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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023**

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None.

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None.



Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NVCA joins appeal to ask federal government honour \$1 billion commitment to protect the Great Lakes

UTOPIA, Ontario (March 13, 2023) – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) will join organizations across Canada to ask the federal government to keep their promise to invest \$1 billion to restore the Great Lakes.

“Nearly half of Canada’s population lives in the Great Lakes and St Lawrence River Basin, a region that includes our watershed,” said Gail Little, NVCA Chair. “With accelerated growth in these areas, water availability and quality will continue to decline, putting even more pressure on the Great Lakes. It is critical that the federal government takes their commitment seriously.”

In 2017, the federal government committed \$44.84 million to protect the Great Lakes through the Freshwater Action Plan. The plan includes six program areas, including preventing toxic and nuisance algae and enhancing the resilience of coastal wetlands. This commitment was renewed in 2021 and the government promised an investment of \$1 billion over ten years to restore major bodies of water across the country. However, only 19.6 million was budgeted for the Freshwater Action Plan in 2022.

“All the rivers and streams in the Nottawasaga Watershed eventually flow into Lake Huron,” continued Little. “We are calling on the federal government to make conservation authorities and municipalities eligible for future funding, and allocate a portion of this funding to our watershed.”

NVCA has been restoring the Nottawasaga River for many decades. The current flagship project is the Nottawasaga River Restoration Project, where NVCA staff, partners and volunteers are extending high quality sections of the Upper Nottawasaga River, Pine River and Sheldon Creek to improve water quality and restore fish and wildlife habitat.

“Member municipalities in the Nottawasaga Watershed have been clear about how invaluable federal investments are to the enhancement of our watercourses, environment, quality of life and economies,” added Jonathan Scott, Vice Chair at NVCA. “We are hopeful this funding will proceed so we can all work together to protect our natural world.”

If the federal government commits to this funding, NVCA looks forward to protect and build resiliency for the Towns of Collingwood and Wasaga Beach by reducing nutrient runoff from rural and urban areas.

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

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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NVCA reminds residents to apply for permits well ahead of projects start dates

UTOPIA, Ontario (March 23, 2023) – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is reminding property owners to apply for permits well ahead of construction schedules to avoid delays. Permits are required for development projects on properties within NVCA regulated areas.

“Many property owners underestimate the amount of time it takes to prepare the required information for their permit application,” said Ben Krul, Manager of Development Planning and Permits. “Anyone planning a project should check our website to determine if their [property is regulated](#) by NVCA. If it is, we highly recommend they setup a pre-consultation meeting with our regulations technicians to determine what the next steps are.”

NVCA is responsible for directing development outside of natural and hazardous areas to protect the public and properties from flooding and erosion. Through the permitting process, NVCA also ensures development does not impact sensitive environmental areas such as wetlands, shorelines, rivers and streams.

To ensure applications are processed in a timely manner, it is important to submit a complete application package. This includes the mandatory minimum requirements and any additional information requested by NVCA. Once a complete application is submitted, it can take up to 90 days for our regulations technicians to determine if a permit is granted.

Applying for permits well ahead of project start helps avoid costly delays. Property owners can also help ensure the Nottawasaga Watershed remains healthy and sustainable for future generations. [Visit NVCA’s website for more information about permits from NVCA.](#)

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NVCA March 2023 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: April 28, 2023, held in person at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation

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

2022 Annual Report

NVCA's 2022 Annual Report is now available.

The report highlights the work that NVCA staff accomplished to protect and enhance the Nottawasaga Watershed

[Download the 2022 Annual Report here](#)

NVCA 2023 Budget Approved

The Board of Directors unanimously approved NVCA's 2023 budget at \$5,687,989 compared to the 2022 approved budget of \$5,095,130. This includes a \$137,048.95 increase to the municipal levy (shared among all 18 member municipalities), with the remainder coming from grants, fees for services, and other sources. Funds from municipal levy represent 51% of NVCA's revenues.

April 1st Quarterly Administrative Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

The recent *Conservation Authorities Act* regulatory changes require NVCA to prepare transition plans outlining steps and timelines for the preparation of an Inventory of Programs and Services and for the development and execution of MOUs with participating municipalities.

Between October 1 and December 31, 2022, NVCA presented draft inventories to several municipalities, and have re-affirmed that that municipalities are still trying to understand implications of Bill 23 and other regulatory changes before beginning more fulsome conversations and negotiations of MOUs and Service Level Agreements.

Pretty River Dike Maintenance Update

The Pretty River Dike is a flood conveyance structure through the Town of Collingwood. The floodway provides flood risk reduction to surrounding areas and is primarily owned by the NVCA.

Though the floodway is currently in general visual condition, trees and shrubs that have grown on the floodway must be removed to reduce potential spills and improve capacity.

NVCA successfully applied for \$230,000 from the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) program for funding to support this project

As the preferred contractor retired in January 2023, the NVCA Board of Directors approved to contract Janalco to complete Section 4 of the project.

Upcoming Events

Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Barrie, the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival is a tradition spanning more than three decades.

Visitors will take a trip back in time to explore how Indigenous people and Pioneers made maple syrup. After that, they will return to current times and see how maple syrup is made today! End the tour with pancake and sausage breakfast with fresh maple syrup and join in many other activities.

Date: April 1 and 2, 2023.

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

Tiffin Nature Program

Geared towards pre-K and children in kindergarten, the Tiffin nature program will help children gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

Date: 6-week sessions from September 20, 2022 to June 13, 2023.

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

PA/PD Day Camp

Offered on PA/PD Days only, kids will enjoy lots of physical activity, and be mentally stimulated as they explore ever changing scenery and landscapes. They will be able to move away from excess screen time, and learn how to integrate nature into their everyday lives.

Dates: October 24, 2022, November 18, 2022, January 27, 2023, April 28, 2023, June 2, 2023

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation
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Homeschool Programs

Tiffin's Homeschool Program is designed for homeschool families who want to spend structured time outside to develop a sense of wonder, appreciation and respect for the natural world.

Date: One Friday a month from October 15, 2022 to June 23, 2023

Location: Various locations throughout the Nottawasaga Watershed



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POLICY UPDATE

March 15, 2023

AMO Policy Update – Housing and Homelessness

AMO's campaign on homelessness and housing is building momentum. Yesterday, an [op-ed](#) by AMO President Colin Best and Executive Director Brian Rosborough was published in the Toronto Star on Ontario's homelessness emergency. The op-ed builds on AMO's call to action that encourages all members, municipal associations and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs) to pass the [resolution](#) calling on the provincial government to commit to ending homelessness in Ontario.

Nearly 30 resolutions have been passed to date, and more are coming in daily. The campaign has also been generating significant local media coverage in communities across the province.

AMO greatly appreciates the action taken by our members thus far. Hearing from municipal voices across the province is a critical part of the call on the provincial government to act on these urgent issues.

Register for AMO's In-Person Ending Homelessness Symposium

AMO is inviting elected officials and municipal staff to attend an in-person Ending Homelessness Symposium on May 3 & 4, 2023. Check out our [website](#) for more information on the program topics, and how to register.

Ontario Announces Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team Members

AMO was pleased to see seven additional housing experts and industry leaders [appointed](#) to the province's Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team. AMO is confident that the Chair, Mayor Drew Dilkens of Windsor, and Vice-Chair, Mayor Cheryl Fort of Hornepayne will add a strong municipal voice in these conversations which are expected to start in the coming weeks.

AMO has been advocating for the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team since it was announced last year and believe the Team is a great mechanism to

evaluate progress and provide advice in implementing Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plans and tackling the housing supply crisis.

AMO Submission on Municipal Reporting Requirements

On March 8, 2023, AMO [submitted comments](#) to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's consultation on a proposed municipal reporting regulation for the 29 largest and fastest-growing lower- and single-tier municipalities in Ontario.

The submission reflects the feedback of planning staff from interviews conducted by AMO staff with each of these 29 municipalities. These discussions highlighted that transparency in planning processes, open data, and continuous improvement are important areas of focus. The submission also makes recommendations to track additional areas that municipalities believe would help the proposed reporting regulation tell a more complete story about planning and development processes.

Help Keep Homelessness and Housing Top of Mind for Ontario 2023 Budget

In the lead up to the Ontario 2023 Budget, AMO has created the following tools for members to use to promote our work on homelessness and housing. AMO members are asked to consider:

- Passing the [resolution](#) to call on the provincial government to commit to ending homelessness in Ontario.
- Publishing a [news release](#) on housing and homelessness priorities for the 2023 Budget;
- Using text and graphics from AMO's [social media toolkit](#) for municipalities for social media posts on [AMO's Pre-Budget Submission](#), [Bill 23](#), and [Ending Homelessness](#);
- Using [key messages](#) on housing and homelessness when writing or meeting with local MPPs.

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Homelessness Resolution

A Call to the Provincial government to End Homelessness in Ontario

To Premier Doug Ford:

Please be advised that [Municipality/ DSSAB/Municipal Association] [Council/Board] at its meeting held [Date] adopted the following:

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT [municipality, DSSAB/municipal association] calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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March 20, 2023

Housing and Homelessness Update

AMO and Partners Publish Open Letter to Premier Ford

On Saturday March 18th, AMO and 25 partner organizations published an [open letter](#) to Premier Ford in the print edition of the Globe and Mail. This letter calls on the Premier to end homelessness in Ontario through working with municipal, community, health, Indigenous, and economic partners. Local organizations that wish to join our open letter campaign are encouraged to [send a letter](#) to Premier Ford, copying AMO on the letter. *(Letter Template & News Release Template attached)*

This open letter is part of our ongoing [call to action](#) which has already seen 30 resolutions sent by municipalities, DSSABs, and municipal organizations to the Premier echoing the same call to end homelessness. AMO members are encouraged to continue sending [resolutions](#), using our [social media toolkit](#), and writing to or meeting with local MPPs using AMO's [key messages](#).

AMO's Ending Homelessness Symposium will also be happening on May 3 & 4. This one and a half-day event is open to elected officials; municipal staff; social, health, economic and Indigenous partners; and all interested sector associations. Please visit our [website](#) for more information and to register to attend.

Federal Housing Accelerator Fund Launched

On March 17, the federal [Housing Accelerator Fund](#) (HAF) was [launched](#). This \$4 billion initiative provides incentive funding for municipal governments to fast track the creation of 100,000 new homes across Canada. The program will run until 2026-27.

The application portal for the HAF will open this June. Municipal governments are invited to submit an application through one of the [two streams](#) of the fund and are encouraged to think big and be innovative in their approaches. All applications must include an action plan with supply growth targets and initiatives to grow housing supply and speed up housing approvals.

AMO initially [presented](#) to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities on the HAF's design in May 2022. We are encouraged to see it launched and encourage municipal governments to develop their applications to the HAF to support housing affordability in their communities.

Recognizing that application-based funding cannot solve the problem alone, AMO will continue to also advocate for further housing and homelessness funding in the upcoming provincial and federal budgets.

Province Announces Doubling of Economic Immigration

Over the weekend the province [announced](#) it would be doubling the number of economic immigrants it selects in 2025 to over 18,000 to help solve the province's critical labour shortage in critical industries including skilled trades, technology and health care.

AMO welcomes this announcement and is pleased to see the government taking action to address skilled labour shortages, particularly in the construction trades.

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Dear Premier Ford,

Homelessness is a crisis in every part of Ontario. The homelessness crisis is harming people and families and communities. It is undermining the social fabric and economic prospects of our province. It imposes unnecessary costs on our health care and justice systems, and on our institutions, community agencies and government. It limits opportunity for economic participation. It reveals a lack of progress on reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. It is putting Ontario's broader prosperity at risk.

The Government of Ontario has the tools and resources to end the homelessness crisis and it possesses the leadership and capability to solve the problem. It is not an insurmountable problem. It requires systemic changes by government to address the root causes and bring to bear housing, health, and social and economic solutions.

Municipal governments and partners in the social, health, education, business, labour and justice sectors stand ready to assist with the task. Our organizations are calling on you and the Government of Ontario to urgently:

1. acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
2. commit to ending homelessness in Ontario; and
3. work with a broad range of municipal, community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this important goal.

You have the opportunity and the resources to end homelessness in Ontario. We are here to help you succeed.

Sincerely,

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NEWS RELEASE

Housing and Homelessness Priorities for the 2023 Ontario Budget

February 13, 2023 – [MUNICIPALITY] joins the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling for the provincial government to work more collaboratively with municipalities on efforts to increase the supply of housing, and for it to tackle the homelessness crisis in Ontario – a crisis created by decades of provincial neglect.

AMO, a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments, presented these top priorities for the [2023 provincial budget](#) to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

Increasing the supply of housing is a priority for municipalities across Ontario, including [MUNICIPALITY]. INSERT: Local concerns related to Bill 23 and/or MAYOR/REEVE quote.

Bill 23 limits municipal access to infrastructure financing – a cost to Ontario property taxpayers \$1 billion a year, according to AMO. The sector is looking for the provincial government to clarify how it will offset these costs for property taxpayers and commit to reversing legislative measures that create unintended consequences. There are risks to eliminating environmental protections or weakening municipal governance.

AMO's pre-budget submission highlights that the Government of Ontario's per capita spending on programming is the lowest in Canada at \$2,000 less per person than the national average. It states the homelessness crisis in Ontario is a direct result of decades of provincial underinvestment in areas such as affordable housing, community mental health and income assistance programs.

INSERT: Local challenges related to homelessness and/or quote.

The Government of Ontario should heed AMO's recommendations to end homelessness:

- Increase the supply of deeply affordable housing through a variety of approaches from rent subsidies to property acquisitions.
- Increase financial assistance to individuals and families and fulfill the government's promise to transform its social assistance system.
- Invest in health services, community-based mental health services, supportive housing and addictions services.

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Quotes from AMO President Colin Best:

"The provincial government's belief that the housing supply crisis can be solved by limiting municipal access to infrastructure financing, eliminating environmental protections or changes to municipal governance is unsound. Unless the costs of Bill 23 are fully offset by the province, it will cost Ontario property taxpayers \$1 billion a year."

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"This is a made-in-Ontario crisis resulting from provincial underinvestment and poor policy choices made by the government of Ontario. The Government of Ontario has the tools and resources to end the homelessness crisis it has created over decades. It must surely possess the leadership, capability and political will to get the job done."

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POLICY UPDATE

March 23, 2023

AMO Policy Update - Ontario's 2023 Budget, Building a Strong Ontario

Through its [pre-budget submission](#) and ongoing [advocacy](#), AMO wanted to see progress on three priorities for the 2023 Provincial Budget:

- **Homelessness:** Acknowledge the homelessness crisis across Ontario and commit to working across government and with key sector partners to end homelessness;
- **Housing:** Identify clear path forward for municipalities in addressing the \$1 billion annual lost revenues caused by recent Housing Supply Action Plan initiatives; and
- **Property Assessment:** Authorize the property reassessment without further delay and in time for the 2024 tax year.

This afternoon, Ontario's Minister of Finance introduced Ontario's 2023 Budget, [Building a Strong Ontario](#), a [plan](#) to build a strong future for the people of Ontario during uncertain economic times.

Homelessness

AMO applauds the Government of Ontario for responding to our call for provincial leadership on homelessness with two notable commitments:

- \$202 million each year for two years to the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) and Indigenous Supportive Housing Program
- \$425 million over 3 years to support mental health and addictions

The \$202 million investment is intended to help those experiencing or at risk of homelessness, those escaping intimate partner violence, and support the community organizations delivering supportive housing.

The \$425 million investment is intended to support mental health and addictions, which includes a five per cent increase in the base funding of community - based mental health and addiction service providers that are funded by the Ministry of Health.

These important investments respond directly to advocacy from the municipal sector and its partners and signals an opportunity for real collaboration in addressing homelessness. AMO will continue to advocate for provincial leadership in addressing Ontario's homelessness crisis and will assist the province in its efforts to address the root causes of homelessness in Ontario.

Housing

AMO appreciates last year's commitment to "keeping municipalities whole" to maintain the ability to fund housing enabling infrastructure but is disappointed to continue to see no marked progress on what that commitment will be. AMO will continue to work closely with members and other municipal associations to move forward on this key area of interest, as increasing housing supply is a top priority for municipalities in every part of Ontario.

Property Assessment

AMO was disappointed not to see a commitment from the Government of Ontario on property reassessment. A well-functioning, up-to-date assessment system is the foundation of a municipal tax system that supports strong, vibrant, and growing communities. AMO will continue to call on the government for urgent action and a commitment to move forward with reassessment. The return to the assessment cycle will help to regain stability and predictability for municipalities and taxpayers.

Other Notable Highlights

Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care

AMO was pleased to see a commitment of \$174 million over two years to continue the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care Program. This pilot program has played a critical role in providing care at home for seniors.

Dedicated Offload Nurses Program

AMO is also pleased to see an additional \$51 million over three years to support the Dedicated Offload Nurses Program. The program makes 800,000 dedicated hours available to support offloading ambulance patients to the emergency department to help free up paramedics to respond to emergencies in their communities.

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POLICY UPDATE

March 27, 2023

AMO Policy Update – Codes of Conduct, Changes to Visible Fees, and Fees Charged to Beverage Producers

AMO Calls for Legislation to Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

At its meeting on March 24th, 2023, the AMO Board reaffirmed its recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance. AMO has written to the Minister and to the Premier to request new legislation to enact the recommendations.

In 2021, AMO was asked to provide recommendations to the Minister to strengthen the application of municipal Codes of Conduct for elected officials. AMO supplied a number of strong recommendations to the Minister including:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime that could be adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner

On March 24th, 2023, the Board also approved a further recommendation to prohibit a member removed through application to a judge from running for election in the term in which removed and the subsequent term of office.

AMO's Board believes that ethical behaviour and respectful civil discourse are fundamental to continued public faith in democracy. The Board further believes that the current tools available to municipal councils to ensure such ethical behaviour and

respectful discourse are inadequate and do not meet public expectations. The Board has called on the government to release the results of its 2021 consultations and to work in partnership with AMO and municipal governments to legislate the recommended changes.

AMO has provided [sample resolution text](#) for councils that wish to lend their support to this call.

Requirement related to visible fees removed from all Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 Regulations

The Ontario government has amended the regulations for tires, batteries, electronics and hazardous and special products under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA) to remove promotion and education requirements related to visible resource recovery fees ([RPRA's announcement](#)). These changes were not consulted on, but we do understand that a number of business associations like the Retail Council of Canada have advocated for their removal.

The use of visible resource recovery or ecofees have been a concern for municipal governments since [issues related to their use in 2010](#) lead the government to dismantle a substantial proportion of the household hazardous waste stewardship program. As a result, the provincial government downloaded costs back to municipal governments.

Requirements on the use of visible fees have been in place since 2018 for tires and were added for batteries, electronics, and household hazardous waste products at the beginning of the year. The latest changes remove all consumer protection provisions and come just after concerns were raised by the Toronto Star about proposed new visible [fees on beverage containers](#).

The Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association's (CBCRA) fee structure to be implemented June 1, 2023

CBCRA has released its [plans to start charging fees](#) to beverage producers on June 1, 2023 (see table below). These fees will apply to all sealed and ready to drink beverage containers made from glass, paper or rigid plastic (e.g., pop, water, dairy, juice). CBCRA's communication materials are clear that whether or how the costs might be passed through are at the discretion of producers.

Material Type	CRF (\$/unit)
Aluminum	\$0.01
PET Plastic 0-500ml	\$0.02
PET Plastic > 500ml	\$0.03
All other plastic containers	\$0.03
Bi-Metal	\$0.03
Glass	\$0.03
Polycoat (gable tops, drink boxes)	\$0.03

Figure 1: Chart comparing material types to Container Recycling Fees (CRF) in dollars per unit under the new fee structure to be implemented on June 1, 2023.

CBCRA expects to raise \$63 million in funding through these fees in 2023 and \$84 million in subsequent years. They project roughly half the costs will be spent on promotion and education and purchasing new public space recycling bins. Municipal governments will want to be prepared to answer questions from residents if these costs are passed through directly to consumers, especially given the costs may be well before all municipal governments transition their blue box programs and well before any improvements to the system are seen. Municipal Councils will need to consider how they may answer questions about any savings realized from no longer being required to fund blue box programs once transition is completed in your community. The Beverage Association has noted they are working with the Retail Council of Canada on a promotion and education campaign for consumers. AMO will work to obtain greater information on this plan.

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Subject: Register for AMO's 2023 Ending Homelessness Symposium

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March 28, 2023

AMO 2023 Ending Homelessness Symposium May 3-4, 2023

Homelessness has reached disastrous proportions in Ontario, with devastating impacts on people, communities, and businesses across the province. Homelessness is a challenge felt most by local governments because of the policy choices of successive provincial governments.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) understands that action is required and is holding an **Ending Homelessness Symposium** May 3-4, 2023.

This one-and-a-half-day event is open to elected officials; municipal staff; social, health, and economic partners; and all interested sector associations.

Now is the time for action to achieve the goal of ending homelessness. AMO's Ending Homelessness Symposium will offer perspectives on the root causes of homelessness – including income insecurity, an insufficient supply of deeply affordable housing, insufficient responses to mental health and addiction challenges, and the policy responses required. Governments, community and healthcare partners, and the private sector all have a role to play.

This is an important opportunity to understand experiences from across the province, share ideas with peers, and build coordinated and strategically aligned solutions.

Registration

[Register here](#). Space is limited.

Location

Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel & Conference Centre
801 Dixon Road, Toronto, M9W 1J5
Information on booking and room rates coming soon.
For any questions please contact: events@amo.on.ca

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March 15, 2023

Re: Barriers for Women in Politics

At the Special Council Meeting of March 14, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS the City of Cambridge values respect, integrity, equity, inclusivity and service in all areas of life, including politics;

WHEREAS women have historically been underrepresented in politics and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office;

WHEREAS misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world;

WHEREAS the City of Cambridge believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Cambridge expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment and where everyone feels equitable;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Cambridge commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Cambridge joins the Town of Grimsby in encouraging other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equity in all areas of society;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal

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Affairs and Housing, Cambridge's MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the City of Cambridge's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equity, safety, and security.

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

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Manton". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Cambridge's MP and MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

From: County Of Simcoe Communications <Communications@simcoe.ca>

Sent: March 17, 2023 2:49 PM

To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>

Subject: County Council Highlights - Meeting Held March 14, 2023



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 **Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 28, 2023** and the **Joint Council and Committee Meeting on March 14, 2023**. 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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Bradford Affordable Housing and Orillia Hub

Development Update and Leasehold

Improvement Costing

The affordable housing development in Bradford includes 50 mixed affordable residential units. The County's Social and Community Services hub development in Orillia includes 130 mixed affordable residential units.

These units are designed for individuals, seniors, and families in Simcoe County.

The original budgets for these projects predate the recent changes to the Development Charges Act, through Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022. Going forward, the affordable housing developments in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and the City of Orillia can no longer include development charge revenue. As such, capital revenues for the project have been revised. Bill 23 will reduce development charge revenue for the last year of construction (2023) by \$10.3 million for the Bradford build. However, an additional \$10.5 million in provincial (OPHI) and federal (RHA) funding was utilized to offset this impact. The loss of development charge revenue within the County Orillia Hub development for the final two years of construction (2023 and 2024) is \$13.4 million. The County was able to offset this impact by applying \$5.792 million in provincial (OPHI/COCHI) funding.

On February 28, 2023, Council approved adjustments to these affordable housing build budgets to reflect development charge revenue loss as a result of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.



Click on the image above to visit the County's webpage on the #ITSTARTS campaign.

March is #ITSTARTS Month

March is #ITSTARTS Month in Simcoe County. Now in its seventh year, #ITSTARTS is a nationally recognized, innovative campaign that helps to support settlement and integration, while also raising awareness about the importance of developing welcoming communities in Simcoe County.

In 2023, for the first time, #ITSTARTS flags will be flying across Simcoe County at various municipal offices throughout March. The social media campaign will also be supported by 21 Community Champions, many of which will also be flying the flag.

County hits the 200,000 tonnes mark for curbside organics collected

County of Simcoe is thanking residents and businesses for helping to reach an important milestone in its successful organics (green cart) collection program. The County has successfully collected more than 200,000 tonnes of organic material from households and businesses since 2008, saving the equivalent of four years of local landfill capacity and offering countless environmental benefits.

On February 28, 2023, Council also received a report that further demonstrated our regional commitment to diversion. Recent municipal Datacall figures placed the County second out of all participating municipalities, with an overall residential waste diversion rate of more than 63 per cent.



2023 Tax Ratios and Tax Rates (Presentation by: Peter Frise, Vice President, Corporate and Client Services, Municipal Tax Equity Consultants Inc.)

Upper-tier municipalities have the responsibility of establishing countywide tax ratios, tax rate reductions and County tax rates.

The tax ratio for the Residential class is legislated at 1.0, while the Farm and Managed Forest classes have a prescribed tax ratio of 0.25. All ratios must be set within the guidelines prescribed by the Province.

On February 28, 2023, Council voted not to make changes to the 2023 tax ratio, which is above the range of fairness and cannot legally be increased under Provincial legislation.



County of Simcoe Paramedic Services
Deployment and Response Time Performance
Plan Update – 2023

The provision of Paramedic Services requires the strategic use of Paramedic response resources taking into consideration inputs such as geography,

demographics, population growth, and historical call data to effectively match resources to workload. Staff regularly evaluate data provided by the Ministry of Health (MOH) on activity and performance levels with additional consideration given to input from front line Paramedics, Supervisors, and Georgian Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC).

During the most recent analysis, staff identified the following trends: Staffing challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; Increased offload delay in hospitals related to internal health human resource challenges; Increased time on task with additional complexity of medical calls; Increased vehicle movement outside of assigned areas to maintain countywide coverage (3 million kms travelled in 2021 compared to 4 million kms travelled in 2022); Challenges maintaining resource availability given increased workload (10.4 % increase in call volume over 2021-2022).

On March 14, 2023, Council approved changes to the paramedic services deployment plan that includes 6 new paramedic resources approved as part of the 2023 budget deliberations as well as reallocation of existing hours for improved response time efficiencies.

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March 14, 2023](#)

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County launches expanded Bursary Program to support local students and families

Midhurst/March 27, 2023 – The County of Simcoe is committed to working with member municipalities to support the pursuit of higher education. Through the County’s long-standing Education Bursary Program, twenty-one \$3,000 bursaries are available to County of Simcoe students attending a post-secondary institution in Canada. One bursary is guaranteed for a resident of each of the County of Simcoe’s sixteen member municipalities.

For the first time, bursaries are now available to Simcoe County students entering any year of a post-secondary education anywhere in Canada. Part-time students are also now eligible for a bursary.

“The County is pleased to support students and families across the County through our expanded bursary program,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “Preparing our next generation for the job market is key to our future success. With the support of all sixteen of our member municipalities and Georgian College, we look forward to offering these bursaries to both full- and part-time students and helping more families with this important investment.”

The Bursary Program provides residents accepted into the program with financial assistance to access post-secondary education and training. This program is consistent with the County of Simcoe’s commitment to education, as well as encouraging community involvement and civic responsibility.

For the second year running, the County is partnering with Georgian College to offer local students additional financial support. Georgian College is offering an additional \$1,500 for up to five students attending their institution who receive a student bursary through the County of Simcoe.

Eligible applicants must reside in Simcoe County, and:

- Be a resident of a [participating Simcoe County municipality](#) and a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Have graduated (or be eligible for graduation in the year of application) with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma in Simcoe County*
- In the year of application, be enrolled and/or commencing studies in an undergraduate program at a Canadian university or college as a full-time or part-time student
- Demonstrate interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extracurricular activities at their school and/or in community organizations

Eligible applicants are invited to complete an [online application](#), which includes the submission of a 500-word essay on a pre-determined topic, as well as an explanation as to why they should be awarded a bursary. Applicants must also provide a copy of their Grade 12 or most recent post-secondary transcript and proof of enrollment at an Ontario University or College in an undergraduate

program. Applicants must submit their online application **by July 28, 2023**. For more information about the program, visit simcoe.ca/studentbursary.

* Diploma must be through an accredited institution. Includes some home-schooling programs, such as the Independent Learning Centre or the Virtual Learning Centre.

About County of Simcoe

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

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March 17, 2023

Hello,

We are writing to let you know that on March 16, 2023, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry made an update to the proposal to make amendments to [Ontario Regulation 161/17](#) under the [Public Lands Act](#) regarding the use of floating accommodations.

The changes to the proposal are described in the updated proposal notice on Ontario's Regulatory Registry and the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) (ERO number [019-6590](#)), which was first published on February 24, 2023 and updated on March 16, 2023.

In the updated proposal, we are still proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to clarify the structures or things that cannot be placed and used for overnight accommodation on water over public land.

The following changes proposed in the original posting have been removed through the update:

- reducing the number of days that a person can camp on water over public land (per location, per calendar year) from 21 days to 7 days
- increasing the distance that a person camping on water must move their camping unit to be occupying a different location from 100 metres to 1 kilometre
- adding a new condition to prohibit camping on water within 300 metres of a developed shoreline, including any waterfront structure, dock, boathouse, erosion control structure, altered shoreline, boat launch and/or fill
- harmonizing the conditions for camping on public land so that residents and non-residents are required to follow the same conditions when camping on water over public lands or on public lands
- specifying conditions for swim rafts, jumps, ramps for water sports, heat loops and water intake pipes
- clarifying that camping on a road, trail, parking lot or boat launch is prohibited
- amending the regulation to add the following to the list of excluded public lands to which section 21.1 of the *Public Lands Act* and Ontario Regulation 161/17 do not apply:

- lands subject to an agreement authorizing the use of those lands
- lands subject to an authorization under the *Aggregate Resources Act*.

We encourage you to review the updated proposal notice (ERO number 019-6590) and provide feedback through the ERO. The comment period for the proposal closes on **April 11, 2023**.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Henry, R.P.F.
Director, Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Pauline Desroches, Manager, Crown Lands Policy Section

From: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Strategy (MOI) <broadband@ontario.ca>

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:58:40 AM

To: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Strategy (MOI) <broadband@ontario.ca>

Subject: Accelerated High Speed Internet Program (AHSIP) - Update | Programme d'accélération pour l'accès Internet à haute vitesse (PAAIHV) – Mise à jour

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Accelerated High Speed Internet Program (AHSIP) - Update

I am reaching out today to provide an update to the [announcement](#) on August 4, 2022 related to the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program (AHSIP).

During that announcement, your municipality was identified as being included in one or more of the project areas as part of the reverse auction process. As we worked with successful internet service providers to finalize project agreements, addresses within your municipality were removed from the AHSIP program.

These addresses were identified as already having access to available high-speed internet services, being part of a separate government funded broadband program, or the internet service provider made a decision to remove them as part of the reverse auction process for AHSIP.

For municipalities with homes and businesses that remain underserved and unserved, rest assured that the government has made it clear that enabling access to high-speed internet is a priority. Ontario remains committed to the goal of ensuring high-speed internet access to all communities by the end of 2025. The ministry is in the process of developing a comprehensive and futureproof plan to achieve this. This includes any remaining underserved areas within your municipality. The ministry may reach out to your municipality to support any future designated broadband projects.

If you have any general questions about the government's work and wish to speak with a ministry official, you are welcome to reach out to us at broadband@ontario.ca.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively to achieve access to high-speed internet across Ontario by the end of 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Jill

Jill Vienneau
Assistant Deputy Minister
Infrastructure Program and Projects Division
Ministry of Infrastructure

Lisa Lehr

From: Colleen Healey
Sent: March 22, 2023 3:40 PM
To: Lisa Lehr
Cc: l.wright7134@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Pantry Drive for RMHC

For Consent Agenda for Council's attention. Thanks,

Colleen Healey-Dowdall

Chief Administrative Officer

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From: Lizzy
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 3:01 PM
Subject: Pantry Drive for RMHC

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Hello,

My name is Lizzy and I'm the People Manager for McDonald's restaurant located in Angus. I have worked at McDonald's for 8 years now and will be leading McHappy Day for my 4th year in a row. McHappy day is Wednesday, May 10th and is our largest fundraising day of the year. A percentage of all sales gets donated directly to RMHC Toronto and other local charities. To kick it up a notch and increase our impact to the Ronald McDonald House Toronto we have started a Pantry Drive.

Since 1981, Ronald McDonald House Charities Toronto has served as a place to call home for families with seriously ill children undergoing treatment. The house can accommodate 81 families at a time and is located minutes from the Hospital for Sick Kids and Mount Sinai Hospital. While the actual cost to RMHC Toronto to accommodate one family is \$183 per night, donations mean families are asked to contribute just \$15 a night. In order to help keep these costs low for families there is a huge need for donations, both monetary and household items.

I'm writing to you today in hopes that you could help us in our mission of filling the pantry, and making the Toronto Ronald McDonald House feel as homey as possible for the many families calling it home. I am looking for household items such as toiletries, laundry supplies, lunch snacks (please see attached list for additional suggestions and ideas.)

If you are able to make any donations please contact me to arrange pickup!

Lizzy Wright
People Manager
McDonald's
705-309-6335



 **Pantry Drive for RMHC Toronto**

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March 23, 2023

Colleen Healey-Dowdall
Chief Administrative Officer
Township of Essa
apiskopos@essatownship.on.ca

Dear Colleen Healey-Dowdall:

Thank you for your letter regarding the importance of development charges (DCs) in funding critical local infrastructure needed to service new homes and businesses in growing communities. I appreciate the time you have taken to write.

Through Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, our priority is taking transformative action to keep costs down and remove barriers to build new homes.

According to a study conducted by Altus Group, municipal fees and charges have increased by 30 to 36 percent on average since 2020. The changes made through Bill 23 will reduce the cost of residential development by freezing, reducing and slowing the growth of municipal development-related charges.

With respect to your comment on the requirement to phase-in development charges, the change was introduced to slow the rate of DC increases moving forward. The DC rates in new DC by-laws passed as of January 1, 2022, must now be phased-in over five years. In the first year of a new DC by-law, the DC rate must be reduced by 20 percent, in year two by 15 percent, in year three by 10 percent, and in year four, by five percent. Municipalities will be able to recover 100% of the DCs rate in the fifth year of their by-law. Our changes are designed to lower the cost of housing and spur residential development for a range of housing options.

At the same time, we recognize that it is critical for all municipalities to be able to fund housing-enabling infrastructure, particularly roads, water, and wastewater, that our growing communities need. That is why we are launching an audit of select municipalities to get a factual understanding of their finances, including their development charge reserves and administration.

As we undertake this work, we are committing to ensuring municipalities are kept whole for any impact to their ability to fund housing enabling infrastructure because of Bill 23. More details will be available in the future. This includes the selection of auditors as that will take time.

The federal government shares our objective of building 1.5 million homes in Ontario by 2023, particularly at a time when it has set ambitious new targets for immigration. The majority of these newcomers will be welcomed to Ontario in search of jobs and opportunity. To this end, the province looks forward to working with our municipal partners to ensure we receive a proportional share of the federal government's new \$4 billion national Housing Accelerator Fund.

Once again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Clark', written in a cursive style.

Steve Clark
Minister

March 24, 2023

The Honourable Stephen Lecce
 Minister of Education
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 minister.edu@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Lecce,

Need for Greater Provincial Investment in our Schools

At the direction of the Board of Trustees for the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), I would like to take this opportunity to ensure that you and other elected members of government are aware of the seriousness of our accommodation and over capacity concerns. This is a rapidly escalating issue that is frequently being expressed by our school communities and fellow Board members.

As Ministry of Education staff are aware, the SCDSB has been experiencing record growth for some time now which is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. By fall 2023 elementary utilization will exceed 113 percent and secondary utilization will exceed 103 percent. This translates into approximately 6,000 students over the built capacity of our board by this time next year. By 2028, staff are projecting total utilization to be at 124 percent, or approximately 12,500 students over capacity. These estimates take into consideration our approved capital projects currently in the design and/or approval to proceed process.

For added context, on February 22, 2023, the Board approved our annual accommodation plan. In this plan, 15 growth related projects (new schools and additions) were identified that are justifiable today, along with two further renewal related projects. I would like to stress that these are projected needs to address our immediate pressures and do not even account for the expected residential growth which will continue to generate significant numbers of students annually. While the board appreciates the province's initiatives to reduce costs and processes to assist with the development of housing (Bill 108, *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*, Bill 109, *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*, Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* and Minister's Zoning Order's), this will only further exacerbate the issue unless mechanisms are put in place for school boards to respond accordingly in a timely and logical manner.

As a result of the noted growth in Simcoe County, the board is now at a point where the various strategies and contingencies that have been used to deal with this critical shortage of accommodation are showing signs of failure. The board has undertaken attendance area changes, program relocations, restricted out-of-area attendance, utilizes a fleet of more than 360 portables and has even temporarily located classes on stages, in libraries and in gymnasiums to respond to these pressures. Even with these actions, the SCDSB has numerous schools that have now reached their physical, servicing, and municipal approval limits for the number of portables they can accommodate. The schools that are handling the overflow

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(sometimes in other communities entirely) are also now beginning to reach their accommodation and portable limits as well. In some communities, the board has had to resort to developing contingency plans that could involve temporarily moving specified grade cohorts of classes to other schools that have capacity for additional portables. This is not a sustainable situation.

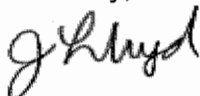
Significant investment, streamlined Ministry of Education processes, and a reduction in municipal barriers to school development and portable approvals is urgently needed. Even if numerous capital approvals were approved today, it would be several years until these projects would be able to serve our most overburdened communities.

Currently, school boards have very little autonomy or power to address accommodation issues at the provincial (funding) or local (approvals) level. Our communities continue to grow, our capacity cannot keep pace, and staff have diminishing resources and very little approval authority to make up for the shortfall. One of the only remaining tools available to the SCDSB is, as a commenting agency, to object to new housing development applications in communities where accommodation pressures are critical.

The Board acknowledges the provinces competing priorities and challenges in the current fiscal climate as well as its recent endeavors in reducing barriers to capital project development. This, however, does not change the fact that the SCDSB, and other growth school boards, are facing extraordinary pressures where immediate solutions are required. The SCDSB respectfully requests greater and timely investment in our schools along with the necessary tools and reductions in barriers to allow staff to effectively accommodate students temporarily as needed.

As always, the Board and SCDSB staff, are willing to work with the Ministry of Education to find timely solutions to this important issue.

Sincerely,



Jodi Lloyd
Chairperson
Simcoe County District School Board

c: Hon. Doug Downey, MPP, Barrie, Springwater, Oro-Medonte
Hon. Jill Dunlop, MPP, Simcoe North
Andrea Khanjin, MPP, Barrie, Innisfil
Brian Saunderson, MPP, Simcoe-Grey
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP, York-Simcoe
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All Simcoe County, City of Barrie and City of Orillia Municipal Clerks
Board of Trustees, SCDSB
John Dance, Director of Education, SCDSB
Dawn Stephens, Associate Director, SCDSB
Corry Van Nispen, Superintendent of Business and Facilities, SCDSB



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March 27, 2023

Dear Heads of Councils and Councillors,

We, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS), are writing you on behalf of all our municipal members to raise awareness and solicit your support by objecting to a new fee proposed by Enbridge Gas. Enbridge has announced their intention to implement a new charge to third-party contractors and other utilities for utility locates. Third-party contractors will include Ontario municipalities and contractors working on their behalf. Enbridge Gas will apply a charge of \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) per locate request where a field locate is required. The need for municipalities and their contractors to request these locates when doing road construction and maintenance is due to utilities being present in municipal right of ways, which municipalities across the province have allowed at no cost to the utility.

Enbridge has stated that the *Getting Ontario Connected Act* passed into law in April 2022 has resulted in changes to the *Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act* and has caused Enbridge to make significant investments in associated operational investments. The concern being raised by our members, your public works staff, is that Enbridge will be just the beginning of these additional fees, with other utility companies implementing similar charges. These new charges will have significant impacts on municipal budgets.

As examples of what impacts this announcement might have on municipalities, based on 2022 municipal locate requests alone, it is estimated that this new fee would directly cost the Municipality of Central Huron approximately \$35,000 annually, the City of Belleville approximately \$90,000 annually and the Town of Espanola approximately \$7,300 annually. It is important to note that these are direct costs alone. Any subcontractors working on behalf the municipality requesting locates will be charged this same cost, and these costs will have to be borne by someone – meaning the subcontractors will put this cost back to the municipality. Then there will be the added administrative costs at both ends of the transaction. It is difficult to determine this quickly the true fulsome costs to your budget. This will also add an extra item into tendering projects, as it will create concerns on both sides on who is responsible for these costs.

By Enbridge Gas passing on these locate costs to municipalities, these costs are borne by all ratepayers across the municipality, and not only those who use this utility.

We would like to request your Council consider passing the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

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AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the <insert your municipality name> strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

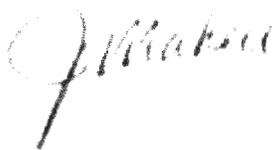
AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, <insert your municipality name>'s MPP, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Furthermore, AORS will be sending your public works senior managers and directors a survey to further investigate the true costs of this proposed fee on your budgets. We ask you to encourage your staff to complete this survey so we can better advocate on your behalf.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



John Maheu
Executive Director
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Kelly Elliott
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ENBRIDGE MOTION

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THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the <insert your municipality name> strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, <insert your municipality name>'s MPP, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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Date: March 29, 2023

To: Essa Town Council
From Music in Motion Angus

Re: Charitable Benefit Concert

You may have seen notices on Facebook about our Benefit Concert on April 15.

The purpose of the Concert is to raise funds for Equip to Serve (equiptoserve.ca). Equip to Serve is a Canadian Registered Charitable Organization that provides household supplies, musical instruments, and music instruction to hundreds of people in very poor, rural areas of Jamaica.

I have been a part of this organization for 4 years. In the summer I travel for a week to a rural mountainous Region called Maggotty, Jamaica (not the beaches) to provide music teaching to these struggling people who are so very eager to learn.

To raise funds for this important cause we are holding a Concert at the Angus Rec Centre (gym).

The Concert will feature ALL LOCAL TALENT:
The Music in Motion Angus Choirs & Musical Theatre Casts
The Alliston Community Christian School Band
Various Solo Artists

100% of the proceeds will be donated to Equip to Serve.

Request:

Would the Township please agree to waive the gym rental Fee to assist with this important charitable work.

Please let us know.

Very Kindly,
Jeanette Martin
Music in Motion Angus

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March 2023

Dear Mayor, Reeve and Members of Council:

I am writing to invite you to submit a nomination for the 2023 Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

This award gives each municipality the opportunity to honour one of their outstanding local seniors for the contributions they've made to enrich the social, cultural, and civic life of their community.

The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2023.

For more information on how to submit a nomination online, please visit the Senior of the Year webpage. Once you submit a nomination, a personalized certificate with your nominee's name will be sent to you. I encourage you to present it to your nominee in June in conjunction with Seniors Month.

The Ontario government is always delighted to celebrate Seniors Month with municipalities across the province. Seniors have generously given their time, knowledge and expertise to help build this great province that we all enjoy today. It is important that we take the time to celebrate our older population and their valuable contributions.

If you have any questions about the upcoming 2023 Ontario Senior of the Year Award, please contact Ontario Honours and Awards at OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca.

Thank you in advance for your support of local seniors and Seniors Month.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond Cho".

Raymond Cho
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility



Municipal Plastic-Free Event Policy

Mind Your Plastic is a registered Canadian charity that started in 2016 with a mission to eliminate plastic pollution in Canada.

We collaborate with municipal government to implement policies that better regulate materials used in our economy, work alongside Canadian businesses to give consumers better plastic-free choices, and provide direct action programming through our Circular Economy Ambassador Program for youth. As an organization, we are moving towards a plastic pollution-free future for #PlasticFreeLandAndSeas.

In our work with municipalities, we focus on eliminating plastic waste in Canadian cities and towns by introducing single-use plastic (SUP) free event policies. Zero plastic event policies can provide guidelines for event holders looking to hold events in their municipality. Working with event holders, municipalities can use the policy to request a plan that demonstrates how the event will be planned to prevent the use of single-use plastic and emphasize reusables, particularly for food and beverage. **Mind Your Plastic is looking to work with municipalities to develop policy to mandate SUP-free events. This is a beneficial opportunity for municipalities to demonstrate their commitment to going plastic-free and work with local stakeholders to encourage further plastic waste reduction in the events hosted in their communities.**

We have seen many event holders around the world take the initiative to ban single-use plastic at their events. For example, the Osheaga music festival in Montreal stopped serving plastic straws and began requiring food vendors to use recyclable containers, cups and utensils in 2018. Additionally, Osheaga has been using reusable Ecocups in concessions for the last 8 years. In Surrey, BC, styrofoam and non-recyclable/non-compostable items were also banned from the Fusion Festival in 2018. More recently, Glastonbury music festival in England has banned the sale of single-use plastic, including plastic bottles, and the Glasgow Coffee Festival in Scotland has banned single-use plastic cups in favour of reusable alternatives.

Municipalities are well-known leaders in the plastic waste reduction space. They have led the charge in developing progressive policy and taking local action to make significant change in their communities.



With event holders in cities taking a plastic-free approach to planning with their vendors and patrons, it is a fantastic opportunity for local governments to further embrace the wave of plastic waste reduction and look to reusability as a solution. It is a progressive and innovative next step for cities and towns to embrace going SUP-free at local events, and encourage event-holding partners to do the same through municipal policy.

Our goal for communities is to eliminate plastic waste altogether, and we see that happening largely through reusable systems. Although it is important to reduce plastic waste wherever possible, we also recognize the need for time and capacity-building to allow smaller businesses and events the opportunity to go plastic-free before they can go waste-free with a suite of reusable alternatives. As a result, there are additional considerations that must be taken into account when drafting plastic-free event policy.

A SUP-free event policy could include specific exemptions that mandate better materials for community events where reusables are not an option. Where financial and capacity limitations exist preventing an event holder from going completely reusable, events may use backyard compostable materials ideally, but also recyclable materials that are more sustainable options to replace single-use plastic. Event holders may swap a single-use plastic cup for a fully recyclable paper cup or plastic takeout containers with backyard compostable paperboard.

We do not promote a one-for-one switch of single-use items as a plastic waste reduction end goal, as single-use materials will never help us achieve total circularity, but we understand this may be a necessary stepping stone for some with financial or capacity restraints. We also see an opportunity for municipalities to develop their own system of reusable alternatives, to be rented out to events and vendors as a part of their event fee.

In terms of implementation, it will largely depend on the makeup of the policy adopted by the municipality and the level of engagement the Council would like to take on. If a municipality adopts a policy that requires event holders to present a plastic-free plan for approval, it is a relatively low initial cost, high impact policy for the Council. Staff would need to be assigned to review the submitted plans for approval or denial. Municipalities may also need to make decisions about whether they want to approve single-use compostable or recyclable alternatives.

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But largely, the responsibility would fall to event holders to ensure they are sourcing non-plastic packaging and materials at municipal events, while the local government acts more as a mechanism to hold event planners accountable for waste management and plastic waste reduction.

For municipalities that want to have a larger role in plastic-free events, there is an opportunity to establish their own system of reusables provided to local events for a fee. Mind Your Plastic would be more than willing to assist municipalities in connecting with reusable rental companies and identifying reusable alternatives for typical packaging and materials at commonly held events. We are also happy to work with municipalities and find backyard compostable solutions so that municipalities can keep a resource of approved suppliers for their event holders. Depending on the level of a municipality's involvement in the implementation and sourcing of non-plastic alternatives, Mind Your Plastic can provide the specific resources and support to guide municipalities in finding their solution to plastic pollution.

We would love the opportunity to collaborate with your municipality to adopt policy that has a real impact on waste reduction at the community level. Plastic pollution is a problem requiring urgent action and reusable alternatives are a promising zero-waste solution. We believe that municipalities can be changemakers by implementing innovative policy and preventing plastic waste in their cities. If you want to be a part of the change, we would love to hear from you!

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Example Plastic-Free Event Policy

Single-Use Plastic-Free Event Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set out the municipal government's commitment to work with event holders to promote reusables and eliminate single-use plastic at local events.

OBJECTIVE

The Single-Use Plastic-Free Event Policy has been developed in response to the amount of plastic pollution created by local events. It is meant to mandate and encourage planning to eliminate single-use plastic items and promote reusable systems used at all locally held events, including but not limited to music and food festivals, formal sports and recreational events, markets, and other events held by local organizers and by the Council.

Plastics are present in every area of our lives. It is a vast and pervasive problem that has significant environmental, social and health impacts. More than 3.3 million tonnes of plastic waste is produced every year in Canada, with approximately half of that waste coming from plastic packaging. Canadians recycle only 9 percent of that plastic waste each year.

The Single-Use Plastic-Free Event Policy reaffirms the City's commitment to protecting our waterways from plastic pollution and preventing plastic from entering landfills and the environment. Through this policy, the Council is supporting the transition to reusable packaging and better material alternatives to plastic.

SCOPE

This policy applies to local event organizers, contractors, Council staff, and all other individuals or organizations seeking approval from the Council to plan, organize, and run events in the municipality.

This policy includes, but is not limited to all indoor or outdoor civic, commercial or community events, workshops, markets, festivals, fairs, conferences and sport events hosted in the City that require municipal approval.

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Example Plastic-Free Event Policy

This policy covers single-use plastic items that are used in purchasing, packaging, and distribution associated with local events. The policy makes exemptions for single-use plastic items that are necessary to meet health and safety standards or where there are no other practical alternatives available. All exemptions for plastics require written approval from the Council prior to the start of the event.

DEFINITIONS

Backyard compostable: Material that can break down easily at home in a backyard compost within six to twelve months and do not require industrial composting under specific conditions.

Better material alternatives: Alternative materials to plastic and single-use plastics that are designed to either be longer-lasting or more sustainable (e.g. more recyclable, more compostable, derived from materials other than oil, not as resource intensive to manufacture).

Deposit-refund system: A system of handing out and collecting reusable packaging (e.g. cups or takeout containers) through a surcharge on the product when purchased by the consumer, which gets rebated when the product is returned.

Plastic-Free Event Plan: Document outlining how the event holder intends to prevent and reduce plastic waste throughout their event, their plan for plastic alternatives, and their plan for waste collection.

Reusables: An item or a system of items that are designed to be used and then reused multiple times by consumers (reusables can be owned by the consumer or collected for a fee through a deposit-refund system– see Definition: Deposit-refund system)

Single-use plastics (SUPs): Plastics that are designed to be used once, or for a short period of time, before being thrown away.

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POLICY

Requirements:

- Organizations, businesses, and contactors running events must submit a Plastic-Free Event Plan to ensure the following requirements are met:
 - Single-use plastic bags are not used, sold, or distributed (for transporting items or for promotional purposes).
 - Single-use plastic plates, bowls, cups, straws, cutlery and plastic beverage and food containers are not used, sold, or distributed.
 - Single-use and single-serve condiment sachets and disposable plastic packets are not used, sold, or distributed.
 - Single-use plastic water bottles are not provided, sold, or distributed where there are alternative water sources. The Council will take into consideration the accessibility of free access to water in surrounding buildings, public fountains, and other nearby sources.
 - Single-use disposable cups and lids, including those lined with plastic that render the cup non-recyclable or non-compostable, are not to be used, sold, or distributed.
 - All avoidable plastic packaging, including cling wrap, plastic bags, other plastic wraps, or similar must not be used, sold, or distributed (for transporting items or for promotional purposes).
 - As a first alternative to single-use plastics, reusable packaging and containers should be considered. In cases with financial and capacity constraints, the Council will consider better material alternatives to plastic as a viable strategy to reduce single-use plastic.
 - Balloons and plastic balloon sticks are not to be used, sold or distributed.
 - Event materials, including signage, promotional banners and flags, and decorations should be reused where possible.
 - The event site or venue must be left in pre-event conditions with no residual litter. Sorted waste receptacles must be provided or sourced for the event to provide event-goers with clearly marked bins for recycling and composting, as well as landfilled waste. On-site staff for the event must guide event-goers on single-use plastic-free practices, and how to properly dispose of the waste created at the event.



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EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions to this policy may be made for health and safety reasons or where there is no other available alternative. All exemptions must receive written approval prior to the start of the event.

The Council supports the transition to reusable packaging systems and will therefore place emphasis on reusable alternatives to single-use plastics. Better materials, such as recycled paper or backyard compostable wooden materials, may be considered in cases where the event holder has specific financial or capacity restraints that prevent the event holder from implementing a system of reusables. The Council will support and assist organizations or individuals organizing an event in complying with this policy. However, lack of compliance or refusal to submit a Plastic-Free Event Plan will result in the event not being approved by Council.

Events are permitted to provide, sell or distribute single-use bottled water where there is no alternative water source. However, they must consider using and supplying reusable options to event goers. For example providing pitchers of water and reusable glasses, or selling reusable/refillable water bottles. Event holders can also consider providing a discount to event goers that supply their own reusable drinkware or maybe implement a deposit-refund system to promote reusability.

A record related to allowable exemptions will be established by the Sustainability/Events team following adoption of this policy.

This policy does not apply to private events and other events hosted on private property.

TRANSITION PERIOD AND POLICY REVIEW

This policy will come into effect upon approval by the Council.

A transition period of six months will apply to establish positions within the Council assigned to review plastic-free event proposals from businesses and organizations as well as training for enforcement. This Policy is to be reviewed by the Sustainability/Events Team every two years following adoption by the Council. During the review process, additional single-use plastic items may be added to the policy for consideration.

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ON STORAGE:

- How much of an inconvenience would storage be for municipalities?
 - For municipalities that own the reusables and choose to rent them out to event holders, they can potentially be stored in municipal facility storage such as local community centre kitchens (where they can be utilized for non-outdoor/offseason events such as cooking classes, indoor weddings, meetings, and conferences).
 - In speaking with Ecology North, an NGO that offers a Rent-a-Plate service to provide reusable plates and serveware at local events in Yellowknife, storage has been more of a perceived barrier than an actual barrier to being able to offer a reusable alternative.
 - They are currently using a cabinet (not a lot larger footprint than an average refrigerator) that pretty comfortably stores about 200 place settings with mugs, large and small plates, large and small bowls, clear cups and utensils, as well as large bins for packing rental orders for clients.
 - They state that you don't necessarily need a lot of storage space, as the serveware stacks well and is pretty reliable/resistant to damage and would be manageable for many, if not most, municipalities or NGOs in other regions to have similar initiatives with minimal space requirements.
 - There are other groups that already offer similar services, such as church and community groups.
 - For larger municipalities that see thousands of patrons attend events on municipal property, and do not see ownership of the reusable materials as a viable option, collaborating with businesses that have established deposit-refund systems for reusables is likely a better option.

ON PRICE:

- How much would the reusables cost to purchase or in a deposit-refund system?
 - As an example, vendors can rent reusable cups from Canadian company EcoCup at a price of \$0.25 per unit, which includes washing service upon return (\$35.00 shipping outside Quebec).
 - This is equal to \$50.00 per box of 200 16oz cups (a typical size for serving beverages like beer or soft drinks).

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- To purchase EcoCups reusable cups outright, it's approximately \$0.70 per unit for blank cups, and runs closer to \$1.40 per cup for cups with personalized branding.
 - The cups are made of PET, which is estimated to have a break-even point of 5 uses. This means every time the cup is used beyond the fifth time, there is an environmental benefit compared to a disposable. PET cups can be washed and reused hundreds of times.
- Regular, single-use plastic "solo" style cups are priced at about \$0.14 per unit (16oz), but generates far more waste than a reusable cup that can be washed and reused hundreds or thousands of times (depending on the material).
- There is also an opportunity to recuperate the funds invested into purchasing reusables by enacting a reusability fee on municipal event permits, or even adding an extra \$1.00 per ticket for the event.

ON WASHING AND SANITIZING:

- How difficult is it to acquire washing facilities? What is the cost for on-site washing? Off-site washing?
 - The Canadian reusable cup company, Cupko, offers off-site washing services for reusables (they have washing facilities in Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal).
 - \$0.25 each for under 1000 cups
 - \$0.20 each for up to 5000 cups
 - \$0.15 each for more than 5000 cups
 - Portable dishwashers are also available to purchase or rent to wash the reusables. It can cost approximately \$25/week to rent a smaller standard portable dishwasher.
 - Ecolabs equipment rentals supplies commercial dishwashers for anywhere between \$100-\$300/month (these are suited more to professional kitchens/operations).
 - Mobile dishwashing rental trailers are also available in most of Canada (starting at \$3,950/month).
 - Renting dishwashing trailers does tend to be more expensive because they are much larger and act essentially as a mobile kitchen.
 - Another possibility is using nearby community centres/city-owned facilities with kitchens to wash the reusables from events .
 - If vendors have storefronts, they can transport their reusables back to their storefront locations as well to be washed as normal.

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ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS:

- Has this type of policy been adopted in any other jurisdictions?
 - Ajax, Ontario has adopted a Corporate Ban on Single-Use Plastics.
 - In a five phase approach to implementation, the ban will eliminate unnecessary single-use plastics for all meetings, festivals and events by 2023.
 - Despite a delay in progress caused by COVID-19, Ajax has been very successful at phasing in the ban.
 - As part of Phase III, they have completed research on best practices across Canada to provide recommendations on external enforcement of the ban.
 - They have also started developing educational website targeted towards residents, youth and business owners.
 - Additionally, they have prepared competitive bid documents to tender a contract for a Vendor of Record for compostable/re-usable serviceware for corporate events.
 - Their work to fully enact the ban is still ongoing and very promising.
 - We are currently working on behalf of the Town of Ajax to produce a Plastic-Free Event Toolkit, which will provide valuable information and resources to residents and businesses on how to avoid single-use items in event planning.

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