circulated internal departments or external agencies.

County Planning staff are satisfied that the oral and written submissions received from the agencies and general public were considered and addressed prior to the approval of OPA No. 30.

Summary

County Planning staff recommends approval of Official Plan Amendment No. 30 to the TEOP, as adopted by the Township of Essa By-law 2019-38 (included as Schedule 2 to this report), given the reasons outlined in this report which include:

- Consistency with the PPS;
- Conformity with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe; and,
- Conformity with the goals, objectives and general intent of the SCOP.

Financial and Resource Implications

There is no financial or resource implications at this time. However, legal costs could be incurred should the County's decision be appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). In the event of an appeal, staff will report back seeking authority to proceed with involvement in related LPAT proceedings.

Relationship to Corporate Strategic Plan

As a privately initiated OPA, it bears no relationship to the Corporate Strategic Plan.

Reference Documents

There are no reference documents associated with this Item.

Attachments

- Schedule 1 Location Map
- Schedule 2 Township of Essa Official Plan Amendment No. 30 as adopted

Prepared By Maryann Hunt, MCIP RPP, Planner III

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Approvals

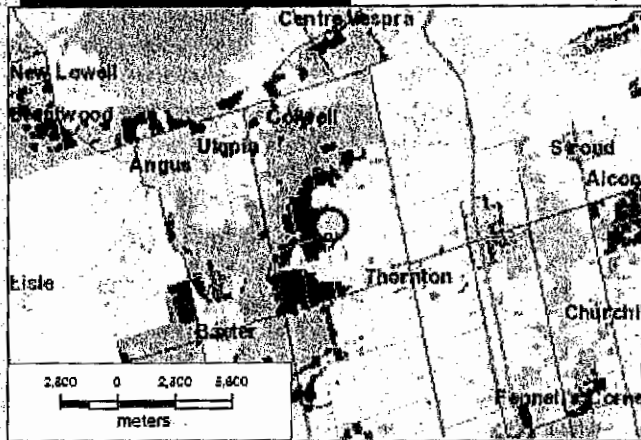
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David Parks, Director of Planning, Development and Tourism
Debbie Korolnek, General Manager, Engineering, Planning
and Environment
Trevor Wilcox, General Manager, Corporate Performance
Mark Aitken, Chief Administrative Officer

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Location Map

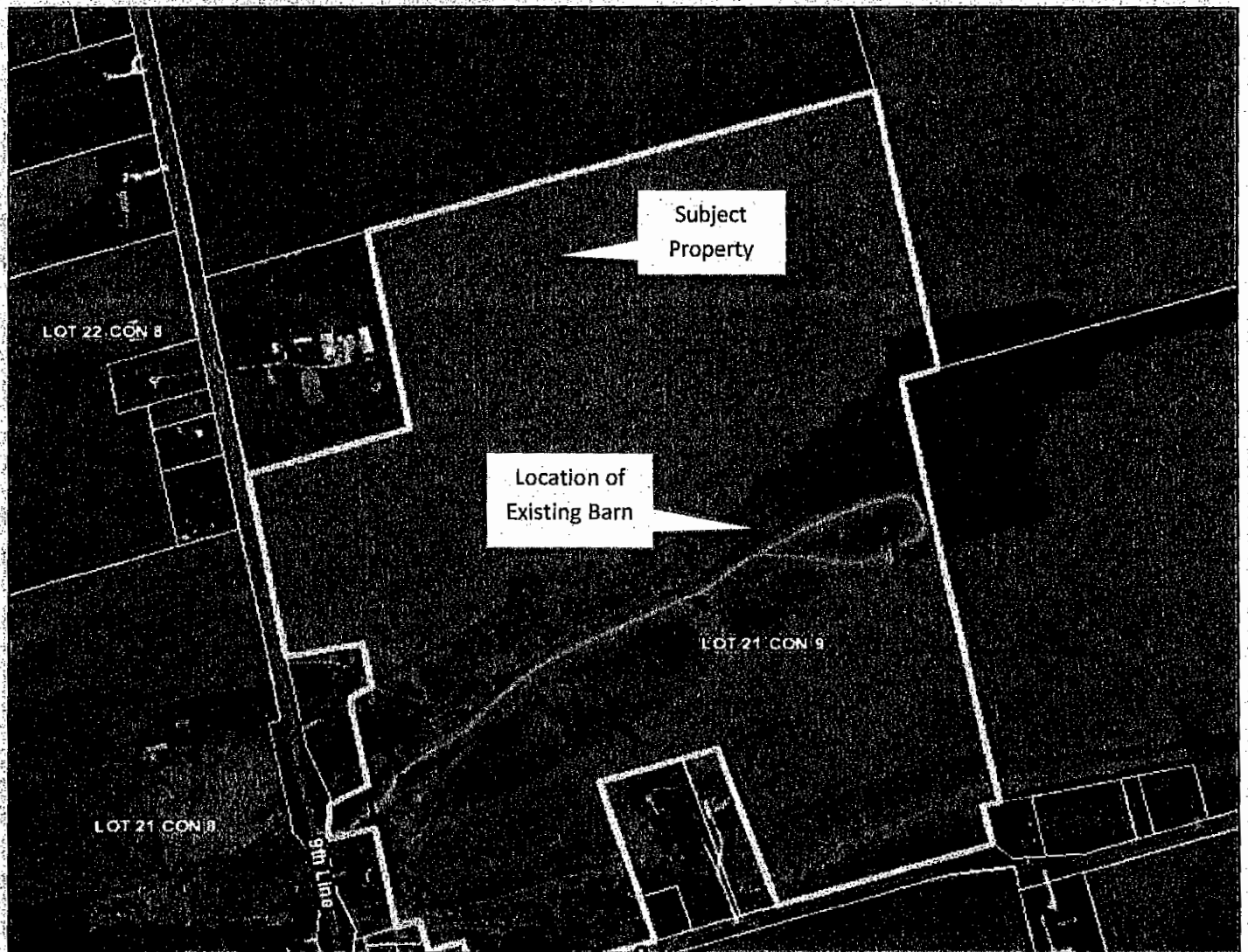
Municipal Context



County File Number: E-OPA-1930
Address: 7511 9th Line
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County Official Plan Legend

- Agricultural Lands
- Lands Not Subject To Plan
- Settlements
- Niagara Escarpment Plan Area
- Economic District
- Greenbelt Plan - Protected Countryside
- Greenlands
- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area
- Rural Lands
- Special Development Area Big Bay Point
- Secondary Plan
- Subject Property



Map Legend

- Subject Property
- Settlement Area
- Built Boundary
- 2016



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**AMENDMENT NO. 30 TO THE
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TOWNSHIP OF ESSA**

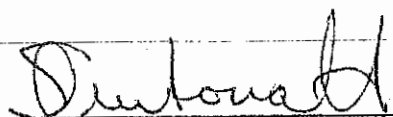
Michelle Langford
*(7511 9th Line,
Part Lot 21, Concession 9)*

April 2019

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**AMENDMENT NO. 30 TO THE
OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESSA**

The attached explanatory text and Schedule "A" constituting Amendment No.30 of the Official Plan of the Township of Essa, was prepared and adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa, by By-law Number 2019-38 in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, 21 and 22 of the Planning Act., R.S.O. 1990, as amended.



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CERTIFICATION

Certified that the above is a true copy of By-law No. 30 as enacted and passed by Council of The Corporation of the Township of Essa on the 1st day of May, 2019.

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**AMENDMENT NO. 30
TO THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESSA OFFICAL PLAN**

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**AMENDMENT NO. 30 TO THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESSA OFFICIAL PLAN**

THE CONSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT

PART A – The Preamble does not constitute part of this Amendment.

PART B – The Amendment consisting of the following text and Schedules "A" constitutes Amendment No. 30 to the Corporation of the Township of Essa Official Plan.

Part C – The Appendices attached hereto do not constitute part of this Amendment. These Appendices contain background data, planning considerations and summary of the public involvement associated with this Amendment.

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PART A – THE PREAMBLE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to re-designate the subject lands from their existing "Agricultural" designation to a "Country Event Facility – Special Policy" designation in order to permit the establishment of an on-farm diversified use in the form of a Country Event Facility, in full conformance with the provisions of the Provincial Policy Statement, Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and County of Simcoe Official Plan. The Country Event Facility is to be realized through the conversion of an existing storage barn and permitted uses limited to group gatherings and celebrations for weddings, wedding receptions, wedding showers, engagement parties, anniversaries, birthdays, family reunions, art shows, seminars, debate forums and similar uses.

The amendment is required because the Township's Official Plan currently does not make provision for the establishment of on-farm diversified uses in prime agricultural areas as provided for by provincial and county land use policy.

LOCATION

The lands affected by this Amendment are located in Part of Lot 21, Concession 9, otherwise described as 7511 9th Line, just north of the Essa community of Ivy. They encompass approximately 2,500 square metres and comprise part of a larger 57 hectare farm holding fronting on the 9th Line. With the exception of vegetated (mostly) lowlands located near and adjacent to an intermittent stream that bisects the property in a westerly direction, the larger farm is in active agricultural use as cropland, as are lands in the surrounding area. A string of residential properties is located along the 20th Sideroad to the immediate south of the farm in Ivy, together with a number of more interspersed rural-residential dwellings to the west on the 9th Line.

BASIS

The purpose of this Official Plan Amendment (OPA) is to enable the establishment of an on-farm diversified use in the form of a Country Event Facility. The use's propriety, has been assessed in relation to the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement, Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas, Growth Plan and County Official Plan, and confirmed to be consistent with the provincial definition of an on-farm diversified use on the basis:

- That the applicant's holding is a functioning farm with 85% of its approximately 57 hectares actively cropped, in accord with S 2.3.1.1 of the guidelines that on-farm diversified uses be located on an active farm,
- That the event facility will be secondary to the farm's principle agricultural use by virtue of its separation from the property's active farmland (i.e., it is located on a low-lying unproductive part of the site), distance from the property's

entrance off the 9th Line (thereby reducing potential farm vehicle conflicts) and limited hours of operation (weekends only), in accord with S 2.3.1.2 of the guidelines that on-farm diversified uses be secondary to the principle agricultural use,

- That consistent with the intent that on-farm diversified uses be limited in area (S 2.2.1.3), the total area to be devoted to the event facility, including the converted barn, parking area and access driveway, at under 2,500 sq. m., is well within the guideline's recommended 2% of the total farm (i.e., 11,400 sq. m.), and the event facility's footprint, at 303 sq. m., is well within the guideline's recommended 20% of the maximum 1.0 hectare that is permitted to be devoted to an individual on-farm diversified use, (i.e., 2,000 sq. m.) (S 2.3.1.3),
- That as a reasonably scaled, countrified use in a pastoral agricultural setting, the proposed event facility meets the definition of an agri-tourism type use by offering a distinct alternative to similar, more conventional uses common to urban locations, in general accord with S 2.3.1.4 of the guidelines, and
- That on the basis of the findings of the technical analyses completed in support of the amendment applications, the event facility, being out of sight of the travelling public and visually consistent with the surrounding rural landscape, is compatible with and will not hinder surrounding agricultural operations and, with suitable attention to noise mitigation, also compatible with other uses in the surrounding area, all in accord with S 2.3.1.5 of the guidelines, stipulating the need for compatibility with the surrounding area.

Having been confirmed to be consistent with the provincial definition of an on-farm diversified use, it also has been determined that the event facility is compatible with the property's principle agricultural use, surrounding agricultural and residential uses and on-site natural heritage features, including as it pertains to its method of servicing and the capacity of area roads to absorb additional traffic. This has been confirmed through the findings of a series of technical reports that included:

- Traffic Opinion Letter (Crozier Consulting Engineers, June 2018),
- Environmental Noise Feasibility Study (Valcoustics Canada Limited, June 2018),
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (SAAR Environmental, August 2018),
- Langford Review Response (SAAR Environmental Limited, December 2018),
- Servicing Review (C.C. Tatham & Associates Limited, October 2018),
- Agricultural Evaluation (Stovel and Associates Inc., January 2019),
- MDS Calculations (Cuesta Planning Consultants Inc., January 2019),
- Planning Report (Cuesta Planning Consultants, January 2019).

These analyses have established:

1. That the event facility will not result in the loss of any agricultural resources or impact the surrounding agricultural community and, therefore, that, as already

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noted, it is consistent with the provincial definition of an on-farm diversified use,

2. That with appropriate mitigation the event facility can be accommodated without significant negative impact to natural features and functions and, hence, can be located in accord with the PPS, Greenbelt Plan and County & Township Official Plans,
3. That the event facility is viable in the context of its known engineering and servicing design prerequisites (i.e., septic system, driveway access, drainage, SWM, utilities etc.) recognizing that this will be finally confirmed at the time of the site's detailed engineering as part of and basis for site plan approval,
4. That the event facility, with appropriate mitigation (i.e., removal of branches on 9th Line to improve sightlines) can be supported from a traffic safety and operations standpoint on the basis of the existing roadway geometry, and
5. That with appropriate sound level restrictions limiting sound emissions from the event facility to a maximum of 70 dBA at a distance of 10 metres from its open south door, MOE noise guideline limits can be met (for adjacent residential uses).

In summary, the OPA is in conformance with the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement, Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and County of Simcoe Official Plan. It will make provision for the location of a reasonably scaled, countrified use in a pastoral agricultural setting in accord with the provincial and county intent to allow farm operators to diversify and supplement their farm income, as well as accommodate agri-tourism uses in prime agricultural areas. For these reasons and those noted above, the OPA is in the public interest, consistent with good planning principles and appropriate.

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PART B – THE AMENDMENT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

All of this part of the document entitled "Part B – The Amendment" consisting of the following text, constitutes Amendment No. 30 to the Township of Essa Official Plan.

2.0 DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

The Official Plan of the Township of Essa is amended as follows:

2.1 Schedule A, Land Use Designations to the Official Plan, as amended, is hereby further amended by changing the land use designation on a portion of the lands described as Part of Lot 21, Concession 9, otherwise known as 7511 9th Line, in the Township of Essa from "Agricultural" to "Country Event Facility - Special Policy", as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Amendment.

2.2 Section 6 of the Official Plan of the Township of Essa (entitled Agricultural) is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 6.3.15 as follows:

"6.3.15 Country Event Facility – Special Policy

In accordance with the Provincial Policy Statement and County of Simcoe Official Plan on those lands located in Part of Lot 21, Concession 9, municipally described as 7511 9th Line and designated Country Event Facility – Special Policy, an on-farm diversified use in the form of a Country Event Facility shall be permitted in addition to all other uses permitted within the Agricultural designation, subject to and in accordance with the following policies:

1. Permitted group gatherings and celebrations shall be limited to weddings, wedding receptions, wedding showers, engagement parties, anniversaries, birthdays, family reunions, art shows, seminars, debate forums and similar uses,
2. The area to be devoted to the country event facility use shall be subject to Site Plan Control and a Site Plan Agreement that is registered on title. The site plan prepared under this subsection shall provide for the precise building envelope shown in the implementing Zoning By-law. The further intent is for the area of the event facility use to be generally limited to that shown on the preliminary Site Plan, dated January 10, 2019, prepared by Cuesta Planning Consultants,
3. The passage of an implementing Zoning By-law shall be subject to the entering into of a Site Plan Agreement,

4. The Site Plan Agreement shall incorporate any and all provisions deemed appropriate by the Township, which shall include the recommendations of all technical studies prepared as a basis for site plan approval including the following:
- Traffic Opinion Letter, prepared by Crozier Consulting Engineer (June 2018),
 - Environmental Noise Feasibility Study, prepared by Valcoustics Canada Limited (June 2018),
 - Environmental Impact Assessment, prepared by SAAR Environmental Limited (August 2018),
 - Langford Review Response prepared by SAAR Environmental Limited (December 2018),
 - Servicing Review, prepared by C.C. Tatham & Associates Limited (October 2018),
 - Agricultural Evaluation, prepared by Stovel and Associates Inc. (January 2019),
 - MDS Calculations, prepared by Cuesta Planning Consultants. (January 2019),
 - Planning Report, prepared by Cuesta Planning Consultants (January 2019).
5. All other policies of this Section 6, Agricultural shall apply."

3.0 IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION

The changes to the Official Plan described in this Amendment shall be implemented in accordance with the implementation policy of the Township of Essa Official Plan as contained in Section 28 thereof.

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Part C – THE APPENDICES

The following Appendices do not constitute part of Amendment No. 30 but are included as information supporting the Amendment.

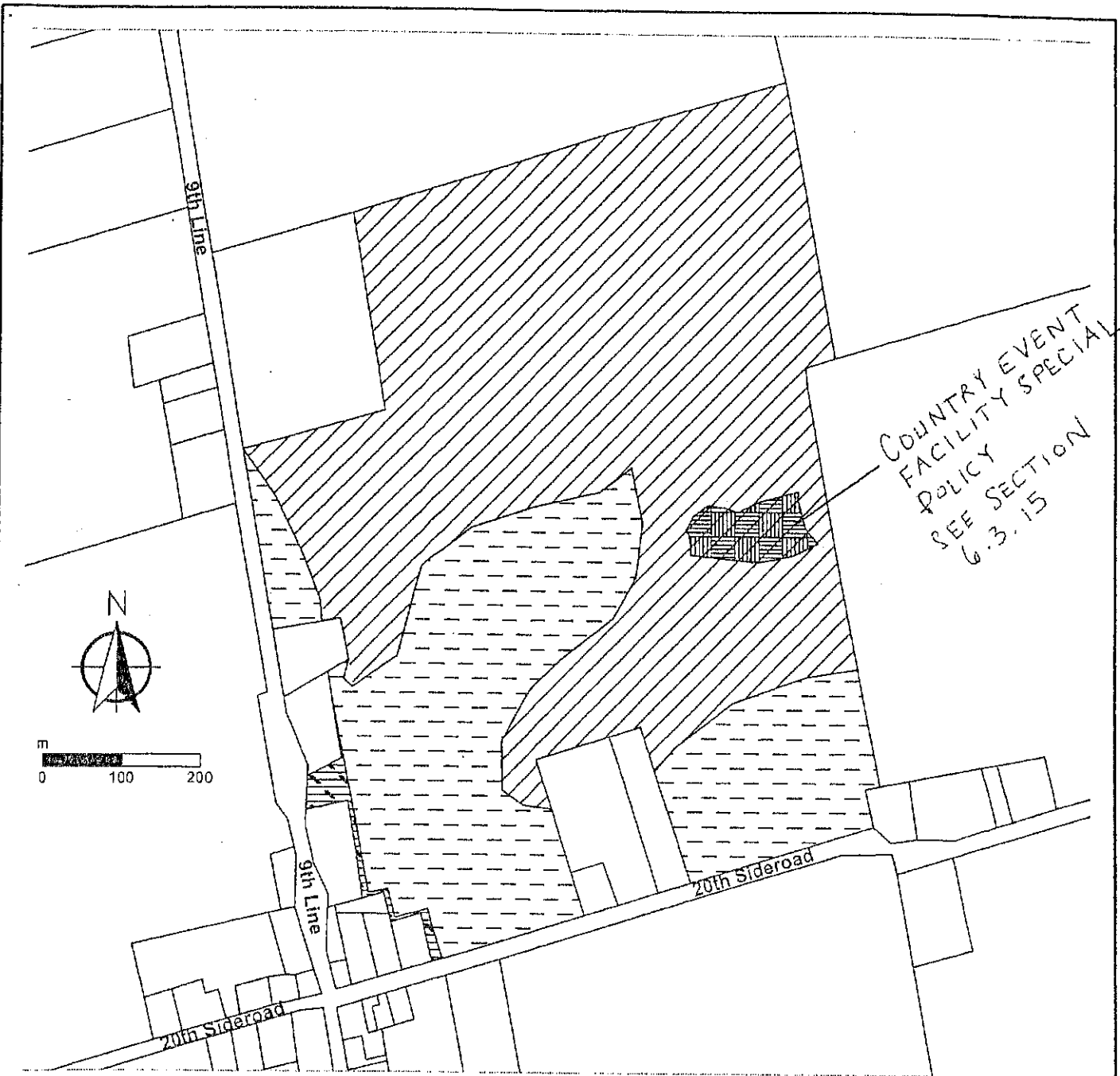
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Appendix B – Preliminary Site Plan – Cuesta Planning Consultants

Appendix C – Public Meeting Minutes

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


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 6.3.15

Amendment No. 30

Township of Essa Official Plan

7511, 9th Line
 Township of Essa
 County of Simcoe

Legend

-  Lands subject to the Amendment
-  Lands Designated Rural
-  Lands Designated Agricultural
-  Lands Designated Settlement Area

Consent

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Her Worship Sandie Macdonald
Mayor
Township of Essa
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Dear Mayor Macdonald:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and your delegation at the 2019 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa regarding the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) and the regional government review.

We truly appreciate the opportunity to hear from you about the issues that are important to your community and I have shared your comments and concerns with Minister Phillips.

As the Premier announced at the conference, the government is maintaining the current structure of the OMPF for 2020 and remains committed to announcing municipal allocations in the fall, well in advance of the budget year.

We respect our municipal partners and remain committed to listening and working together to improve the quality of life for people across Ontario.

Thank you again for the opportunity to meet with you in person.

Sincerely,

Stan Cho
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance

c: The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Dan Miles, Chief of Staff, Minister of Finance
Allan Doheny, Assistant Deputy Minister, Provincial-Local Finance Division,
Ministry of Finance



Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Volunteers needed for fall TD Tree Day planting events in Stayner, Minesing and Orangeville

UTOPIA, Ontario (September 16, 2019) – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is looking for volunteers to plant trees in parks and conservation areas in Stayner, Minesing and Orangeville at three events this fall.

These trees will be planted along rivers and creeks inside the parks. As they grow, the trees will help improve water quality and create habitat for fish and other aquatic life. Birds and pollinators that live or migrate through these areas will also benefit from these trees.

"We always encourage families to volunteer at tree planting events," said Shannon Stephens, Healthy Waters Program Coordinator at the NVCA. "The kids learn how to create habitat for plants and animals and contribute to reducing climate change. Plus, it's a great bonding experience for the entire family."

The tree planting events are suitable for all ages and are eligible events for students in need of high school volunteer hours. Volunteers are required to bring closed-toed shoes or boots, gloves, sunscreen, hat, water and a shovel (if available).

Here are the details of the events:

Saturday, September 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.: volunteers will meet at the Clearview EcoPark, 300 Mowat Street North, Stayner, Ontario to plant 300 trees and shrubs along Lamont Creek.

Saturday, September 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.: volunteers will meet at the Edenvale Conservation Area, 3920 Highway 26, Minesing, Ontario to plant 500 trees in the park and along the Nottawasaga River.

Saturday, October 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.: volunteers will meet at the Mono Community Pollinator Garden, 246366 Hockley Rd, Mono (Orangeville), Ontario to plant 300 trees.

All three of these planting days are part of TD Tree Days, a national program lead by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. These family-friendly events encourage volunteers to plant trees to help the environment in their local community. NVCA is pleased to work with TD and other groups, including Clearview Township, Town of Shelburne, and Nature Conservancy Canada on these events.

To volunteer at NVCA's TD Tree Days, visit the NVCA website at www.nvca.on.ca or TD Tree Days at tdtreedays.com.

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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. www.nvca.on.ca

About TD Tree Days: TD Tree Days invests in the health of our urban tree canopies, and offers TD employees, their families, and our community partners, a fun, easy and rewarding way to give back and help green the communities in which they live and work. TD Tree Days has been bringing people together since 2010 and is helping to create a more vibrant planet by growing and enhancing green spaces and is contributing to TD's Ready Commitment target of helping plant 1 million trees by 2030. Over 394,000 native trees and shrubs have been planted in communities across North America through TD Tree Days, and this fall thousands of volunteers will come together to further enhance over 100 green spaces for everyone to enjoy. To ensure that the right tree is properly planted in the right place, over 90 local community organizations, including conservation authorities, municipalities and Indigenous communities support TD Tree Days with technical expertise. For more information and to register, visit tdtreedays.com.

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September 17, 2019

Sent via email to: All Ontario Municipalities

Attn: Municipal Clerk

RE: More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 - Bill 108 Proposed Regulations

I am writing to advise that Council, at its meeting held on September 9, 2019, adopted the following recommendations:

1. That the report entitled Bill 108 Proposed Regulations, dated August 26, 2019 be received; and,
2. That following the September 9, 2019 Council meeting, the final version of the report entitled Bill 108 Proposed Regulations, dated August 26, 2019 be formally submitted to the province; and,
3. That it be requested by the Town that the province release final drafts of the regulations associated with Bill 108 with a consultation period of no less than 3 months; and,
4. That a copy of this Motion be sent to all Ontario Municipalities requesting their support; and,
5. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Yours sincerely,

Kiran Saini
Deputy Town Clerk

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From: Ontario News <newsroom@ontario.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 11:11 AM
To: Tosh, Christy <Christy.Tosh@simcoe.ca>
Subject: Ontario Helping to Keep Seniors Living with Dementia Safe



Newsroom

News Release

Ontario Helping to Keep Seniors Living with Dementia Safe

September 18, 2019

Making it Easier to Find Loved Ones Faster

MISSISSAUGA - Ontario is helping families, caregivers and communities recognize the risks of dementia, be prepared for incidents, and better ensure that seniors can live safely in their communities.

About 125,000 seniors in Ontario living with dementia are at risk of wandering and going missing each year. That's why the province is putting their safety first by providing nearly \$ 600,000 to the Alzheimer Society of Ontario to deliver the Finding Your Way program.

Today, Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, and Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care at Malton Village Long-Term Care Home with representatives of the Alzheimer Society of Ontario.

"This funding will go a long way in helping seniors stay safe, especially given an estimated 240,000 seniors in Ontario are living with dementia," said Minister Cho. "This is one more example of how we are doing things and we are doing it better."

Finding Your Way is a multicultural wandering prevention program that provides a number of useful and useful tools for caregivers and caregivers.

This new funding will help you to find more people in your community, and you will need to know more about it.

"We are very pleased with the support of the Ontario government to grow our finding your way program," said Cathy Barrick, CEO, Alzheimer Society of Ontario. "We are also going to be able to reduce future incidents."

"This is one of the most vulnerable people in the world," said Minister Fullerton. "This funding will help to keep those living with dementia or Alzheimer's in our long-term cares homes safe."

QUICK FACTS

- About sixty per cent of people living with dementia will go missing at some point, often without warning.
- Fifty per cent of people who go missing for 24 hours risk serious injury or death from exposure, hypothermia or drowning.
- Nearly 7,500 people were reported missing in Ontario in 2018.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [More Tools Available for Police to Find Missing Seniors](#)
- [Ministry of Long-Term Care](#)
- [Supporting seniors and their families: 2019 Ontario Budget](#)
- [Finding Your Way](#)

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September 20, 2019

To the Municipal Councils of the County of Simcoe and District of Muskoka:

Re: Call for Restrictions on Vaping and Flavoured E-Cigarettes

On September 18, 2019 the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit approved a motion to write to the Ontario provincial and federal Ministers of Health calling for stringent restrictions on the display and promotion of vaping products, equal to those for tobacco, and to ban flavoured e-cigarettes to help prevent the further uptake of vaping (and with it, the potential risk of smoking commencement) by youth. Along with this decision, the Board of Health was supportive in encouraging all of our local municipalities to consider enhancing or developing smoke and vapour-free bylaws to further limit the places where residents of Simcoe Muskoka could be exposed physically and socially to second-hand smoke and vapour.

Vaping has been rapidly increasing in our youth and the Board of Health would like to encourage municipalities to be leaders in youth vaping prevention by creating more vapour-free areas across Simcoe Muskoka. Several Simcoe Muskoka municipalities have already enacted protections through by-laws or amendments to by-laws to further protect residents from second-hand smoke and vapour and we commend them for this excellent work. Based on the Board of Health's direction and support, we are encouraging your municipality to consider implementing or enhancing policies and bylaws to help combat the surge in youth vaping.

A resource, *Make Our Communities Smoke and Vapour-Free* has been developed to support you in your efforts. Further, a model by-law template was developed and can be found on the [SMDHU website](#) in Appendix B of the Public Health Guidance for Municipalities on Cannabis document. Also attached is a copy of the letter being sent to the Ontario and federal Ministers of Health.

Should the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit be able to assist you in the development of a by-law in your municipality that will reduce smoking and vaping in public spaces, please contact the Smoke-Free Program for assistance by calling Health Connection 705 721-7520 or 877 721-7520.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Anita Dubeau
Board of Health Chair

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September 18, 2019

Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor
Minister of Health of Canada
House of Commons
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Honourable Christine Elliott
Minister of Health 10th Floor, Hepburn Block
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Toronto, Ontario M7A 2C4

Dear Ministers:

On September 18, 2019 the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit approved a motion to write to the Ontario and the federal Ministers of Health calling for stringent restrictions on the display and promotion of vaping products and to ban flavoured e-cigarettes to help prevent the further uptake of vaping (and with it, the potential risk of smoking commencement) by youth.

Vaping has been rapidly increasing in our youth. A 74% increase in vaping among youth aged 16-19 in Canada was reported from 2017 to 2018 (jumping to 14.6% from 8.4%).¹ Cigarette smoking in the same period increased 45% to reach 15.5% of youth in this age group from 10.7% a year earlier. This is a concerning given that surveys initiated prior to 2018 had reported an ongoing decline in youth smoking; a finding which is consistent with the conclusions of research suggesting that vaping increases the risk of smoking in youth.² Research has also demonstrated that marketing of vaping products at retail stores is associated with youth and young adult initiation of vaping.³

Although vaping is likely to be less harmful than smoking, vaping is not harm free. Vaping can cause ear, eye, and throat irritation. The fine particles and chemicals that are inhaled into the lungs can aggravate existing lung conditions making it harder to breath.⁴ The risk of heart attack increases with vape use and using both cigarettes and e-cigarettes increases this risk further.⁵ Nicotine addiction is a significant concern associated with youth vaping. Nicotine can change how the teenage brain develops

¹ Hammond, D., Reid, J.L., Rynard, V.L., Fong, G.T., Gummings, K.M., McNeill, A., & O'Conner, R. (2019). Prevalence of vaping and smoking among adolescents in Canada, England, and the United States: repeat national cross sectional surveys. *Bjm*, 365, 12219.

² <http://nationalacademies.org/hmd/Reports/2018/public-health-consequences-of-e-cigarettes.aspx>

³ Loukas, A., Paddock, M., Li, S., Harrell, M., Pasch, E., Perry, C (2019) Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems Marketing and Initiation Among Youth and Young Adults

⁴ Health Canada. (2019-02-04). Vaping: Get the Facts.

⁵ Hess, CA., Olmedo, P., Navas-Acien, A., Goessier, W., Cohen, JE., & Rule, AM. E-cigarettes as a source of toxic and potentially carcinogenic metals. *Environmental Research*, 2017; 152:221 DOI: 10. 1016/j.envres.2016.09.026

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affecting cognitive functions like memory and concentration as well as impulse control and can cause behavioural problems⁶.

A number of serious lung issues associated with vaping occurring in the United States with an unknown etiology has also recently been reported. Health Canada warned in a recent safety alert that vaping products can carry a risk of pulmonary illness. This follows five recent deaths in the U.S. that have been linked to vaping. Health Canada reported that no similar pulmonary illness incidents have been reported in Canada, but the agency is in communication with the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) who is investigating 450 cases in 33 states which involve e-cigarettes or other vaping product use.⁷

Complicating matters further in lieu of regulation and restriction are flavoured vapour products. There are over 7000 flavours of e-juice available including candy and fruit flavoured varieties with names that appeal to youth.⁸ There is a strong body of evidence to support that flavours attract youth to e-cigarette use where research concludes that flavour influences youth to try and buy e-cigarettes and the appeal of ads promoting flavours is linked to uptake of vaping by youth.⁹

Presently, there are limited federal restrictions associated with the marketing and promotion of e-cigarettes. Unlike cigarettes, vaping advertising is currently permitted on main stream media including television, radio, newspapers, outdoor signs, print and billboards. There are some regulations to protect youth related to the sale, promotion and flavour of vaping products; however, these regulations are clearly not adequate to stem the increasing uptake of vaping by youth.

Provincially, the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 (SFOA, 2017) originally put comprehensive restrictions on the display and promotion of vaping products similar to tobacco. However, those restrictions were not implemented by the Ontario provincial government before the SFOA, 2017 was enacted. As a result, point of sale display and promotion of vapour products at corner convenience stores, gas stations and grocery chains is widespread and promotional materials from posters to three-dimensional cutouts and packaging displays.

In order to prevent a further increase of vaping among youth and non-smokers in Simcoe Muskoka and to prevent the associated possible risk of cigarette smoking uptake, bans on the display and promotion of vapour products at both the Federal and Provincial level are required immediately. Provincially, the Smoke-Free Ontario Act regulations need to be strengthened to include a ban on flavoured vape products, as well on the display and promotion of vapour products mirroring the ban on tobacco products. Federally, the Tobacco and Vaping Products Act (TVPA) should also be revised to ban display, promotion and advertising, also mirroring the restrictions on tobacco in the TVPA.

⁶ England, L.J., Bunnell, R.E., Pechacek, T.F., Tong, V.T. and McAfee, T.A., 2015. Nicotine and the developing human: a neglected element in the electronic cigarette debate. *American journal of preventive medicine*, 49(2), pp.286-293.

⁷ https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease.html

⁸ Zhu SH, Sun JY, Bonnevie E, Cummins SE, Gamst A, Yin L, Lee M. Four hundred and sixty brands of e-cigarettes and counting: implications for product regulation. *Tobacco Control*, 2014 Jul 1;23(suppl 3):eiii3-9

⁹ Vasiljevic M, Petrescu DC, Marteau TM. Impact of advertisements promoting candy-like flavoured e-cigarettes on appeal of tobacco smoking among children: An experimental study, *Tobacco Control*, 2016;25(e2):e107-e112.

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Thank you for your attention to this very important matter for the protection of the health of our youth.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Anita Dubeau
Board of Health Chair

Cc: Ontario Boards of Health
Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Ontario Public Health Association
Ontario Tobacco Research Unit
Ontario Campaign for Action on Tobacco
Municipal Councils of Simcoe Muskoka
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From: Aggregates (MNR) [mailto:Aggregates@ontario.ca]
Sent: September 20, 2019 10:37 AM
Subject: Proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act / Projet de modification de la Loi sur les ressources en agrégats



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Subject: Proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act

Dear Head of Council and Clerk,

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry recognizes the critical role Ontario's municipalities play in the lives of Ontarians. We value our strong collaborative partnership with municipalities and the associations that represent their interests.

We want to advise you that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is proceeding with changes to the way aggregates are managed in Ontario and would like to invite municipal input on the changes we are proposing.

We have released an aggregate proposal that aims to cut red tape, create jobs, and promote economic growth within Ontario's aggregate industry — an industry that generates \$1.6 billion in production revenue annually and supports more than 28,000 jobs in aggregate-related sectors.

The proposal draws on feedback from industry, municipalities, Indigenous communities and other stakeholders. It will create opportunities for growth while maintaining a steadfast commitment to protecting the environment and addressing impacts to communities.

A summary of the proposed legislative changes, and instructions for providing feedback, can be found on the Environmental Registry (ERO# 019-0556) at the following link:

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0556>

My ministry is also considering some regulatory changes and would appreciate any initial feedback you have on these topics. As a next step, we expect to consult further on specific details related to regulatory proposals at a later date. I look forward to your input on these proposals and potential future changes.

If you have any questions about the proposed changes, please contact Andrew MacDonald, Resource Development Section, at 705-755-1222 or aggregates@ontario.ca.

Kind regards,

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19-4232

September 24, 2019

RE: Building Code Services Transformation

Dear Head of Council,

I am writing today to announce that my ministry is launching a consultation on potential changes to the delivery of building code services. On September 24, 2019, I released a discussion paper: *Transforming and Modernizing the Delivery of Ontario's Building Code Services*.

Our government has heard from stakeholders about the need for better, modern, and timely services to support the building sector's ability to understand and apply building code requirements. To do this, the ministry is proposing to establish a new administrative authority to deliver a suite of enhanced and new user-driven services. Modernized service delivery will ensure that the sector has the supports it needs to continue growing Ontario's economy, while protecting public health and safety.

Your feedback is important and will help inform enhancements to current building code services and the development of new services, which would:

- strengthen public safety
- streamline customer service and approval processes
- deliver sector-driven services
- provide timely and modern tools and products
- promote consistency across the province
- enhance integrity in the system.

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We will also be hosting regional information sessions that will include an informational session for the sector earlier in the afternoon (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) and a public open house in the evening (5:30 - 7:00 p.m.). Sessions will be held on the following dates:

1. City of Belleville: Friday, October 4, 2019
Belleville Lions Club, 119 Station St., Belleville
2. City of North Bay: Monday, October 7, 2019
North Bay Memorial Gardens, 100 Chippewa St. W., North Bay
3. Municipality of Chatham-Kent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Chatham-Kent Cultural Centre, 75 William Street, Chatham-Kent
4. City of Vaughan: Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Vellore Hall, 9541 Weston Road, Woodbridge

For more information about this consultation and for additional ways to participate, please visit www.ontario.ca/buildingtransformation where you will find:

- A link to the discussion paper
- Information about how to provide feedback
- A short optional survey

The consultation will close on November 25, 2019.

I look forward to your feedback on the transformation of building code service delivery. Please note that Chief Building Officials will also receive notification of this transformation initiative and associated opportunities for engagement.

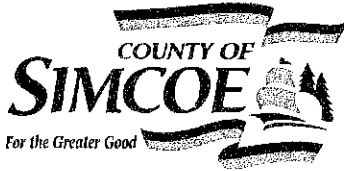
If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact ministry staff at buildingtransformation@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c: Municipal Clerks



Release

County of Simcoe, Office of the Warden and CAO
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe introduces The Red Pine House: Forestry Education Centre

Midhurst/September 24, 2019 – Warden George Cornell was joined by fellow County Councillors, staff and area forestry partners on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 to unveil Simcoe County Museum's latest attraction – The Red Pine House: Forestry Education Centre.

The new building aligns with the County's #Green&Growing forestry program and pays tribute to the region's deep-rooted forestry history. The Education Centre features an exploration area for children ages 3-9, where children can learn about different elements of Simcoe County Forests, and provides information on the life of a tree – from seed to harvesting. The Centre also includes historic artifacts such as a tree planter, seed board and double bitted axe, among other pieces. Interpretive panels depict the chronological history of the forests of Simcoe County, beginning with the Indigenous use of the land, European settlement and the exploitation of the forests in the 1800's and early 1900's, and the subsequent conservation efforts led by the County and area partners. Details about the ongoing Kirtland's Warbler endangered species habitat restoration initiative are also highlighted.

In 1922, the County of Simcoe became the first municipality in the province to sign the Government of Ontario's Agreement Forest program. Since its inception, the Simcoe County Forest has become the largest municipally-owned forest network in Ontario spanning almost 33,000 acres across 150 properties. More than 20-million trees have been planted and all County forests are considered working forests, which provides revenue to the County to reinvest into forestry initiatives and land acquisitions.

Materials for Red Pine House were provided by the Haliburton Forest and acquired by the County from Forests Ontario as part of a fundraising initiative.

"The County is proud of its forestry roots and ongoing efforts to grow and expand our forestry program," said Warden George Cornell. "It's National Forestry Week and I encourage residents to visit one of our many forest tracts and check out The Red Pine House to learn more about our deep forestry history."

Simcoe County Forest Quick facts:

Growing forests

- Largest municipally-owned forest network in Ontario at 33,000 acres and growing
- 3,000+ new acres of forest purchased by the County since 2010
- 150+ properties across Simcoe County
- 20M+ trees planted within the Simcoe County Forests
- Includes 4,000+ acres of wetlands, streams and valleylands

Healthy living

- Estimated ecological value of \$34M annually
- 700+ km of trails are managed through partnerships with area clubs
- Open to the public for recreational activities

Working forests benefiting the economy

- 2,000+ acres thinned annually to maintain forest health
- All forestry revenues reinvested back into the forest
- \$35,000 annual contribution to local tree planting
- Leaders in invasive species management

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Re: Joint and Several Liability Consultation

Please be advised that in response to your letter dated July 12, 2019, the Township of Springwater provides the following comments in regards to Joint and Several Liability.

1. Please describe the nature of the problem as you see it?

In response to the Province's request for consultation, the Township has a significant issue with Joint and Several Liability (JSL) and the impact it has on the municipality.

a. No Requirement of Proof

JSL is a tool that is used by the legal industry without any discretion to the point that this municipality feels that its use is negligent and in fact unethical. Most law suits that municipalities see are frivolous and vexations as lawyers cast their nets wide and attempt to use shotgun justice for their clients that are more than often the sole cause of a claim. A statement of claim does not require any proof that there is fault. A plaintiff only has to state who they think is involved and a significant amount of court time is spent determining who should be a party to the legal claim.

b. No Consequence for Being Wrongly Identified in a Statement of Claim

To add to this, there is no consequence that lawyers and their clients face for submitting a claim against a municipality when it is clear that a municipality is not involved. Municipalities incur significant administrative costs in managing these claims and the municipalities and their insurers pay significant costs to go through a lengthy process to prove that a claim was made in error (intentionally) only to find that a judge sees no reason to compensate a municipality for cost for incorrectly being named in a lawsuit by a plaintiff. Municipalities are seen as having deep pockets by the legal industry as well as the judicial system that makes decisions on these claims. Proof of innocence is often furnished to the plaintiff and lawyer by a municipality immediately upon notification of a pending legal action of statement of claim. This information is ignored by the plaintiff's lawyer. A plaintiff and their lawyer should have to reimburse a municipality for

all administrative and legal costs when the municipality is cleared of liability. Judges rarely compensate municipalities for being wrongly named in a legal action.

A recent example from 2019 occurred when a statement of claim was made against the Township of Springwater for an accident on a County Road (not the jurisdiction of Springwater). After legal and administrative costs totaling more than \$5,000, Springwater was dismissed from the claim. Unfortunately no costs were assigned to the plaintiff for wrongly naming Springwater in the statement of claim. The current system is broken and Springwater tax payers are left paying the bill.

2. What are the problems that you need addressed to benefit your community?

a. Ethical Standard of Due Dillgence Required Before Submitting a Legal Action

Lawyer's representing plaintiff's should be required to submit documentation that provides significant research into why a claim is being made and a municipality is being named in a law suit. The claim should clearly prove authority and responsibility. The current practice of naming every party under the sun in a legal claim is negligent and unethical.

b. Frivolous and Vexatious Suits are Costing Taxpayers

The Township of Springwater is seeing a significant waste of administrative time and cost in managing legal claims against the municipality that are predominantly frivolous and vexatious due to JSL. Over the last seven years, the municipality has had 55 claims made against the municipality. These claims range from trips/falls resulting in broken eyeglasses to cases that unfortunately involve loss of life. The Township has no problem dealing with claims that the municipality is responsible for; however the Township does have a problem dealing with claims it does not have any responsibility for. Of the 55 claims against the municipality, 42 of these claims are frivolous and vexatious. Claims that the municipality has no responsibility for. Over the past 7 years, Springwater has paid more than \$100,000 on these frivolous and vexatious claims as they work themselves through the legal process. Many of these files are still open. This does not include additional costs paid by Springwater's insurance company that are beyond the municipality's deductible.

c. Negligent Legal Actions (Beyond Frivolous and Vexatious)

The Township of Springwater is currently named in 4 legal actions and an additional legal action (recently abandoned) for claims that occurred in another municipality (no where near Springwater). The Township is currently named in 3 claims that occurred in the Township of Clearview west of Stayner and one claim in the Township of Brock that have nothing to do with the Township. Springwater was named in a claim that occurred

in Wasaga Beach that was abandoned recently. All of these claims cost the Springwater taxpayer in administrative and legal costs as they work their way through the process.

d. Triage System for Claims

Before a claim makes it to a court date, the file should be triaged. It is at this stage that negligent of frivolous and vexatious claims will be filtered or thrown out. This process will trigger the reimbursement of costs to municipalities by unethical law firms.

e. Law Society of Ontario Charges

Lawyers that use JSL in an unethical way should be charged by the Law Society of Ontario. If a lawyer names a municipality in a legal action that should not be named, these lawyers should be suspended and potentially lose their license to practice law. There is a significant commonality when comparing frivolous and vexatious claims and the law firms/lawyers that submit them. The current code of ethics of the Law Society of Ontario should be updated by the Province to reprimand lawyers and law firms that negligently use JSL. The Province of Ontario should be involved in creating a new Code of Ethics for Ontario's legal industry.

3. Is it increased premiums? Rising deductibles?

A recent survey by CAO's in Simcoe County shows that insurance premiums are going up between 10% at the lowest to 59% being the highest in 2019. The Township of Springwater experienced a 10.8% increase in its 2019 insurance renewal. The area that typically sees an annual increase is related to the Municipal General Liability and Excess Liability lines of the business. The municipality was advised by its insurance broker that "over the past several years, insurance companies' appetite for Municipal Insurance has remained fairly stable. Insurance rates across all lines have seen only modest increases intended to simply keep pace with inflation and the rising cost of claims. Larger rate increases have been reserved for those accounts experiencing adverse claims development; either in frequency or severity (or both). However, starting in June 2018, the insurance market as a whole has shown clear signs of "hardening". Insurance companies for all sectors are putting stricter rules in place regarding the amount and breadth of coverage they will provide, and to which clients. Since the overall insurance supply is being reduced, the demand for insurer capacity is increasing, and as such, prices are elevating."

The table below provides at a high level (includes all lines of coverage) the Township's annual insurance premiums over the past five years.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$234,942	\$247,262	\$254,388	\$274,936	\$304,688

The Township continues to consult with its insurance broker in an effort to ensure that Springwater's constituents are receiving the best value for their tax dollar; however, the rising costs of insurance are not sustainable over the long run. Staff and its insurance broker have looked at increasing our deductibles in an effort to reduce the overall premium; however this has led to minimal reductions in the overall annual premium to the Township.

4. Being unfairly named in lawsuits?

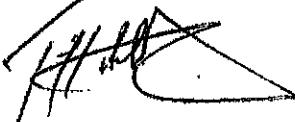
As detailed above, Springwater continues to be unfairly named in legal actions. Issues here range from a complete absence of research by legal firms on causality to the municipality being named in legal action in completely separate jurisdictions (other municipalities).

5. Feeling you cannot offer certain services because of liability risks?

More recently, with the advice of the Township's insurance broker, the Township has changed the way in which it delivers some of its recreational programs/services, especially as it relates to children's programs/activities. For example, the Township in partnership with its Community Recreation Associations will host a number of community based events throughout the year, which includes children's activities. In order to allow inflatable Bouncy castles at community events, the Township now requires the service provider to indemnify the Township and to also provide staff to monitor the safety of participants while in the inflatable Bouncy castle. Some vendors are reluctant to take on this risk.

Thank you for allowing the Township to participate in this consultation. We are open to further dialogue should you feel it necessary.

Yours truly,



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To the Mayor and Council,


In 2017 our Association contacted our member Municipalities Councils to request your support in bringing the 2020 AORS tradeshow to Simcoe County.

We are happy to announce that, as a result of your previous support, the Simcoe County Roads Supervisors Association was successful in the nomination process and will be the host of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) 2020 AORS Trade Show June 3rd and 4th, 2020 at the Barrie Molson Centre.

The AORS Trade Show is the largest of its kind in Ontario with between 200 and 300 exhibitors of Public Works related products and services, and upwards of 2,000 participants. This two day Trade Show provides an opportunity for public and private sector Public Works employees to share information about technical developments in materials, services and equipment required to build and maintain municipal roads and other core infrastructure.

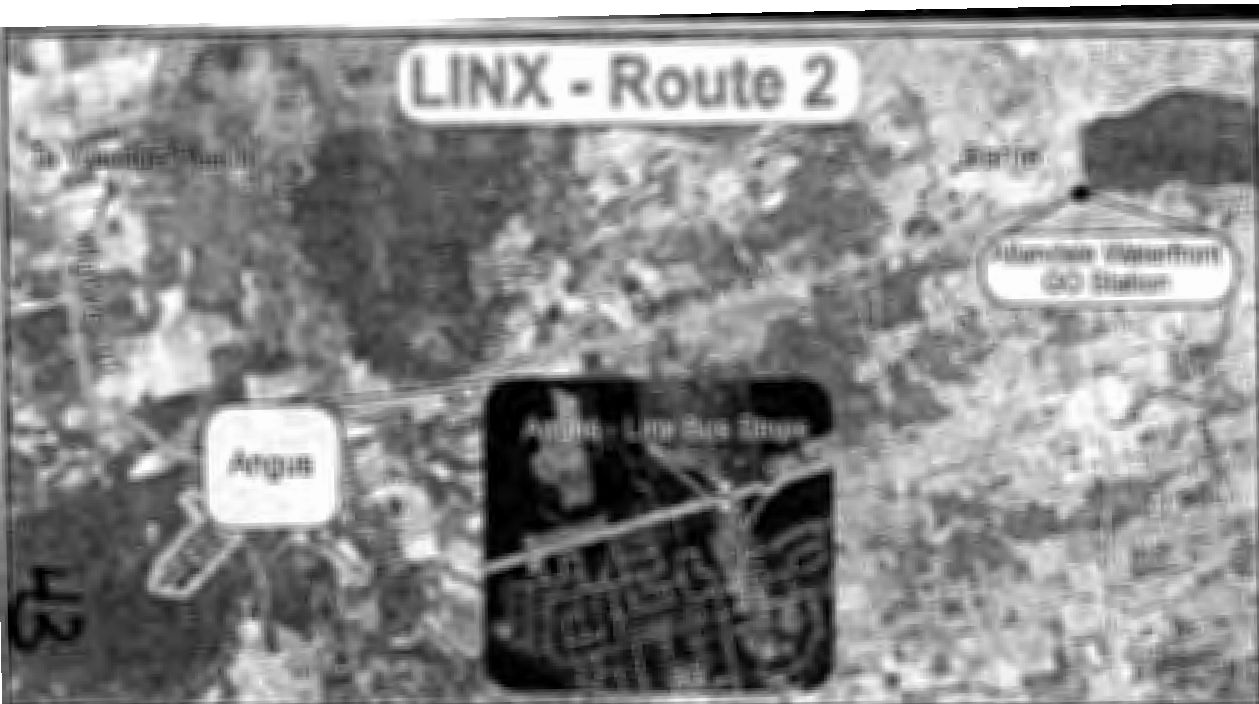
As mentioned in the support letter, there will be no direct cost to your Municipality, however there will be opportunities to further continue your support of the event through staff volunteers to assist in running the Trade Show. Revenues generated through this event will allow for our local Association to continue to support local charities such as the Seasons Centre for Grieving Children, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, and provide scholarships to deserving students of Georgian College. The Trade Show will allow our Association to showcase municipalities within the County of Simcoe to people, visitors and municipalities from all over the Province.

We anticipate that we will see excellent attendance from Simcoe County Municipalities so we may continue our charitable efforts as the Simcoe County Roads Supervisors Association.


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ROUTE DISCONTINUATION



Route 90 will be discontinued beginning January 1st 2019

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Route 2 (Linx Transit) will provide alternative transit service between Angus & Barrie.

Approximately 3 months of dual Route 90 and Route 2 transit service will be provided to allow for riders to transition from Barrie Transit's Route 90 to Linx's Route 2. Full details on the new Route 2 can be found at Linx's website.

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Approximately 5,265 passengers utilized route 90 over the past six months, or 50 a weekday

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