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CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021**

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None.

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

None.



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The following resolution was passed by the Council of the Township of Conmee at its regular meeting on January 26th 2021:

Resolution No. 2021-022

Moved by: Councillor Arnold
Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

WHEREAS duly elected Officials of a Municipality, or a Township are expected to be above reproach and to conduct themselves with integrity, truth, justice, honesty, transparency and courtesy.

AND WHEREAS there are people of dubious character who have a Criminal Record, having been convicted of a Federal Offence of any of the Federal Statutes of Canada, but not limited to the Criminal Code or Narcotic Control Act, who are currently on Council of a Municipality or have let their name stand for election for Mayor, Reeve or Councillor as a municipal candidate.

NOT WITHSTANDING the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record cleared from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections.

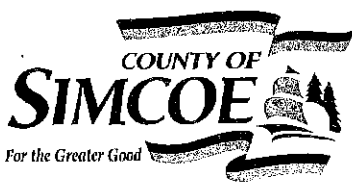
AND THAT an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a serious criminal offense and must resign

AND THAT Council of the Township of Conmee direct the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Solicitor-General Sylvia Jones, Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve Clark, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Northern Ontario Municipal Association, Thunder Bay District Municipal League, MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell, and all Ontario municipalities

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe Paramedic Services on the frontlines of emergency response

Midhurst/February 3, 2021 – Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and during this heightened second wave, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services have been on the frontlines responding to the needs of our residents, communities and partners.

Providing medical care and transport during 9-1-1 calls continues to be the main priority for Paramedic Services; however, during the pandemic Paramedics have expanded their roles and utilized their training and skillset to support our regional pandemic response needs. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Paramedics have been providing assistance with swabbing and patient management needs in congregate settings, such as workplaces, long-term care and seniors services facilities, conducting wellness checks in area shelters, providing emergency transport of COVID-19 positive patients, working with area health-care teams in vaccination clinics and expanding in-home wellness checks through the innovative Community Paramedicine programs. Logistics staff have also extended themselves to support our long-term care homes with PPE management.

“The response of our Paramedic staff to the pandemic has been extraordinary,” said Andrew Robert, Director and Chief, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services. “Their roles are challenging at the best of times and dealing with added pressures of the pandemic, and safety measures of being in close contact with COVID-19 positive patients, has been very tough on their physical and mental health. I am very proud and grateful to them for their efforts, adaptability and drive to support their patients and community. All our front-line staff are thankful for the public support they have received. We greatly appreciate how our partners and communities continue to support one another as we all work to end this pandemic.”

New Funding Support

County of Simcoe Paramedic Services (CSPS) is pleased to have received additional one-time funding in the amount of \$456,008 from Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) in relation to the COVID-19 response. This funding will support pandemic activities, such as vaccine administration, existing Community Paramedicine (CP) program expansion and CP education development within Simcoe County. The funding was split between three payments from the Central and North Simcoe Muskoka LHINs and will allow future program growth and sustainability at a crucial time. This funding will be reviewed further by County Council on February 9.

“The support and service of our Paramedics is a cornerstone in our fight against COVID-19 and our eventual recovery,” said Warden George Cornell. “We are immensely grateful to our Paramedics, and we continue to work with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and the Province to ensure that Paramedics are prioritized in the roll out of vaccinations due to their expanded role during this pandemic. We also thank the Province for these additional funds, which will assist the County in providing the necessary increased training, staffing, equipment and administration costs to keep our communities safe.”

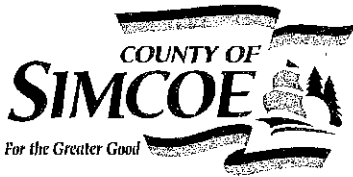
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County of Simcoe Warden George Cornell acclaimed Chair of Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Midhurst/February 8, 2021 – County of Simcoe Warden George Cornell has been acclaimed Chair of Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) and is focused on the South Western Ontario Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) initiative as his top priority.

"I am honoured to have been acclaimed for the position of chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus to further initiatives that will benefit our group of 15 upper and single-tier municipalities," said Warden George Cornell. "Throughout this pandemic, we have witnessed the strength of working together to tackle the biggest issues that we are facing. Collectively, we will represent the joint interests of Southwestern Ontario municipalities, as we collaborate to build on these learnings and continue our great track record of success. I would like to thank all my fellow Wardens and Mayors who supported me, and to congratulate Dufferin County Warden Darren White on returning as vice chair. Together, the caucus will make progress in our recovery efforts, supporting our entire area through coordinated economic development efforts and rural broadband connectivity enhancements in collaboration with SWIFT."

Simcoe County Councillors continue to go above and beyond to represent local constituents. The County currently benefits from strong voices at key regional venues, including the Association of Municipalities Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities and now the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

About Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Inc. (WOWC)

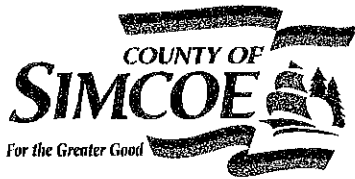
The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus is a not-for-profit organization representing 15 upper and single-tier municipalities in Southwestern Ontario, representing more than three million residents. The WOWC aims to enhance the prosperity and overall wellbeing of rural and small urban communities across the region. Caucus members work collectively to influence federal and provincial legislation and programs through advocacy, research, analysis and education. For more information, visit www.wowc.ca.

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County announces winners of Rural Innovation Challenge

Midhurst/February 10, 2021 – The County, ventureLAB, and Digital Main Street are pleased to recognize the 2020 winners of the Rural Innovation Challenge. In December 2020, the partners launched a program to encourage local businesses to explore, source, and pilot novel solutions that support main street business continuity in Simcoe County during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The winners of the challenge will receive support to help fund, pilot or scale their solutions, with \$10,000 awarded to the winner, and \$7,000 and \$4,000 to the first and second runners-up respectively. The County would like to thank all those who came up with innovative solutions and congratulate the following three winning companies on their innovative ideas that support business continuity in Simcoe County amidst the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. **First Place: TAKU Retail** - The TAKU Retail cloud platform allows established main street retailers to seamlessly move their operations online.
2. **First Runner-Up: Wrmth** - Wrmth provides the first 100% Canadian designed and manufactured outdoor heated furniture to extend the patio season.
3. **Second Runner-Up: delivereh.** - delivereh. is a “new normal” logistics company founded to support small businesses during the pandemic and beyond. The company offers an end-to-end digital solution that can be dispatched by any type of business for any community delivery.

An information session is scheduled on February 12 at 1:00pm to discuss the Community Collaboration Program and give our winners a platform to present their solutions and answer any questions from the community. Please register for free at:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GezFBKeYRGyjlQZmJOy1hQ

If one of these solutions would help support your business during the pandemic, please complete the Expression of Interest form by February 28, 2021, and a member of the ventureLAB team will contact you for further information.

About the Rural Innovation Challenge:

The Simcoe County Rural Innovation Challenge involved a community of organizations. Working with the Centre For Business and Economic Development, North Simcoe Community Futures Development Corporation, Nottawasaga Futures, Orillia Area Community Development Corporation and the Henry Bernick Entrepreneurship Centre, it was determined that successful solutions must seek to address one or more of the following challenge areas:

- Enhance streamlined delivery and order fulfillment services for online purchases made from main street businesses
- Expand and optimize schedule and ticket management services for main street businesses
- Enable main street businesses to better manage and care for the physical and mental well-being of their staff and employees

economy through funding opportunities and business services that support innovation and growth in Canada's most populous region. Learn more about the impacts the Agency is having in southern Ontario by exploring our [pivotal projects](#).

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Nottawasaga Valley
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MEDIA RELEASE

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Keep families and pets safe in conservation areas

Keep dogs on leash, stay off the ice and follow public health guidelines

UTOPIA, Ontario (February 4, 2021) – In the COVID-19 pandemic, NVCA's conservation areas offers much solace for nature seekers. However, it is vital that families and pets are safe while enjoying the great outdoors.

"NVCA manages 11 conservation areas in the Nottawasaga Valley Watershed," said Byron Wesson, Director of Conservation Services at NVCA. "In the winter, they are great places to hike, snowshoe, bird watch or simply explore. We're asking visitors to be considerate to others, the natural areas and wildlife while they're there."

While some dogs are great listeners, others may harass wildlife or attack other dogs or small children while off leash. To be consistent, all dogs must be on leash while at NVCA's conservation areas. Dog owners are also asked to place dog poop in available garbage cans. Each week, our Lands team gathers up garbage bags full of dog poop from the trails.

One of nature's wonders is the beauty of frozen ponds, rivers and streams. While it is tempting to walk, skate or play on the ice, NVCA would like to send a stark reminder for visitors to stay off the ice. Even if the weather has been cold, other factors such as water flow, fluctuating water levels, and snow on the ice can contribute to unsafe conditions.

Lastly, visitors are urged to follow public health guidelines when visiting conservation areas, including group gathering limits, staying 2 metres apart and wearing masks.

Visit NVCA's website for more information about NVCA's conservation 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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February 4, 2021

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Expanded Library Broadband

Today the Province announced a \$4.8 million investment to upgrade broadband at public libraries in unserved and underserved communities. This investment is part of the Province’s Up to Speed: Ontario’s Broadband and Cellular Action Plan.

The Ontario Library Service will oversee and deliver the project. As a first step in the broadband upgrade process, site surveys and assessments will be conducted to identify eligible library branches, with priority given to those with inadequate broadband located within five kilometres of a secondary school.

AMO’s Response to the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission

In June 2020, AMO’s Health Task Force established a working group on long-term care to help provide advice to the independent Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission over the course of its investigation. In October 2020, AMO submitted interim recommendations on an ongoing provincial pandemic response to the Commission for their consideration. The working group on long-term care was also provided an opportunity to meet with the Commissioners on October 26, 2020. The testimony from that meeting can be found on the LTC Commission website.

AMO provided a final submission, Improving the Long-Term Care Outbreak Response in Ontario: AMO's Final Submission to the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission, on January 29, 2021. Looking forward, AMO will continue to provide perspectives to the Commission and the Ministry of Long-Term Care on how municipal long-term care homes are handling the COVID-19 pandemic.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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February 8, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Gradual Return to COVID-19 Response Framework, *Conservation Authorities Act* Update

Gradual Return to COVID-19 Response Framework

Ontario has announced that we are moving to a regional approach and maintaining the shutdown in the majority of the public health regions in Ontario, including the Stay-at-Home order and all existing public health and workplace safety measures.

When safe to do so, the Province will gradually transition each region from the shutdown measures to a revised and strengthened COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open (the "Framework").

With improving local trends of key health and public health indicators, **3** regions will be moving back to the Framework at the Green-Prevent level on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. and will no longer be subject to the Stay-at-Home order:

- Hastings Prince Edward Public Health;
- Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health; and
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

The Stay-at-Home order will continue to apply to **28** public health regions until Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

For Toronto, Peel and York regions, it is expected that the Stay-at-Home order will continue to apply until Monday, February 22, 2021. Final decisions by the Province will be subject to review of the trends in public health indicators at that time.

The Framework has been updated to allow a safer approach to retail. Limited in-person shopping in Grey-Lockdown zones will be permitted with public health and safety measures, such as limiting capacity to 25 per cent in most retail settings. In addition, public health and safety measures in retail settings will be strengthened for other levels of the Framework. All public health measures such as wearing a face covering and maintaining physical distancing will continue to be required.

The Province is also introducing an "emergency brake" to allow for immediate action if a public health unit region experiences rapid acceleration in COVID-19 transmission or if its health care system risks becoming overwhelmed. If this occurs, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the local medical officer of health, may advise immediately moving a region into Grey-Lockdown to interrupt community COVID-19 transmission.

The provincial emergency declared under s 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA) will end as of 11:59 pm, Tuesday February 9, 2021.

The 31 orders currently in force under the EMCPA have been extended to February 23, 2021 and will be extended further if necessary. O.Reg.55/21 (Compliance Orders for Retirement Homes) is currently in effect until February 19, 2021. 30-day extensions of these orders can occur after February 19 with Cabinet (LGIC) approval. These extended orders should be posted in the next day or so.

Parts of *Conservation Authority Act* Proclaimed

On February 2, 2021, some specific provisions in the *Conservation Authorities Act* were proclaimed to start changes to conservation authority governance, for consistency in administration, transparency, and financial accountability, as well as increased municipal and provincial oversight of conservation authority operations. These provisions include those requiring 70 per cent of municipally appointed members to be elected officials, with provision for the Minister to permit less than 70 per cent on application by a participating municipality.

Immediate action is not required on the part of conservation authorities or by municipalities related to the provision requiring 70% of municipally appointed members be elected officials. Current members should complete the remaining duration of their appointments. As new members are appointed, conservation authorities should be appointing members in a way that complies with this new requirement.

A participating municipality may also apply to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting an exception to this 70% requirement. The request should include the rationale for the request, and what proportion of members

the municipality is proposing to be elected officials. Requests should be sent to minister.mecp@ontario.ca.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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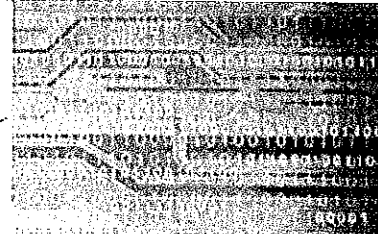
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- An opportunity to transform your meetings.
- Applications open for Ontario's New Skills Development Fund.
- Ontario helping keep seniors safe and connected during COVID-19.
- Healthy Communities Initiative.
- Managing COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments online - webinar.
- Group Buying with LAS just got easier!
- Fleet upfitting with the Municipal Group Buying Program.
- FCM funding available for road/sidewalk assessments.
- AMONTario Climate Change & Asset Management Conference.
- Careers: Halton Hills, Toronto and Niagara Falls.

AMO Matters

AMO is seeking member feedback on electronic permitting (e-permitting) platforms. To help us with our research, we are asking for feedback from appropriate staff (Planners, Building Officials, IT, etc.). Please [fill out the survey](#).

Looking to go electronic with your meetings? AMO's meeting management partner, [eSCRIBE](#), is offering a no-commitment assessment of how your municipality can raise efficiency with your meetings and how you can leverage [Municipal Modernization Program](#) funding for eSCRIBE services.

Provincial Matters

The [Skills Development Fund](#) will support projects that address pandemic-induced barriers to hiring, training, and retaining workers. Municipalities are eligible to apply. Please submit proposals by February 28, 2021.

The \$4.5 million [Seniors Community Grant Program](#) will support over 180 projects led by non-profits, local services boards, and Indigenous groups this year. These projects

will help seniors stay connected with their community during the pandemic.

Federal Matters

The Healthy Communities Initiative is a \$31 million dollar investment from the federal government to support a broad range of organizations, including municipal governments, for projects that help communities with safe and vibrant public spaces, improving mobility options and providing innovative digital solutions to connect people and improve health. Organizations can apply up until March 9, 2021.

Eye on Events

Municipalities and healthcare providers struggle to protect public safety while managing high volumes of COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments. On February 25, eSolutionsGroup will discuss the challenges of handling unprecedented requirements and how Appointio can address the challenges while decreasing the administrative burden on staff. Register now.

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We've made it even easier to find the products and services you use everyday. Now you can browse for vendors and products in a searchable list on our Municipal Group Buying webpage. Don't forget to let us know if you'll be participating in the Program and post your Notice of Participation on your website. Contact us to get started.

LAS continues to host webinars under our Municipal Group Buying Program. Join us on February 24 @ 10am when we introduce one of our newest categories - Fleet Upfitting (with Commercial Truck Equipment Co.). If you need equipment for your heavy trucks, be sure to look here first. Watch for March webinars to be announced shortly.

FCM has reopened applications for its MAMP Program, which provides up to \$50,000 for asset management projects. Our Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service is a perfect fit, and is already booking for the summer 2021 season. Contact us to learn more, schedule an online meeting, or receive a no-obligation quote.

Municipal Wire*

AMONTario's Climate Change & Asset Management Conference will provide municipalities with tools to integrate climate change adaptation (resilience) and asset management planning. Starts on February 22. More information and registration here.

Careers

Deputy Treasurer/Senior Manager, Accounting & Taxation - Town of Halton Hills. Posting 202107. Reports to: Director of Finance/Town Treasurer. For more information about this position, please visit Halton Hills Employment Opportunities. Applications are being accepted until February 19, 2021. Email: humanresources@haltonhills.ca.

Manager, Capital Delivery - City of Toronto. Division: Solid Waste Management Services (SWMS). Reports to: Director, Infrastructure & Resource Management. For more information on this and other opportunities with the City of Toronto, visit us online at Jobs at the City. To apply online, submit your resume, quoting Job ID 14697, by February 23, 2021.

Chief Administrative Officer - City of Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls is a fast-growing, dynamic, internationally renowned city with a prosperous business community. To explore this opportunity please apply via email by February 28th, 2021 to careers@waterhousesearch.ca quoting project NF-CAO. To speak to our Executive Recruiter please contact [Jon Stungevicius](#) at 416.214.9299 x1; or [Amy Oliveira](#) at 416.214.9299 x4.

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February 11, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Social Assistance Vision Paper Released and March Break Delayed

Province Outlines New Social Assistance Vision with Municipal Role Changes

Today the provincial government released a paper outlining a vision for social assistance transformation. The Province is proposing a significant change to the municipal social assistance delivery role. A new division of labour would see the Province assuming responsibility for financial assistance administration. Municipal governments will focus on life stabilization services to people, including persons with disabilities. Employment services would be delivered by third party service system managers through the Employment Ontario network.

AMO has engaged in conversations and advocacy with successive provincial governments about social assistance transformation for decades. The discussions with the current government about the new vision are ongoing in a productive and collaborative manner. As part of the announcement, the Province is committing to working with municipal partners to co-design the implementation of the new vision over the next few years. This is welcome.

AMO will provide a more detailed note for members with an impact analysis of these changes in the coming weeks.

March Break Delayed

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As a method to reduce community COVID transmission, Ontario has announced that they are postponing March break until April 12-16, 2021.

It was noted that this challenging decision was made with the best advice of Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and public health officials, including consultations with many local Medical Officers of Health.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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Good morning,

With the amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* ("CAA") in Bill 229, the *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020*, now passed by the Legislature, the government has made a series of substantive amendments to the CAA in 2017, 2019 and in 2020, resulting in a number of un-proclaimed provisions in the CAA.

On February 2, 2021, some specific provisions in the CAA were proclaimed to initiate changes to conservation authority governance, for consistency in administration, transparency and financial accountability, as well as increased municipal and provincial oversight of conservation authority operations. These provisions are not tied to any specific regulations, and relate only to provisions from the 2019 and 2020 CAA amendments. Specifically, these include:

- Government requirements (e.g. Non-derogation provision clarifying that nothing in the CAA is intended to affect constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights);
- Provisions related to conservation authority governance (e.g. changes to the conservation authority municipal membership);
- Minister's powers (e.g., enabling the Minister to issue a binding directive to a conservation authority following an investigation); and
- Housekeeping amendments.

Please refer to the CAA on e-Laws for a complete list of the provisions that are now in force.

We are proposing that the remaining un-proclaimed provisions be proclaimed in two further stages over the coming months to align with the roll out of proposed regulations and policy. These include:

- i) Provisions related to natural hazard management, mandatory programs and services, community advisory boards, the agreements and transition period, and fees.
- ii) Provisions related to municipal levies, and standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs and services.

We have received a number of questions about the implications of certain provisions coming into force, and particularly those related to the composition of conservation authority membership. I can assure you that we are moving forward with a smooth transition to the new framework. Please refer to the attached FAQ for critical information on the implementation of these new measures.

My team in the Conservation Authority Office are available to answer any questions that you may have about the provisions that are now in effect as a result of the stage 1 proclamation. Please do not hesitate to contact us at ca.office@ontario.ca.

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The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will be in touch at a future date to notify you of the proclamation of the remaining provisions.

I look forward to continuing to work with you through our upcoming consultations on the new regulatory proposals under the CAA to ensure we put conservation authorities in the best position possible to be able to deliver on their core mandate.

Sincerely,

Keley Katona
Director, Conservation and Source Protection Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Implications of Proclamation of Various Provisions: Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Do participating municipalities have to appoint new members to conservation authorities now in order to meet the 70% requirement?

Immediate action is not required on the part of conservation authorities or by municipalities related to the provision requiring 70% of municipally appointed members be elected officials.

Current members should complete the remaining duration of their appointments. As new members are appointed, participating municipalities should be appointing members in a way that complies with this new requirement.

A participating municipality may also apply to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting an exception to this 70% requirement. The request should include the rationale for the request, and what proportion of members the municipality is proposing to be elected officials. Requests should be sent to minister.mecp@ontario.ca.

2. Does a conservation authority need to immediately initiate the term limits of chair/vice-chairs and rotate amongst participating municipalities?

Immediate action is not necessarily required. Implementation of this provision could begin at the first meeting held this year (following the proclamation date of February 2, 2021), or at such other meeting as may be specified by the authority's by-laws.

A participating municipality or conservation authority may also apply to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting an exception to the term limit or rotation. The request should include the alternative approach being proposed, and the rationale for the request. Requests should be sent to minister.mecp@ontario.ca.

3. When should conservation authorities transition to the use of generally accepted accounting principles?

If not already the practice, conservation authorities will transition to the use of generally accepted accounting principles for local government and ensure that key conservation authority documents are made available to the public (i.e., minutes of authority or executive committee meetings, auditor reports) following proclamation of these provisions on February 2, 2021.

Implications of Proclamation of Various Provisions: Frequently Asked Questions

4. When do copies of municipal member agreements need to be sent to the Minister and made public?

Please submit any existing agreements (on the number of total conservation authority members and number of members per participating municipality in a conservation authority) to the Minister within 60 days of February 2, 2021 (i.e., by April 3, 2021).

If no such agreement is in place as of February 2, 2021, but such an agreement is entered into at a future date, please provide it to the Minister within 60 days of executing the agreement. These agreements should also be made available to the public through the conservation authority's website or other appropriate means within these same timelines.

5. Which provisions of the *Conservation Authorities Act (CAA)* are you proclaiming in this first phase?

Provisions in the CAA that come into effect February 2, 2021, as part of this first phase include:

Housekeeping Amendments

- Clarifying "Minister" means the Minister of the of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (rather than the Minister of the Natural Resources and Forestry) (Bill 108, 2019).
- Administrative change by striking out "of the Environment" from "Minister of the Environment" (in the section on CA dissolutions – clause 13.1(6)(c)) (Bill 108, 2019).
- Remove a legislative date (now stale) for a past transition period for conservation authorities (CAs) to up-date administrative by-laws (Bill 229, 2020).

Government Requirements

- Non-derogation provision to recognize existing Aboriginal or treaty rights (Bill 229, 2020).
- Enable the Minister to delegate his or her powers to an employee of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Bill 229, 2020).

Governance

- Changes to the CA municipal membership provisions including requiring 70 per cent of municipally appointed members to be elected officials with provision for the Minister to permit less than 70 per cent on application by a participating municipality (Bill 229, 2020).
- Requiring copies of municipal member agreements on number of total CA members agreed upon and numbers per participating municipality in a CA agreed upon, to be made public and provided to the Minister (Bill 229, 2020).
- Removal of the regulation making authority regarding the composition of the CA (Bill 229, 2020).

Implications of Proclamation of Various Provisions: Frequently Asked Questions

- Minister's power to appoint a member from the agricultural sector with limitations added to the member's voting rights (Bill 229, 2020).
- Limiting the term of the chair/vice-chair and rotating of the chair/vice-chair among a CA's participating municipalities with provision for the Minister to permit an exception to these requirements upon application of the CA or participating municipality. If an exception is granted, this would allow a chair/vice-chair to hold office for more than one year or two terms, or a member to succeed an outgoing chair, vice-chair, appointed from the same participating municipality (Bill 229, 2020).
- Minor amendments to the 'powers of authorities': integrating the CA power to "cause research to be done" with the CA power to "study and investigate the watershed" in order to support the programs and services the CA delivers; to require consent of the occupant or owner of the land before a CA staff can enter the land for the purpose of a CA project (such as land surveying); and to remove the power of a CA to expropriate land (Bill 229, 2020).
- Require CAs to follow generally accepted accounting principles for local governments, make key documents (annual audit, meeting agendas and minutes and member agreements) available to the public (Bill 229, 2020).

Minister's Power

- Enable the Minister to issue a binding directive to a CA following an investigation (Bill 229, 2020).
- Enable the province, upon recommendation by the Minister, to appoint a temporary administrator to assume control of a CA's operations following an investigation or the issuance of a binding directive, if the directive is not followed. Immunity is provided for the administrator (Bill 229, 2020).



February 5th 2021,

This letter is intended to provide you with an update on the Township of Springwater Official Plan Review project (The OPR). You have been identified as a key stakeholder in this process and we value your input as we move forward towards the completion of a draft Official Plan.

In 2020 the project team researched and completely drafted three major reports to inform the OPR:

- **The Population-Related Employment Land Market Study** – Assesses whether there is an adequate amount of designated lands within the Township to accommodate commercial and institutional growth to the year 2031.
- **The Intensification Strategy** – Builds on the recommendations of the 2018 Growth Management Strategy to identify opportunities to facilitate intensification within the Township in support of meeting targets established by the Simcoe County Official Plan.
- **The Bayfield Street Corridor Study** – Evaluates intensification opportunities along Bayfield Street near Snow Valley Road and provides an urban design approach to ensure an appropriate scale and mix of land uses to meet forecasted needs.

These three reports were presented to Township Council on December 14, 2020. A copy of the presentation and the draft reports can be found at the Township's Official Plan webpage (<https://www.springwater.ca/en/business-and-development/official-plan.aspx>).

The next public engagement event will be held virtually via Zoom on **Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021**. A presentation will be made followed by a brief Q&A session which you are welcome to participate in. Please review the draft reports and provide any comments or questions you may have to planning@springwater.ca. For more information on how to participate virtually at the event please see attached instructions.

Your input will help inform the finalization of the report recommendations and policy recommendations of the next stage of the OPR.

The next milestone following the Stakeholder and Public Meeting will be a presentation of the final reports and the draft Official Plan this summer. This will include another round of meetings with stakeholders and the public prior to finalizing the Official Plan.

Sincerely,

Brent Spagnol, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning Services
Township of Springwater
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How to Participate in the Township of Springwater Official Plan Review Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Date: February 23rd 2021
Meeting Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 827 1109 6455

The following options are available to you, should you choose to participate in the stakeholder meeting:

<p>Listen in via Telephone</p>	<p>Listen in to the meeting live from a telephone or cellular device by calling 1-647-558-0588 and entering the meeting ID (provided at top of page).</p> <p>This option will only be available for the duration of the meeting.</p>
<p>Submit Written Comments</p>	<p>Written submissions are encouraged and can be made to the Planning Department by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • email (planning@springwater.ca); • regular post; or • drop box located at the Administration Building. <p>Please submit all comments for the stakeholder meeting prior to March 12th 2021. Comments will continue to be accepted as the OPR process progresses into the next stages.</p>
<p>Ask a question in the Q&A session</p>	<p>After the presentation there will be a brief Question and Answer Session, where attendees who join online can type out any questions they may have for the presenter. Alternatively, questions can be submitted in writing prior to the meeting as specified above.</p> <p>Site specific questions/comments should be submitted in writing.</p> <p>Please see information below on how to join the meeting:</p> <p><i>Join by Computer, Smartphone or Tablet</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open a web browser (For example: Chrome, Safari, Firefox). 2. Go to https://zoom.us/join 3. Enter the meeting ID (provided at top of page) 4. Follow the prompts to download the Zoom application and join the meeting.



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February 8, 2021

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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Attention: The Hon. Steve Clark

Re: Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jenni Spies
Deputy Clerk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please accept this for your information and any necessary action.

Sincerely,



Jenni Spies
Deputy Clerk

Cc. Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills
Michael Chong, MP Wellington-Halton Hills
Minister of Consumer Services
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
Ontario Clerks

From: Tracy MacDonald <tmacdonald@orangeville.ca>
Sent: February 10, 2021 1:39 PM
Subject: Town of Orangeville Resolution - Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Good afternoon,

Please see below a resolution passed by the Town of Orangeville on February 8, 2021 regarding greenhouse gas emissions.

2021-069

Moved: Councillor Peters

Seconded: Councillor Andrews

Whereas the Town of Orangeville prides itself on being a municipal leader with respect to sustainability, including the endorsement of the Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan and a community greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory;

And whereas the Town will be establishing a long term carbon goal later this year;

And whereas municipalities account for 50% of global emissions thus necessitating further action by all sectors and other levels of government;

And whereas the Ontario government recently purchased 3 gas plants, a move that could lead to the increase of provincial greenhouse gas pollution by more than 400% by 2040;

And whereas a number of municipalities, as partners in government, have passed motions to ask Queen’s Park to reverse this decision in keeping with the need to reduce, not increase, greenhouse gas emissions;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Orangeville write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Environment, Conservation, Energy, and Parks to request that the Government of Ontario develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation as soon as possible, with an emphasis on proven renewable energy technologies and energy storage, to ensure that Orangeville and other municipalities are enabled to achieve climate action goals (or “GHG emission reduction targets”); and

That the Town of Orangeville write the respective portfolio critics, all party leaders in the Legislature, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, requesting that the Government of Ontario develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas- fired electricity generation, and direct the IESO to accelerate the use of renewable electricity supply, energy storage, and energy efficiency in all sectors, in order to reduce provincial greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible and bolster our competitiveness in the global cleantech marketplace and overall emerging low-carbon economy.

Result: Carried

Regards,

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**Ministry of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Affairs**

**Ministère de l'Agriculture, de
l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales**



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February 11, 2020

Colleen Healey
Manager Planning & Development
Township of Essa
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Dear Colleen Healey:

The best small businesses are born out of a passion and a dream.

When it comes to many home-based food businesses, they start with a love of food and a cherished family recipe. Whether passionate about making grandma's coveted baked goods or a new take on homegrown pickles, jams and preserves, we are making it easier for Ontarians to share their homemade goods with their communities and turn their passion into a successful business.

As our government recently announced, Ontario has made changes to the Food Premises Regulation under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* that allow more flexibility for small, independent businesses to sell their low-risk, home-prepared foods from their homes or at special events like farmers' markets, festivals and fairs. While these changes came into effect on January 1, 2020, the desire to start low-risk, home based food businesses has only increased during COVID, which is why we're clarifying the rules now.

Low-risk foods are non-hazardous and do not require refrigeration. They include such items as baked goods, pickles, jams and preserves, chocolates, hard candies and brittles, fudge and toffees, granola, trail mix, nuts and seeds, and coffee beans and tea leaves.

These regulatory changes support Ontario's entrepreneurs in running a home-based food business, without compromising our high standards for food safety. The changes also give Ontarians new opportunities to buy locally produced foods.

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Good things grow in Ontario
À bonne terre, bons produits

Ministry Headquarters: 1 Stone Road West, Guelph, Ontario N1G 4Y2
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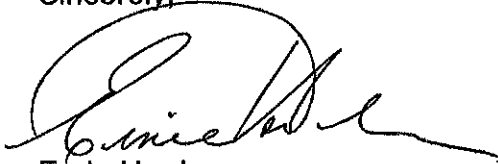
The Ministry of Health has published a guide to help such entrepreneurs take the recommended steps to succeed, in a food-safe way, in their homemade food business efforts:

www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/selling_low_risk_food.pdf I welcome you to use your networks to share this important information with those who may be interested.

Starting a home-based food business is an excellent opportunity for people across Ontario to share their culinary creativity, build a business for themselves and be part of the province's agri-food sector. Our government is committed to encouraging this growing part of the economy and to support all the good things that are grown and produced right here in Ontario.

Thank you for your support of this initiative and for all your efforts to partners with us as we strive to build strong communities and a vibrant economy in Ontario.

Sincerely,



Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

COVID-19 Reminders

- Practise physical distancing – stay 2 metres away from others in public
- Wash your hands – with soap and water thoroughly and often
- Get the facts - www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-stop-spread

From: Karolyn Kane
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 4:51:10 PM
To: Henry Sander <hsander@essatownship.on.ca>; Keith White <kwhite@essatownship.on.ca>; Sandie Macdonald <smacdonald@essatownship.on.ca>; Michael Smith <msmith@essatownship.on.ca>; Ron Henderson <rhenderson@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Stop MZOs. Stop Sprawl. Grow the Greenbelt

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I hope you and your loved ones are well. Thank you for all your efforts over the past months to help get us through this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us how important natural spaces are to our well-being. We rely on these areas for our mental and physical health, and on farmland for the local food that keeps us healthy and our farmers employed. These lands are also critical to conserving biodiversity and enhancing community resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Some local governments in the GTA have ignored this reality and have tried to get permission to have protected Greenbelt land used for sprawl-style development. As well, some are working to secure Minister's Zoning Orders to bypass important environmental protections and local planning rules. Others, however, have expressed growing concerns about the provincial government's inappropriate use of this tool and I hope this number grows.

In addition, just recently, the Province has passed regressive changes to the Conservation Authorities Act to remove powers to protect natural areas and to protect us from the impacts of floods and toxic soil dumping.

As a result I am making two specific requests:

- Please resist the use of MZOs and tell the Province you oppose the recent changes to the Conservation Authorities Act because both of these actions fast-track sprawl-style development, sidestep public consultation and override policies intended to protect Ontario's natural areas, water sources and farmland. Please also consider asking the province to add farmland and natural areas in your region to the Greenbelt to increase their protection.
- Please pass a Council resolution that includes the above points and forward it to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

As a resident of this municipality, I am calling on you and the entire Council to commit to resisting the misuse of MZOs, oppose implementation of the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, stop sprawl and seek growth of the Greenbelt as part of a Green and Just Recovery.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,
 Karolyn Kane

Dear Municipal Leaders:

We are writing to you regarding the Provinces' announcement on January 13th 2021, of the impending closure of the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College.

It is our understanding that two of the three associations who were quoted in the Government's press release as being in support of the closure were not consulted before the announcement other than to be asked if they were in support of the "modernization and regionalization" of training for the fire service in Ontario. The Government did NOT inform these associations that this meant closing down the Gravenhurst campus of the Fire College!

The Provincial Government has publicly stated that this modernization and regionalization will be more cost-effective and accessible to municipalities. This is simply not true. The Government has not shared a plan to show how their proposed modernization and regionalization of the fire service training will be more cost-effective and accessible to all municipalities in Ontario.

The Province's regionalization model currently has Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) with a mixed bag of twenty "Regional Training Centers" (RTC's) located in various areas around the Province. The municipalities' cost to send one firefighter to an RTC range between \$300 - \$1200 for the course alone. This cost does not include accommodations or meals.

The Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College has modern facilities with modern equipment where subject matter experts provide training in all fire service disciplines. Students intermingle with each other on campus, and most have made lifelong friends while staying at the College. This social interaction will not exist at any RTC. The cost is \$65.00 for a municipality to send one firefighter to the College. That cost includes accommodations and three meals a day. This cost has not changed in well over a decade.

The fact of the matter is that each municipality's cost to train their fire service personnel to a recognized standard, which could soon become mandatory if the Government revives O. Reg 379/18, could dramatically increase by closing the Gravenhurst campus.

The Fire Protection and Prevention Act 1997, as amended, requires the Fire Marshal to "develop training programs and evaluation systems for persons involved in the provision of fire protection services." It also stipulates the fire marshal must "provide programs to improve practices relating to fire protection services" and "maintain and operate a central fire college."

As municipal leaders, would you prefer an affordable, cost effective training model that keeps students in one location with up to date, technically accurate training facilities led by subject matter expert? Or a more expensive training model in facilities that cannot match what the Gravenhurst campus can offer?

If you prefer the former, please stand with us against this ill advised closure. Let's keep your firefighters and your community safe by keeping the ONLY provincial fire training facility in Ontario open!

Chris McConnell
President, OPSEU Local 317
savetheofc@gmail.com

DRAFT MOTION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice of Study Commencement Transportation Master Plan Update



The Study

The County of Simcoe is developing a new **Transportation Master Plan (TMP)**. The TMP will be a long-range planning document that outlines transportation infrastructure needs and priorities to 2065. The TMP will:

- Establish a sustainable integrated multi-modal transportation system that reduces reliance upon any single mode and promotes walking, cycling and transit;
- Provide connectivity between transportation modes to move people and goods sustainably, efficiently and safely based on a hierarchical suite of mobility solutions;
- Solicit and integrate public consultation and contributions from across the County;
- Coordinate and collaborate with private sector, government agencies, and municipalities; and
- Define policies and long-term strategies that will result in the protection of transportation corridors for all modes.

Process

This study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is an approved process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Public Consultation

The Transportation Master Plan study will include extensive public engagement and consultation. There will be two rounds of consultation providing opportunities for members of the public to provide input and feedback throughout the study. It is expected that the two rounds will cover the following topics:

- **Round 1:** Developing the study vision and objectives, and identifying needs, issues and opportunities.
- **Round 2:** Reviewing draft recommendations for infrastructure projects, strategies and policy directions.

Each round of consultation will include multiple opportunities and methods for engagement. Notice for each round of engagement will be issued separately.

For more information, please visit the study's webpage at www.simcoe.ca/tmp.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this study, please email tmp@simcoe.ca or contact the following:

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Notice of Collection/Use/Disclosure: All information is collected in accordance with the *Environmental Assessment Act, RSO 1990 Chapter E.18 Part II Section 5.1*. Information will be used to inform the project team in the development of recommendations to support the study vision and objectives. All submissions become part of the public record, and disclosed in full in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*. Questions about this notice of collection should be directed to the Project Manager at tmp@simcoe.ca, or (705) 726-9300 ext. 1912. **This notice first published February 8, 2021.**



Township of
Adjala-Tosorontio

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADJALA-TOSORONTIO

**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING and PUBLIC MEETING
 FOR TOWNSHIP INITIATED APPLICATIONS Filed
 under the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990**

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio has proposed applications under the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, for Zoning By-law Amendments for all property within the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, County of Simcoe as follows:

SYNOPSIS: To amend the maximum permitted gross floor area for accessory structures. A key map is not provided as the amendment applies to all property in the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio.

AND TAKE NOTICE that considering the COVID-19 context, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio will hold a **Virtual Public Meeting with a commenting period from February 9, 2021 to March 5, 2021** on the mentioned reports in such a way that the public could participate by sending their comments through letters or faxes or emails or voice messages or video clips to:

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AND TAKE NOTICE that in addition to the virtual public meeting, public meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Meetings will be held in Council Chambers and are considered public meetings. However, due to public health concerns regarding COVID-19, **physical attendance is strongly discouraged**. Council has established protocols and requirements for the purposes of public safety which must be adhered to should any member of the public choose to attend.

These meetings will be live streamed by the municipality on through our iCompass portal.

If a person or public body does not make oral or visual or written comments as prescribed earlier for the virtual public meeting or public meeting to the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral or visual or written comments as prescribed earlier for the virtual public meeting or public meeting to the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are

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reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the approval of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, 7855 30th Sideroad Adjala, Alliston, Ontario, L9R 1V1.

Additional information regarding the Zoning By-law Amendments is available to the public upon request to the Planning Technician through letter, email, fax, or voice message between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Dated at the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio this 9th day of February 2021.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADJALA-TOSORONTIO

BY-LAW NUMBER 21- XX

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 03-56, AS AMENDED, AND ZONING BY-LAW NUMBER 03-57, AS AMENDED, BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM GROSS FLOOR AREA SIZES OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADJALA-TOSORONTIO

WHEREAS Zoning By-law No.03-56, constitutes the comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio for lands within the Oak Ridges Moraine area;

AND WHEREAS Zoning By-law No. 03-57, as amended, constitutes the comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio save and except those lands within the Oak Ridges Moraine area;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary and desirable to further amend By-law No. 03-56, as amended and By-law No. 03-57, as amended;

AND WHEREAS this amendment will conform to the Official Plan of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio;

AND NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of The Township of Adjala-Tosorontio enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** Section 3.4 (i) – Accessory Uses, Maximum Gross Floor Area of By-law No. 03-56, is hereby amended by deleting Section 3.4 (i) in its entirety, and replacing it with the following:

Maximum Permitted Gross Floor Area For Accessory Structures

Lot Size	Maximum Gross Floor Area
Less than 0.25 ha	28 m ² (approx. 301 ft ²)
0.25 ha to 1 ha	58 m ² (approx. 624 ft ²)
1 ha to 5 ha	112 m ² (approx. 1,205 ft ²)
Greater than 5 ha	250 m ² (approx. 2,691 ft ²)

2. **THAT** Section 3.4 (i) – Accessory Uses, Maximum Gross Floor Area of By-law No. 03-57, is hereby amended by deleting Section 3.4 (i) in its entirety, and replacing it with the following:

Maximum Permitted Gross Floor Area For Accessory Structures

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3. **THAT** the provisions of the By-law shall take full force and effect with the passing hereof;
4. **THAT**, notwithstanding anything contrary to the rules of procedure, this By-law, be introduced and read a first and second time and be considered read a third time and finally passed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Floyd Pinto, Mayor

Dianne Gould-Brown, Clerk

Township of Adjala-Tosorontio

February 9, 2021

File No.: LAR/20

Re: Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment
Applies to the entirety of the Township
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio

SYNOPSIS: Township proposed amendment. To amend the maximum gross floor area for accessory structures (applies to all property in the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio).

Your comments would be appreciated by **March 5, 2021**. If we do not receive your comments on or before the above date or notification that you require additional time, we will assume you have no comment or concern with the proposal

Jaclyn Cook
Planning Technician

Comments / Conditions:

_____ has reviewed the above referenced file in relation to existing policies and procedures and would comment as follows:

- No objection
- No objection provided the conditions identified below are included in any approval.
- Have concerns and/or issues as identified below which are to be addressed prior to further consideration.
- Recommend denial of the application based on the reasons identified below.

Conditions / Issues / Reasons for Denial:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Circulation:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ont. Power Gen. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydro One | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enbridge Gas | Twp of Essa |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Simcoe Bd. Ed. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SMCDSB | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CSDCC | Twp of Mulmur |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canada Post | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bell Canada | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metis Consultation Unit | Town of Caledon |
| | | | Region of Peel |
| | | | Twp of Mono |
| | | | Dufferin Cty |



**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA FIRE DEPARTMENT
STATION NUMBER ONE
Month of January 2021**

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<u>Emergency Calls for the Month</u>	
Structure Fires -	0
Vehicle Fires -	0
Overheat Condition -	0
Grass/Bush/Rubbish Fires -	0
Vehicle Accidents - 003, 005	2
Vehicle Extrications -	0
Tiered Medicals- 014, 013, 029	3
Rescues - 027	1
Burning Complaints -	0
False Alarms -	0
CO Calls -	0
Other Responses (List) -	0
Sub-total of Emergency Calls	6
Assist Stn #2 - 008	1
Mutual Aid Responses -	0
Total Emergency calls	7
<u>Training and Activities for the Month</u>	
Regular Training and Special Training - Jan 07 - Air compressor, Jan 27 - Electrical	2
Theory Training - January 28	1
Work Details (List) - Jan.11 - Driver Sign Off, Jan. 12 - Driver Sign off, Jan. 14 - RSI, Jan. 21 - Truck Check	4
Public Education -	0
Inspections/Prevention	0
Special Activities (List) -	0
Officer Meeting -	0
Total Training and Activities for the Month	7

Reviewed By: _____



**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA FIRE DEPARTMENT
STATION NUMBER TWO
Month of January 2021**

<u>Emergency Calls for the Month</u>	
Structure Fires - 008	1
Vehicle Fires -	0
Overheat Condition -	0
Grass/Bush/Rubbish Fires -	0
Vehicle Accidents - 007, 021, 023	3
Vehicle Extrications -	0
Tiered Medicals- 001(VSA), 002 (VSA), 004, 011, 017, 018, 019 020, 022, 024(VSA), 030	11
Rescues -	0
Burning Complaints -	0
False Alarms - 006, 025, 025	3
CO Calls - 016	1
Other Responses (List) - 009(Assist OFM re-008), 010(Work Detail re-008), 015(Gas Leak), 028(False MVC)	4
Sub-total of Emergency Calls	23
Assist Stn #1 - 027	1
Mutual Aid Responses - 012 - Springwater	1
Total Emergency Calls	25
<u>Training and Activities for the Month</u>	
Regular Training and Special Training - Jan. 29 - Electricity	1
Theory Training - Jan. 28 - AODA	1
Work Details (List) - Jan. 05 - SCBA cylinders, Jan. 14 - P/U Pump 3, Jan. 14 - Truck Checks, Jan. 15 - P/U bunker gear @ cleaners,	4
Public Education - Jan. 29 - Social Media	1
Inspections/Prevention - Jan. 29 - Inspection-General, Jan. 18 - Inspection - CAS license, Jan. 22 & 29 - Inspection - Vulnerable Occupancy, Jan. 22 - Correspondence - email, Jan. 25 - Legal - other	6
Special Activities (List) -	0
Officer Meeting -	0
Total Training and Activities for the Month	13

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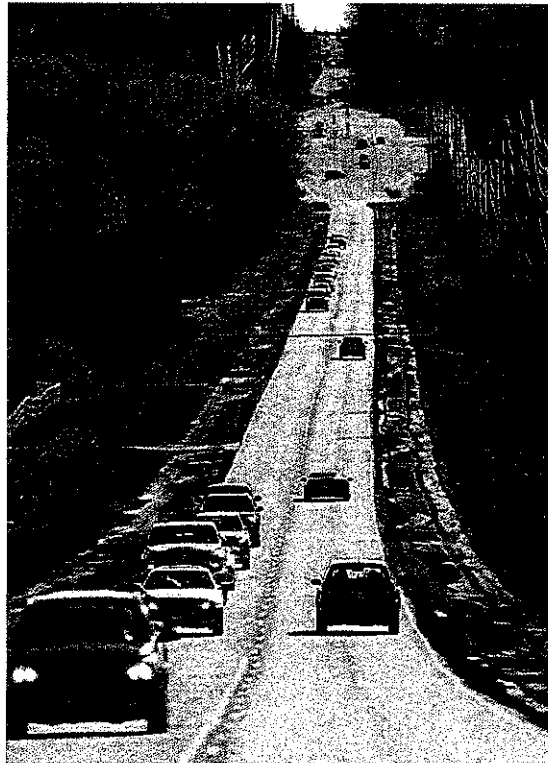


COUNTY OF SIMCOE

MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

Local Municipal Project Kick-off Meeting

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COUNTY OF SIMCOE
Monday, February 8, 2021



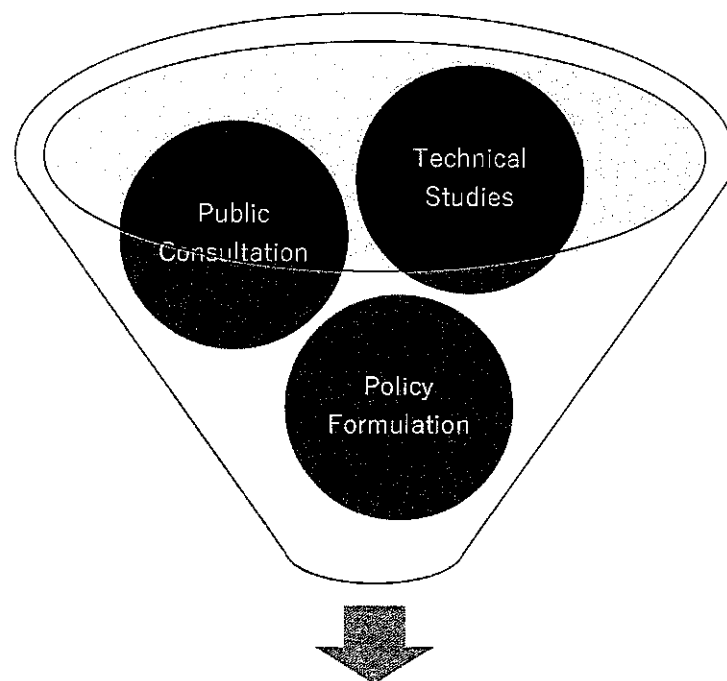
Today we will discuss...

- What is a Municipal Comprehensive Review?
- Consulting Team Roles and Responsibilities
- Engagement with Local Municipalities
 - Role and responsibilities
 - Key points of contact
- Overview of Engagement Strategy
- Work Program and Consultation
- Questions?
- Next Steps

What is a Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR)?

- Official plans must be brought into conformity with Provincial plans within specific timeframes
- Many Growth Plan policies can be implemented through OPAs at any time
- Some policies require implementation through MCR
 - New OP or OPA initiated by upper or single-tier under s.26 of *Planning Act* that comprehensively applies Growth Plan policies and schedules

Key Features of an MCR



Revised County OP

- Submit to Province
- Conformity after approval
- Approval non-appealable

Key Growth Plan Policies

- Schedule 3—growth forecasts to 2051
 - Schedule 7—growth allocations to 2031 no longer in effect

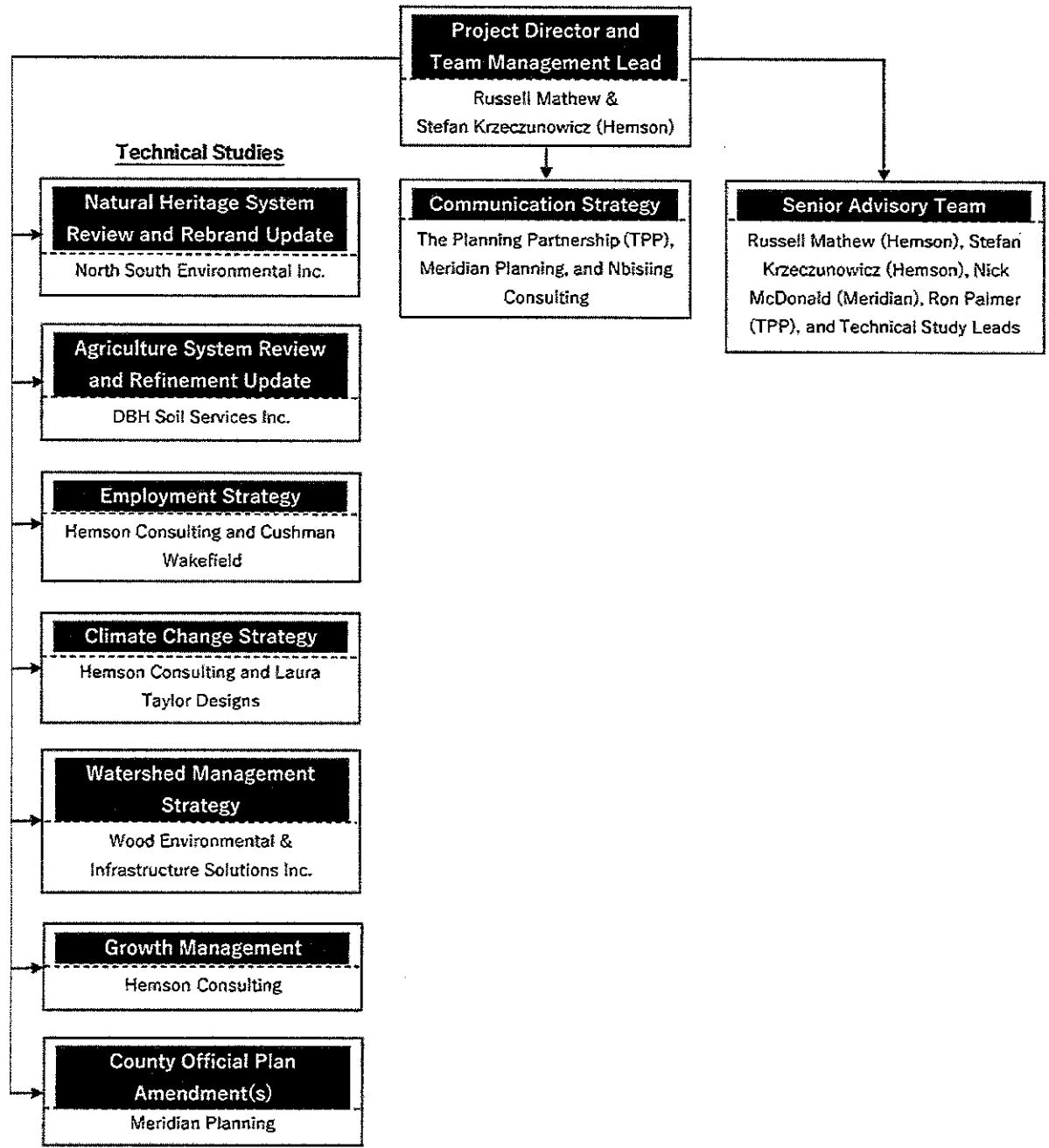
- Section 6—growth management in Simcoe Sub-Area
 - Schedule 8—primary settlement areas and key employment areas

- County must allocate growth to local municipalities
 - New LNA Methodology

- Section 2.2.8—settlement boundary expansions

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Consulting Team Roles & Responsibilities



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COUNTY OF SIMCOE

MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

Study Process

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Agricultural System



Watershed Plan



Natural Heritage System



Climate Change Strategy



Employment Lands Strategy



LAND NEEDS



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County of Simcoe - Official Plan Amendment

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Several Technical Studies Will Inform the MCR

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Technical Study	County/ Local Municipalities	Considerations
Land Need Assessment	County (Hemson)	What work has been done on intensification potential? More detailed analysis of land supply information
Agricultural Systems and Refinement	County (DBH Soils)	County-wide study
Natural Heritage System Review and Refinement	County (North-South Environmental / Wood)	County-wide study – studying natural heritage features to support urban expansion to be local responsibility
Employment Land Strategy	County (Hemson / Cushman & Wakefield)	Strategy will balance market perspectives with policy requirements
Watershed Plan Strategy	County (Wood)	
Climate Change Study	County (Hemson / Laura Taylor Designs)	
Public Facilities and Infrastructure Needs	Local Municipalities	Requirement of Growth Plan 2.2.8.3 a) and c)
Fiscal Impact Assessment	Local Municipalities	Requirement of Growth Plan 2.2.8.3 b)
Agricultural Impact Assessment	Local Municipalities	Requirement of Growth Plan 2.2.8.3 f), g) (MDS formula) and h)
County Official Plan Policies	County (Meridian) & Local Municipalities	Close collaboration with municipalities required to determine actual settlement boundaries
Public Consultant	County (The Planning Partnership / Nbisiing)	Includes consultation with indigenous communities

MCR is a Collaborative Exercise with Local Municipalities

Simcoe Local Area Municipalities



CLEARVIEW



Township of Springwater



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Role of local municipalities:

- **Advise** Consulting Team of background information and technical analysis relevant to the project
- **Provide** local data and mapping
- **Comment** on draft analysis related to MCR and technical studies
- **Prepare** justification for urban expansions
- **Participate** in meetings and workshops to provide input

Local Municipal Data Sharing

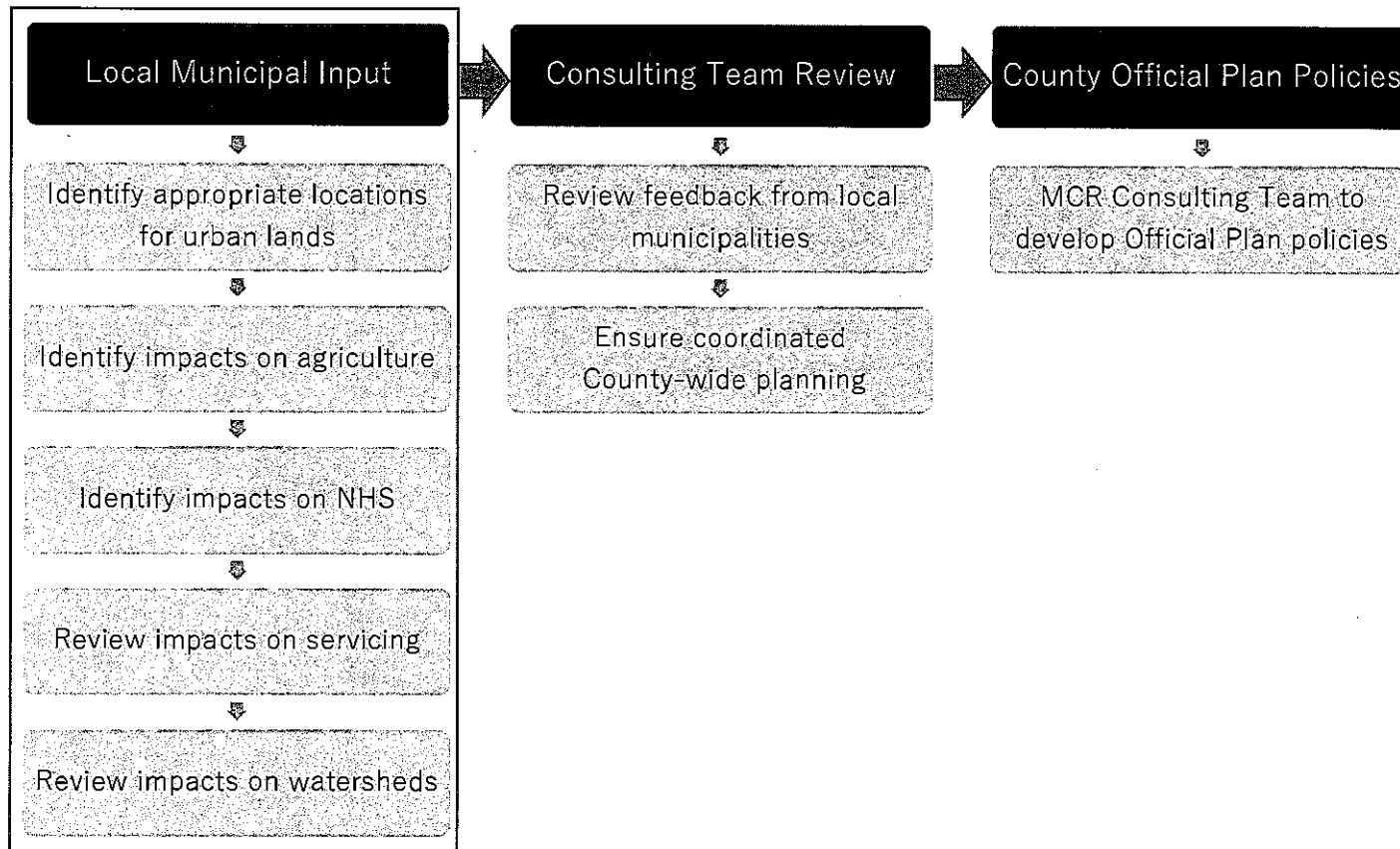
- Supporting data and analysis related to:
 - Natural heritage
 - Agriculture
 - Growth management
 - Employment demand (e.g. inventories, densities)
 - Land Needs Assessment (e.g. non-developable lands, intensification potential)
 - Climate change

- All data sharing to be done through County (for now)

- Any issues with data sharing?

Local Municipal Input is Needed to Determine Location of Future Urban Lands

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County Staff will be Key Point of Contact for Project

- Consulting Team will maintain regular communication with County staff throughout the assignment

- Questions/comments can be directed to:
 - **Dan Amadio, Manager of Planning**
705-726-9300 ext. 1005
dan.amadio@simcoe.ca

 - **Greg Marek, Manager of Planning**
705-726-9300 ext. 1362
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Work Program And Consultation At-a-Glance

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Data Gathering & Analysis

- Communications
- What is the MCR?
 - What are the opportunities for involvement?

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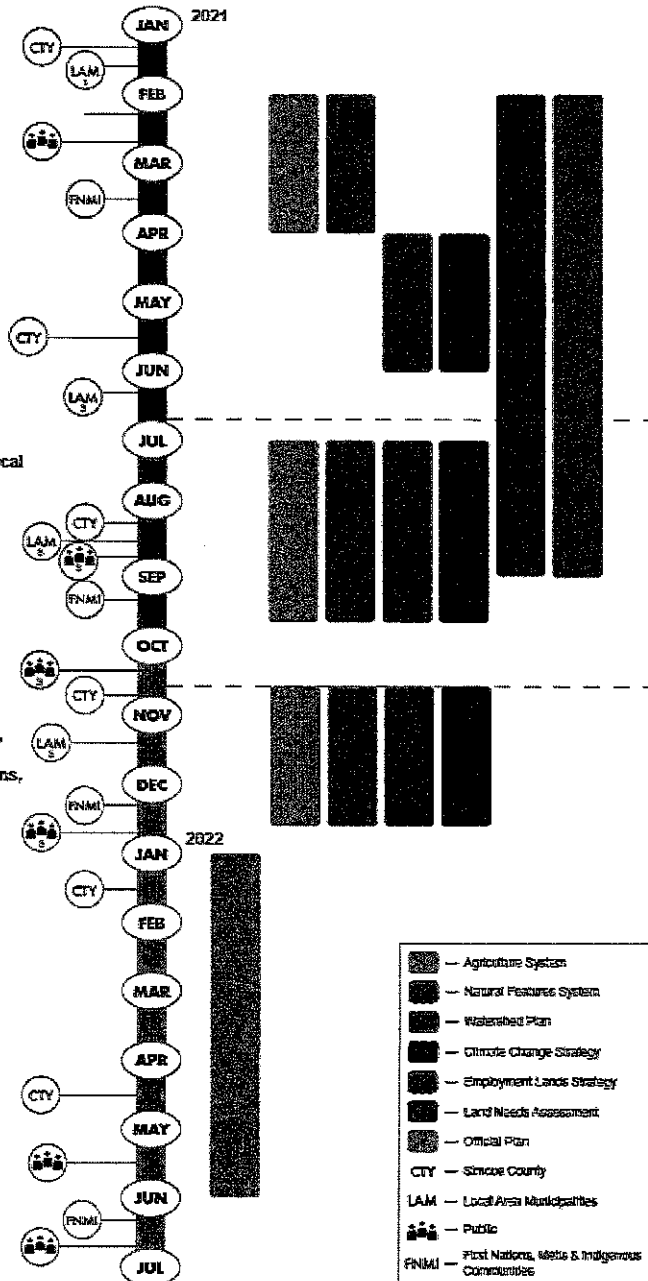
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PHASE 3

Prepare Technical Reports, Final Mapping & Final Technical Recommendations, Official Plan

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- Project components
- Phases/timing
- Engagement

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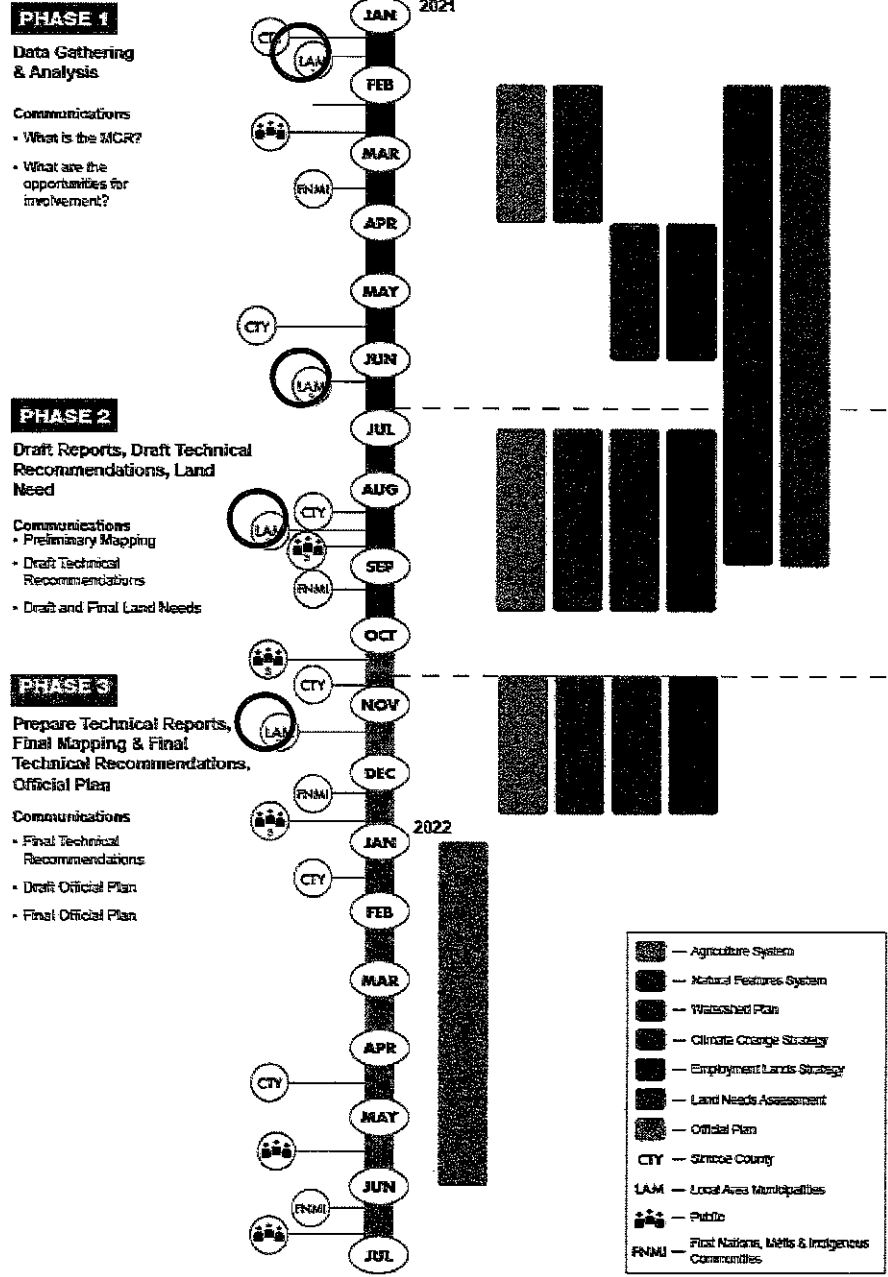
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Engagement Plan - Goals

- build awareness and understanding of the purpose of the MCR, which is mainly a technical exercise;
- effectively engage all stakeholders including County staff, staff at the Local Area Municipalities, conservation authorities, residents, landowners, community groups and business owners;
- build relationships with the stakeholders to generate broad-based support for the MCR;
- encourage participation and input through a variety of face-to-face and online forums; and,
- demonstrate a transparent process that explains how feedback and input was considered throughout the process.

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Work Program And Consultation At-a-Glance



Engagement Plan – People/Groups to Consult

- County of Simcoe staff
- County of Simcoe council
- staff from Local Area Municipalities
- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
- Indigenous/First Nations communities
- School boards
- Residents (seasonal and permanent)
- Community/business groups and associations
- Major Landowners/developers

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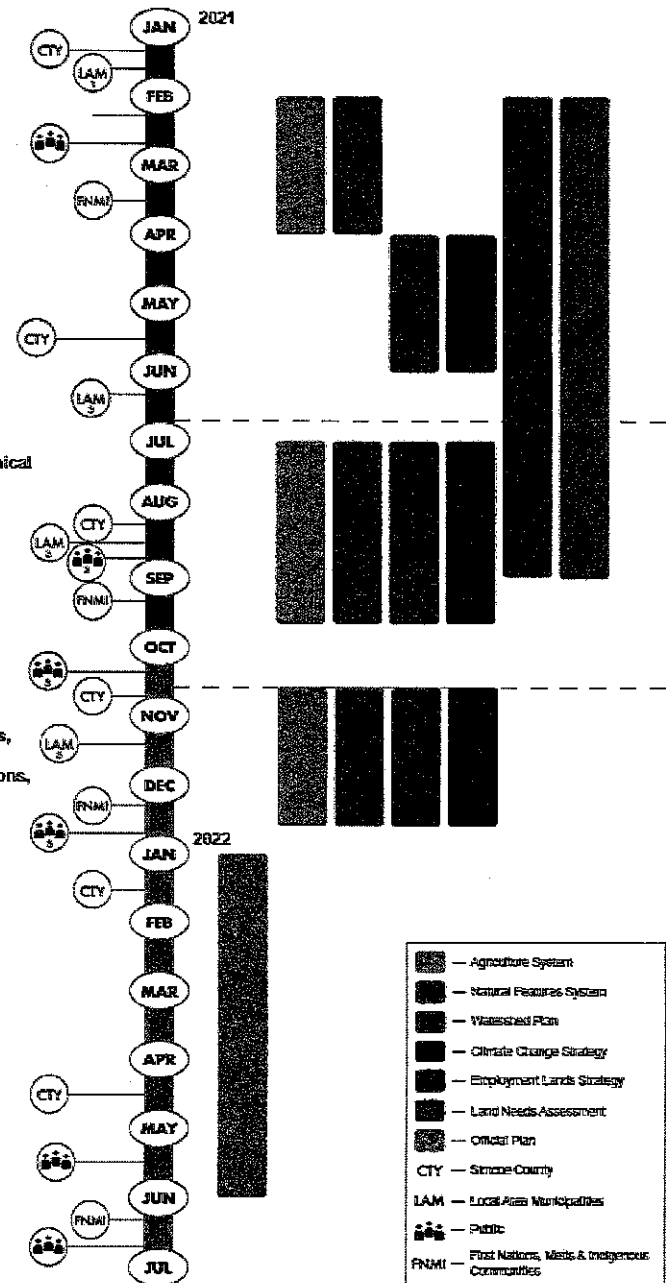
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Engagement Plan – Tools and Tactics

- Online meetings
- Telephone calls
- Face-to-face depending on direction from Public Health
- Updates posted online to the dedicated webpage
- Posts on social media to encourage engagement and feedback
- Project updates in the County’s regular communications tools
- Updates shared in media briefs for local media
- Email blasts to the study’s list of interested parties and circulated through the network of social media contacts

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Work Program And Consultation At-a-Glance

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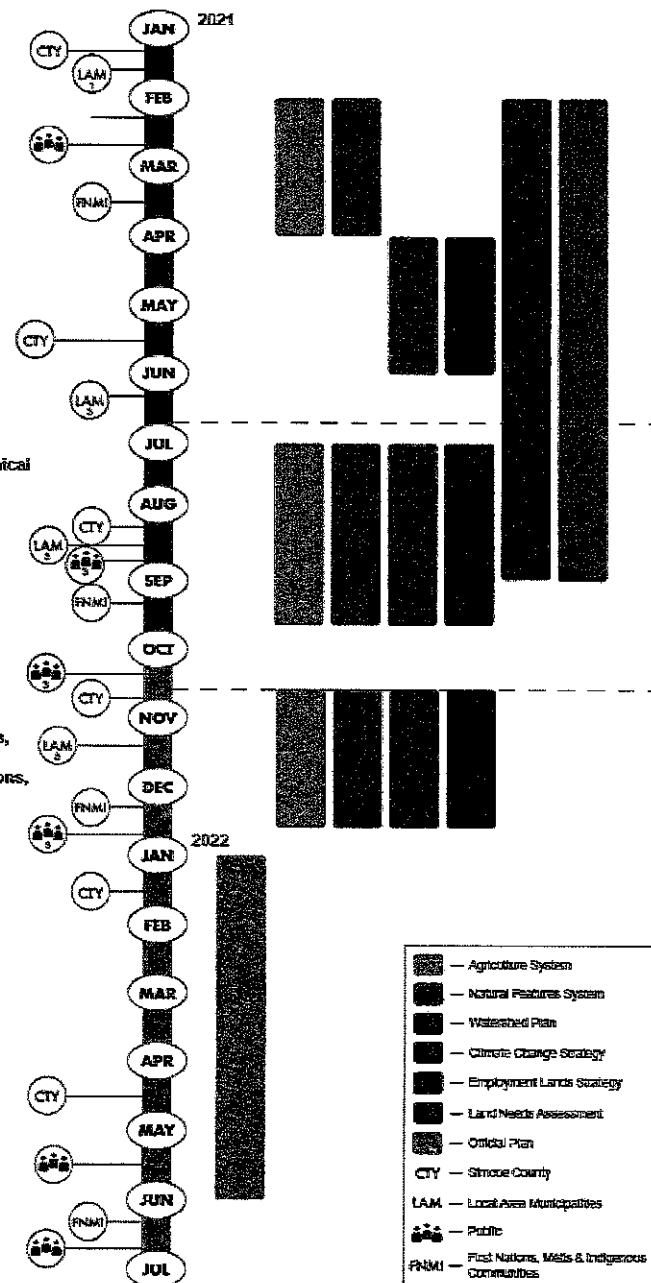
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Questions?

Next Steps

- Data gathering and review (underway)
- Initiate technical studies (underway)
- Develop content for Simcoe MCR website landing page
- Circulate material to local municipalities for review/comment

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