

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021**

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B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None.

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

None.

Township of Essa - Building Department Statistics

Nov-21						
Current						
Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	17	312	\$1,236,905.00	\$29,714,832.00	\$11,548.12	\$277,799.45
Commercial	4	20	\$124,040.00	\$124,040.00	\$2,380.80	\$18,691.76
Industrial	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Institutional	1	3	\$30,000.00	\$40,060.00	\$125.00	\$790.00
Public Utilities	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agricultural	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$373.07
TOTAL	22	337	\$1,390,945.00	\$ 29,878,932.00	\$14,053.92	\$ 297,704.28

Y.O.Y.	42	374	\$570,000.00	\$ 29,620,051.00	\$6,522.88	\$ 363,064.25	-18.00%
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION				
Dwelling Units Created				
Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	1	56	\$750,000.00	\$19,370,260.00
Mult Res Bldgs	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg	0	0	\$ -	\$0.00
TOTAL	1	56	\$750,000.00	\$19,370,260.00

Y.O.Y	23	123	\$ 5,799,000.00	\$ 27,835,000.00
	-95.65%	-54.47%	-87.07%	-30.41%

Reviewed by Chief Building Official Pedro Granes





November 24, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Dear Premier Ford:

The Regional
Municipality
of Durham

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RE: Bus Stop Dead End Roads, Our File: T02

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on November 24, 2021, adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas Dead-End Road delegations have been received from parents in attached correspondence, website www.durhamdeadendroadkids.ca and video www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCVNLSUKk&t=18s noting approximately 386 Durham Region kids and families remain in crisis walking kilometres daily to wait on highspeed roadway shoulders with winter dark coming;

And whereas the Ontario Ministry of Transportation has responded and now amended their Policy to allow and provide guidelines for reversing a school bus on a dead end road <https://www.ontario.ca/document/official-ministry-transportation-mto-bus-handbook/special-safety-precautions-school-bus-drivers> which is in keeping with the previous historic practice of using smaller buses, doing 3-point turns and using a spotter in rural areas;

And whereas to date 10 municipalities across Ontario have passed a resolution endorsing Scugog's bus stops on dead end roads Resolutions CR-2021-086 (April 26, 2021) and CR-2021-175 (June 28, 2021), given family safety challenges exist on dead-end roads throughout the province;

And whereas Report PWIS-2021-022, Williams Point Road and Beacock Road School Bus Turnarounds, be received noting municipal cost for construction of school bus turnarounds is prohibitive with 178 dead end roads now not accessed by Durham District School Board alone not including hundreds of roads around province, and any funds invested in turnarounds would not be consistent with asset management priorities promoted by the Province of Ontario;

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And whereas to date Durham Student Transportation Services have not re-considered the previous motions or adjusted their policies, citing Ontario Ministry of Transportation policy changes are “guidelines” only, <https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/10445254-mto-tweaks-unlikely-to-reverse-scugog-route-changes-dsts/> are not “direction to school boards” <https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/10445254-mto-tweaks-unlikely-to-reverse-scugog-route-changes-dsts/>, maintaining far-distanced highspeed roadside common stops are safer;

Now therefore be it resolved:

That Council request the Ministry of Education and the Province of Ontario to amend policies requiring Student Transportation Services and School Boards around the Province work with parents to facilitate the use of smaller buses, spotters, and 3-point turns or backing up where necessary, to provide safer service to dead-end and private road children and prevent the need for additional turnarounds to be constructed on municipal roads; and

That a copy of this motion and the staff report from the Township of Scugog be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Honorable Stephen Lecce (Minister of Education), Honorable Caroline Mulroney (Minister of Transport), Durham Student Transportation Services, all school boards serving Durham Region, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, all Durham MPPs, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA), and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).”

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #PWIS-2021-022, from the Township of Scugog, for your information.

Ralph Walton

Ralph Walton,
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

RW/ks

Attachment

- c: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transport
Nadiya Viytiv, Durham Student Transportation Services

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Durham District School Board
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District School Board
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Lindsey Park, MPP (Durham)
Laurie Scott, MPP (Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Brock)
David Piccini, MPP (Northumberland/Peterborough South)
Jennifer French, MPP (Oshawa)
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Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby)
All Ontario Municipalities
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works



Township of Scugog Staff Report

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Report Number: PWIS-2021-022

Prepared by: Carol Coleman, Director of Public Works and Infrastructure

Department: Public Works and Infrastructure Services

Report To: Council

Date: June 28, 2021

Reference: Strategic Plan Direction#1: Roads & Municipal Infrastructure
Strategic Plan Direction#7: Complete Community
Motion CR-2021-086 Re: Dead-End Road Kids – April 26, 2021

Report Title: **Williams Point Road and Beacock Road School Bus Turnarounds**

Recommendations:

1. **That** Report PWIS-2021-022, Williams Point Road and Beacock Road School Bus Turnarounds, be received;
 2. **That** funding not to exceed \$150,000 for the construction of turnarounds on Williams Point Road and Beacock Road to accommodate school buses, be provided through the Municipal Projects Reserve;
 3. **That** the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into Permission to Enter agreements on Beacock Road and Williams Point Road at the location of the turnarounds; and
 4. **That** Council and staff continue to work with Province of Ontario and the local school boards to change their policies to allow 3-point turns or backing up where necessary, to provide safer service to dead-end and private road children and prevent the need for additional turnarounds to be constructed on Township of Scugog roads.
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1. Background:

In June 2020, Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) notified the Township of Scugog that due to changes to their policy school buses would no longer service the following roads:

Road	New Bus Stop Location
Whitfield Road 230 m west of Honeys Beach Road	Indian Way and Whitfield Road
Williams Point Road/ Jack Rabbit Run (Caesarea)	Regional Road 57 and Williams Point Road
Beacock Road	Regional Road 57 and Beacock Road

The changes were the result of Section 7.2 of the DSTS Policy that states:

“Generally, school bus stops will not be located in areas such as cul-de-sacs or dead end streets. DSTS does not enter private property and roads, such as long rural driveways, gated communities and townhouse/apartment complexes.

DSTS reserves the right to determine if the roadway is suitable for travel, given road conditions and necessary space requirements factoring in turning radius of large school vehicles.”

Township staff and an adjacent property owner were successful in providing a solution to allow for ongoing use of the existing bus stop on Whitfield Road located 230 m west of Honeys Beach Road. There is currently a small loop on private property where school buses are able to safely turnaround. To meet the requirements of DSTS, a Permission to Enter Agreement was signed between the Township and the property owner in August 2020 for use of this turning loop.

However, on both Williams Point Road/ Jack Rabbit Run and Beacock Road, DSTS requires the construction of new turnarounds before they will return school buses to these roads.

2. Discussion:

2.1 Issues on Williams Point Road and Beacock Road

Williams Point Road/ Jack Rabbit Run runs northeast off of Regional Road 57 and is approximately 2.2 km in length. According to DSTS, 29 students on this road are eligible for school transportation. These students attend Port Perry High School, R.H. Cornish Public School and Cartwright Central Public School.

Beacock Road runs west off of Regional Road 57 and is approximately 2 km in length. There are 3 students eligible for school busing on this road that attend Port Perry High School and Cartwright Central Public School .

After receiving letters from DSTS about the changes to the bus routes, many parents on both these roads were upset and requested review of the transportation arrangements in accordance with Section 7.0 of the DSTS policy. The requests were reviewed by the DSTS Governance Committee in a meeting held on October 28, 2020 and changes to the decision were denied.

Many of the parents have expressed concerns about the school bus changes, including:

- The change in policy although bus stops have been in operation for 25+ years;
- The distance that some children will have to walk to the bus stop exceeds the maximum distance of 800 m in the DSTS Policy;
- The safety of children walking these distances on narrow roads that have no sidewalks or streetlights;
- The likelihood of congestion as the result of parents driving their children to the new bus stops, especially in the winter;
- The safety of children waiting for buses on RR 57; and
- The school bus service on the road was part of the decision making process to move to these locations.

2.2 Policy Change Requests

Despite considerable effort from Council, staff and parents, DSTS has held firm that they will not return the school buses to Williams Point Road/ Jack Rabbit Run or Beacock Road unless suitable turnarounds are available.

In an effort to change the DSTS Policy, at the April 26, 2021 Council meeting, Scugog Council passed the following resolution:

“That Dead-End Road delegations be received: from parents, video, site www.durhamdeadendroadkids.ca and attached correspondence and;

Whereas Dead-End Road kids (cul-de-sacs, private roads) busing being moved from long-time residential to highspeed (some 80km) common stop pickups; percentage of 830,000 Ontario bused students impacted as Student Transportation Services (STS) citing buses shouldn't access private roads, do 3-point-turns, or back up; kids expected to walk 1-2km twice daily (caregivers 4x) in morning dark, on narrow road shoulders, with no “bus stop ahead” warning signage;

Whereas Parents report employment/housing at risk. Must leave work to drop off/pick up children to avoid safety hazards of kids walking on highways

unsupervised; secondary school youth reporting education at risk as missing class/affecting grades; children with disabilities not helped like double amputee who needs stop moved 160ft; parents told it's their "responsibility to get kids to bus safely";

Whereas *Parents being told busing policy is schoolboard's, but they say it's STS's, who say it's Governance Committee or Ministry of Transportation, but Ministry of Education say it's "transportation consortia who administer policy"; and trustee, governance say cannot change policies, so parents appealing to police, press, & councils re dangers then; oncoming car killed 12-yr-old Cormac and injured sister while waiting at newly relocated bus stop at the base of a hill;*

Whereas *STS have advised road improvements are responsibility of municipalities, yet municipalities don't own needed land, nor have \$ millions to create 77m bus turnarounds, meanwhile;*

Whereas *Ontario Transportation Funding is \$1 billion; Jan 27/20 Ministry said they'd improve student transportation, review funding formula; and given STS gets their funding by scoring well in reviews, and given Ministry establishing "Student Transportation Advisory Group" to hear STS sector expertise, experience and ideas;*

Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Scugog requests:

That *exceptions to allow 3-point turns or backing up where necessary, to provide safer service to dead-end and private road kids, that policies be amended to reflect; when not possible;*

That *exceptions to allow indemnification agreements to access private land for bus turnarounds to keep bus stops safer and closer to prescribed 800 m distance; when not possible;*

That *"Bus Stop Ahead" warning signage be required to notify oncoming traffic, prior to STS moving common stop to main roadway;*

That *STS be comprised of solutions like mini-buses, vans, taxis, or public transit, worked into funding formula so doesn't negatively impact STS funding stats;*

That *Kid KPI "Key Performance Indicator" be included for Ministry "Effectiveness & Efficiency Follow Up Reviews", establishing benchmarks for responsive-problem-solving for kids & parents' busing concerns, and this be an STS factor to receive funding;*

That Province provide "Parent Portal" for ongoing busing feedback of their STS, so families and kids can review/provide comments, especially during Ministry STS reviews and revisions to funding;

That Province have GPS tracking software to notify parents when children picked up/dropped off, and

That this motion be distributed to Premier Doug Ford, Honorable Stephen Lecce (Minister of Education), Honorable Caroline Mulroney (Minister of Transport), Durham MPP Lindsey Park, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, all Durham MPPs, Durham Region, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA), and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)."

To date, the Township has not received a response from any of these parties regarding the requests.

2.3 Turnaround Designs

In order to assist in returning the school buses to Williams Point Road/ Jack Rabbit Run or Beacock Road, Township staff reviewed options to construct turnarounds on these roads.

On Williams Point Road/ Jack Rabbit Run, DSTS requires a turnaround for the largest size (70 passenger) school bus which requires a 24.5 m (80 feet) diameter turnaround. DSTS indicated that a smaller size bus has difficulty making the sharp turn on Williams Point Road and immediately navigating the incline through snow. Further using a smaller bus would not guarantee service along the roadway during winter months.

The Township considered two locations for the turnaround. The first was at the Williams Point Cottagers Association park property and the second was at the corner where Williams Point Road and Jack Rabbit Run meet. The second location was considered preferable as it would not impact parkland and would shorten the walking distance for children on Jack Rabbit Run. In order to determine whether such a turnaround was feasible, the Township retained a consultant to undertake a survey of the area and prepare a preliminary design. The turnaround was able to be designed primarily within lands owned by the Township but will have require permission to enter for land on the southeast corner of the turnaround. As well, the turnaround will require some trees to be removed and a Bell pedestal to be relocated.

On Beacock Road, DSTS indicated that a smaller turnaround of 19 m (62 feet) m diameter turnaround would be sufficient as a smaller bus could be used for this location. The best location was determined to be the west end of Beacock Road and the adjacent landowner has indicated willingness to enter into a Permission to Enter agreement for this turnaround.

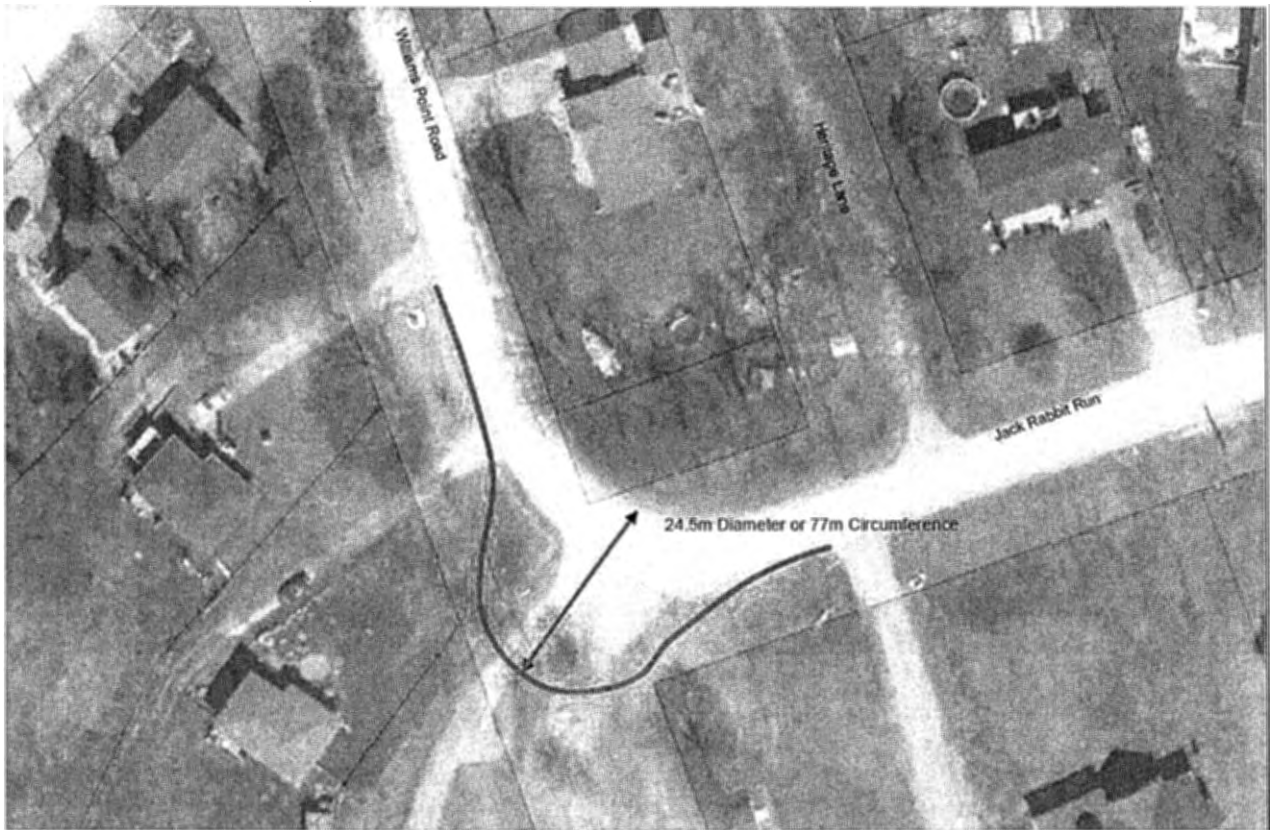


Figure 1: Proposed Location of Turnaround for Williams Point Road/ Jack Rabbit Run

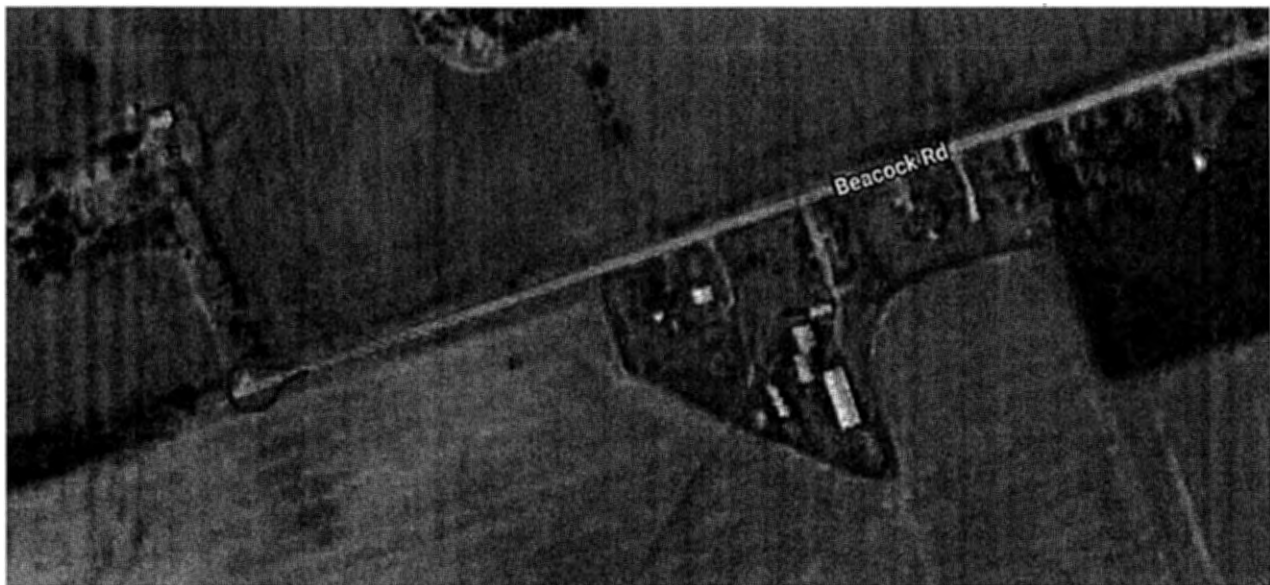


Figure 2: Proposed Location of Beacock Road Turnaround

3. Financial Implications:

As the need for the turnarounds were not known at the time the 2021 Capital Budget was prepared, this work is unbudgeted. The total estimated cost for the design and construction are provided below:

Planmac Engineering Inc.	\$15,000
Williams Point Road Turnaround	\$90,000
Beacock Road Turnaround	\$30,000
Contingency	<u>\$15,000</u>
Total Estimated Cost	<u>\$150,000</u>

The estimated construction costs include:

- Clearing and grubbing
- Removal of bitumous surface, earth excavation (to 500 mm depth), grading
- Supply and place 300 mm of Granular 'B'
- Supply and place 150 mm of Granular 'A'
- New 450 mm culverts
- Ditching and removal of material
- Asphalt and line painting for Williams Point Road (50 mm HL8, 30 mm HL3)
- Restoration of driveways and grass areas
- Mobilization/ demobilization
- Traffic control

The turnaround on Williams Point Road will also require relocation of a Bell pedestal. The cost for this relocation is not yet known.

It is recommended that the above costs be funded from the Municipal Projects Reserve.

4. Communication Considerations:

Township staff will notify DSTS, affected residents and the Williams Point Cottagers Association regarding the timing of the works.

Information will also be provided on our website throughout the length of the project to provide the public with a means to keep updated on the progress of the project and to notify of any closures, detours, etc.

5. Conclusion:

At this time the construction of school bus turnarounds on Williams Point Road/ Jack Rabbit Run and Beacock Road appears to be the only solution to have the school buses return to these roads and provide a much needed service for the children on these roads. Township Council and staff will continue to work with the Province of Ontario and the local school boards to change their policies to allow 3-point turns or backing up where necessary, to provide safer service to dead-end and private road children and prevent the need for additional turnarounds to be constructed on Township of Scugog roads.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Chief Administrative Officer

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From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
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Subject: AMO Policy Update - AMO Board Approves Indigenous-Municipal Relationship Agreement Guidance Document for Municipalities

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November 29, 2021

AMO Policy Update – AMO Board Approves Indigenous-Municipal Relationship Agreement Guidance Document for Municipalities

Municipal leaders are being looked to set the tone and be part of the constructive societal change in Indigenous Relations that is needed and expected. A question we have been hearing from members is how municipal governments leaders and staff can support the healing, learning, and restoration needed to strengthen reconciliation with Indigenous friends, neighbours, and communities.

Relationship Agreements can be helpful in building relationships and identifying areas of mutual concern and interest. By going through the process of creating an agreement, municipalities and Indigenous communities can continue (or begin) the process of developing mutual understanding and ongoing conversations. Completing this process will better equip all those involved to engage in meaningful, respectful conversations and solutions when issues do arise.

A guidance document is now available to support AMO members in creating Indigenous-Municipal Relationship Agreements. It was developed by the AMO Indigenous Relations Task Force and recently approved by the AMO Board of Directors. The goal of a relationship agreement is the establishment a long-term relationship of practical cooperation and commitment that is respectful of the Indigenous community. The agreement must also recognize the need for ongoing compatibility, coordination, and understanding between the parties.

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Since August 2021, the AMO Board has endorsed three documents to support our members in establishing and strengthening relationships with Indigenous communities. All three documents, including the Indigenous-Municipal Relationship Agreements, can be accessed [here](#).

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From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>

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Subject: AMO Policy Update - Ontario Broadband Strategy, Excess Soil Regulations (Webinar), Planning Act Delegations

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POLICY UPDATE

December 1, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Ontario Broadband Strategy, Excess Soil Regulations (Webinar), *Planning Act* Delegations

Ontario Broadband Strategy

Today the Ministry of Infrastructure announced the next steps in Ontario's nearly \$4 billion plan to connect all Ontario residents to high-speed internet by 2025. Infrastructure Ontario (IO) has posted its Request for Proposal (RFP) document and the next steps for allowing pre-qualified Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to bid on broadband projects. Ontario's plan includes significant provincial funding for internet and cellular connectivity projects as well as measures to expedite deployment of broadband technologies. Better broadband connectivity has consistently been a priority for municipal governments and AMO. The government's strong commitment and substantial funding delivers on this for Ontario residents.

Prequalified ISPs will be able to submit plans through a RFP to IO. Subsequently, the ISPs will also bid on predetermined areas for their projects through a "Reverse Auction" to propose project costs and needed provincial funding to connect designated areas. It is anticipated that projects will begin implementation in Spring 2022.

In addition to this announcement, AMO understands that the Ministry has written to affected municipal councils and staff as well as published Guidelines for municipal governments, LDCs, and ISPs to help set expectations on how they will interact

during project construction. AMO understands that the government will also propose future policy changes to expedite broadband projects, potentially including cost assignments where access delays or inaccurate information affect projects. In addition, it is planned that IO will offer a dedicated Technical Assistance Team to help municipalities and project proponents complete projects on time.

Finally, regulations have been filed for comment under the *Ontario Energy Board Act* (OEBA) which will allow ISPs to connect to hydro pole infrastructure as necessary to complete broadband connectivity projects and allow the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to set a different price for hydro pole access than currently required. This is in response to hydro pole access costs which have frequently been identified as a barrier to broadband deployment.

The Ministry will be hosting a webinar in early 2022 on the Statement of Intent and the Guideline. AMO will provide details on how to register as information becomes available.

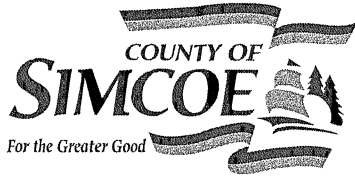
Excess Soil Regulations – Webinar Friday

Significant parts of the On-Site and Excess Soil Management Regulation (O. Reg 406/19) are scheduled to come into effect on January 1, 2022. To help explain these changes, AMO will be joined by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Resource Productivity Resource Authority (RPRA) for a webinar on Friday, December 3rd, 2021 from 1:00-2:30pm. [Click here for registration details.](#)

This will be an opportunity to ask the experts directly about the municipal implications of the changing excess soil regulation and to hear about the Registry that was launched today.

Planning Act Delegations

Schedule 19 of Bill 13, *Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021* proposes to make changes to the *Planning Act*, *Municipal Act, 2001*, and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*. If passed, the proposed amendments would expand the matters that the council of a local municipality may delegate to help streamline planning decisions. Delegating decisions would include temporary use by-laws, the lifting of holding symbols, and other minor zoning by-law amendments. It will be up to each municipality to determine whether to exercise this proposed new authority and the types of decisions to delegate. The proposed delegation of additional planning matters would not alter any notice or public meeting requirements or limit appeal rights.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County and area partners connect hundreds of local job seekers and employers through second Virtual Job Fair

Midhurst/November 25, 2021 – On November 9, the County and area partners, including member municipalities, the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, Georgian College, Lakehead University, Employment Ontario and the Province of Ontario, collaborated on another successful Work in Simcoe County job fair.

“County Council is focused on the local labour needs of our residents and businesses, and we continue to work with our partners to assist job seekers and help grow our local economy,” said Warden George Cornell. “We have expanding businesses and high-quality job opportunities across all sectors. Building on the success of our first Virtual Job Fair this past June, our second session generated more than 1,000 conversations between local employers and active job seekers.”

Data collected from the County of Simcoe’s www.workinsimcoecounty.ca website shows that in the month of October there were 9,684 active job openings in our region. The most in-demand skills were in sales and services, business, finance, administration, education, law, social, community and government services, and trades, transport and equipment operations.

The County Job Fair hosted 400 job seekers and 87 employers in a variety of industries including manufacturing and distribution, agriculture and food processing, hospitality and tourism, not-for-profit organizations, healthcare and social assistance, construction and the trades, education and training and more. This virtual event helped to increase awareness of local programs and services, including immigrant specific employment programs, career pathways such as apprenticeships and Employment Ontario programs available to both job seekers and employers.

Testimonials

“The Work in Simcoe County Virtual Job Fair was a fantastic opportunity to connect with local talent, engage with potential candidates and highlight what Friday Harbour has to offer as an employer of choice. The platform was very user friendly and staff were excellent to work with! Our team had a lot of fun participating in the event and we can’t wait to be a part of the next one!” – *Friday Harbour, Town of Innisfil*

In addition to promoting current job vacancies, the County is also promoting the benefits of living and working in Simcoe County. The workinsimcoecounty.ca page highlights real life stories of local workers, who have taken advantage of the unique opportunities offered in our region, including an outstanding work life balance and careers for innovators and problem solvers in key sectors such as manufacturing, engineering and tourism. A new video released by the County features perspectives of local champions from area companies, including Greenland, Crozier, Magna Techform and Friday Harbour speaking to their experiences living and working in the region. Check out the video at www.workinsimcoecounty.ca.

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About Work in Simcoe County

The Work in Simcoe County site includes local resources and job opportunities, as well as vital information to empower and inspire residents. Using an automated fetching tool to aggregate job listings from over 20 popular job boards and career sites and new user-friendly features, the portal provides services for job seekers, students, parents and local government and helps to link residents with local opportunities. To learn more, visit www.workinsimcoecounty.ca. A list of local Employment Ontario service providers in Simcoe County is available at <https://workinsimcoecounty.ca/hiring-help/>.

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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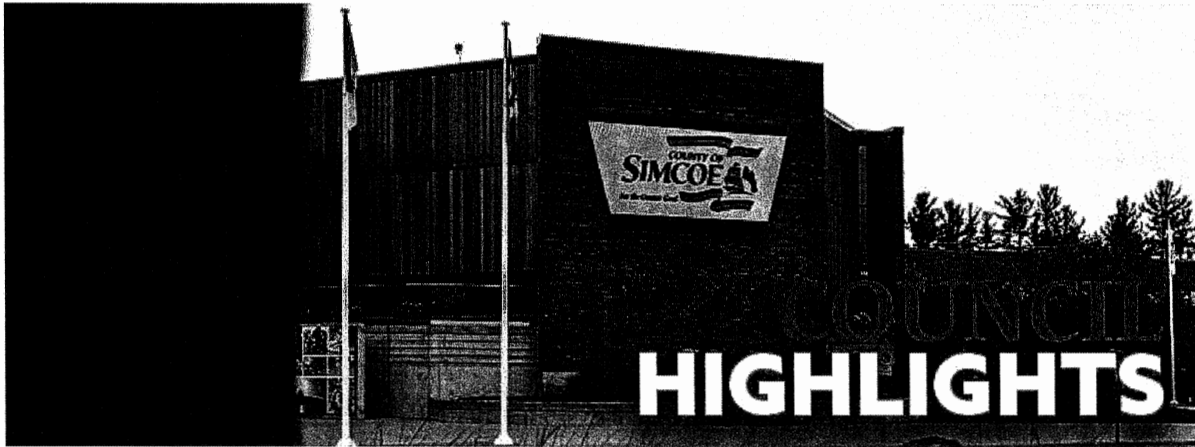
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Consent please

Lisa Lehr, CMO
Clerk
Township of Essa

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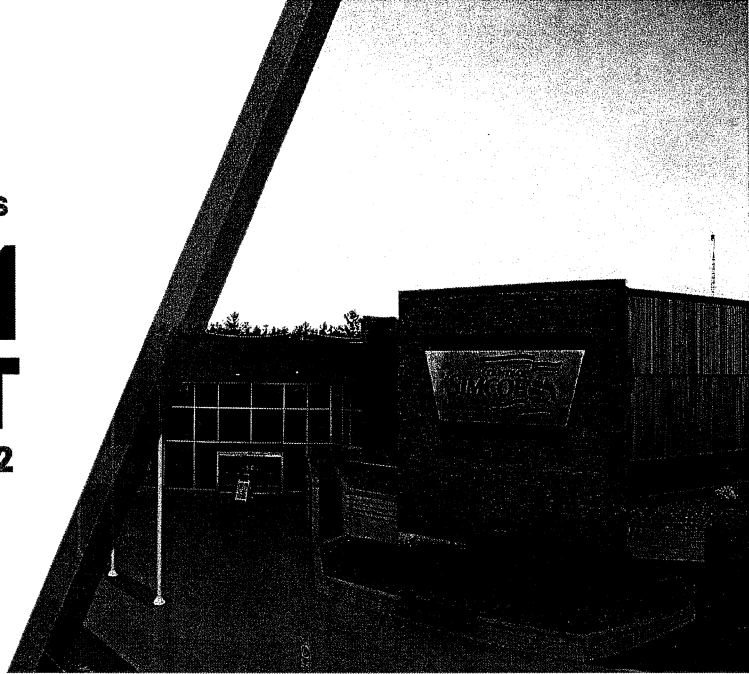


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COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES
\$638M
BUDGET
FOR 2022

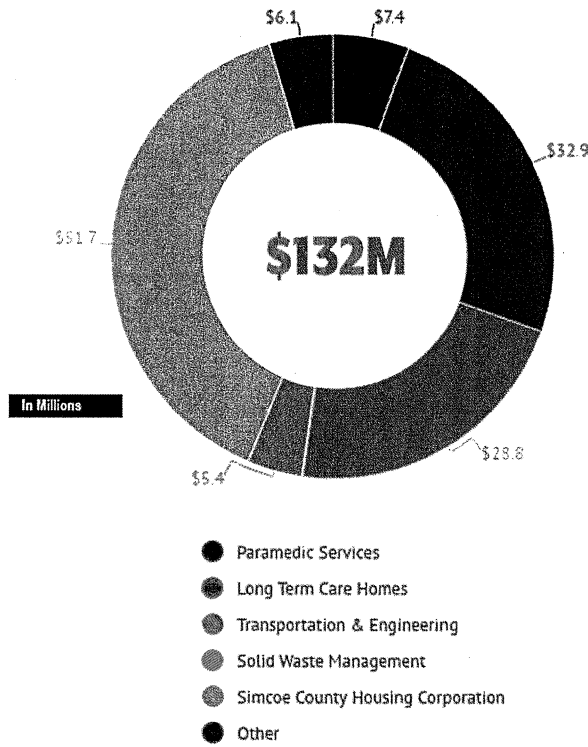


Click on the image above to review our 2022 budget.

County of Simcoe Budget

On November 23, 2021, County of Simcoe Council approved a \$638-million budget for 2022, which focuses on the resources necessary to maintain existing services, support our continued recovery from the pandemic, and address significant growth in our communities. The budget also includes strategic allocations that enable the County to continue to invest in services and assets such as Infrastructure, Long-Term Care, Paramedic Services, Affordable Housing, the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport, Waste Collections, Transit, Economic Development, Tourism and enhancements to our road network.

County Capital Expenditures
\$132M



At the direction and approval of County Council, residents will see a two per cent increase on the County portion of their municipal property taxes in 2022. This represents an increase of approximately \$5.47 per \$100,000 property assessment across the region. To maintain a two per cent increase on municipal property taxes, the County will be utilizing some reserves.

Automated Speed Enforcement

The Safer School Zones Act amended the Highway Traffic Act to introduce the use of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) in school zones and community safety zones across the province in 2017. To date, a total of 12

municipalities have implemented some form of ASE. Council requested County staff look into ASE at a County level.

On November 23, 2021, Council received a report outlining the current process, and estimated financial and resource implications for implementing ASE in the County. Staff will continue to monitor developments regarding both processing capacity as well as the approvals process within the province. The County will look to consider developing an ASE program in 2022 or 2023 and potentially include it as part of the 2023 budget development.

Homeless Shelter Services Update

As the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager, the County of Simcoe manages and leads the local system of homelessness supports and services in alignment with the County's 10-year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Strategy, municipal policy, federal and provincial requirements and in consultation with funded service providers.

Since the start of the pandemic there has been a marked increase in overall shelter usage. In the last week of October 2019, 94 individuals, including families with children, were noted as accessing shelter services. In the last week in October 2020, 221 individuals accessed temporary motel shelter settings in Simcoe County while the same week in 2021 saw 237 individuals in shelter.

On November 23, 2021, Council received a report on County staff's efforts to work closely with shelter providers and community partners to ensure adequate capacity within the shelter system during the winter months, and to plan for enhanced drop-in and respite supports specific to the needs of each local community.

SWM Facilities COVID-19 Update, Expanded Site Hours, and Mara Transfer Station Permanent Operating Days

The Solid Waste Management Department continues to operate waste management sites with safety measures as dictated by the Province's COVID-19 response framework. These protocols will continue to be adjusted based on the status of our region within the Province's framework and with recommendations or directions from local Health Authorities.

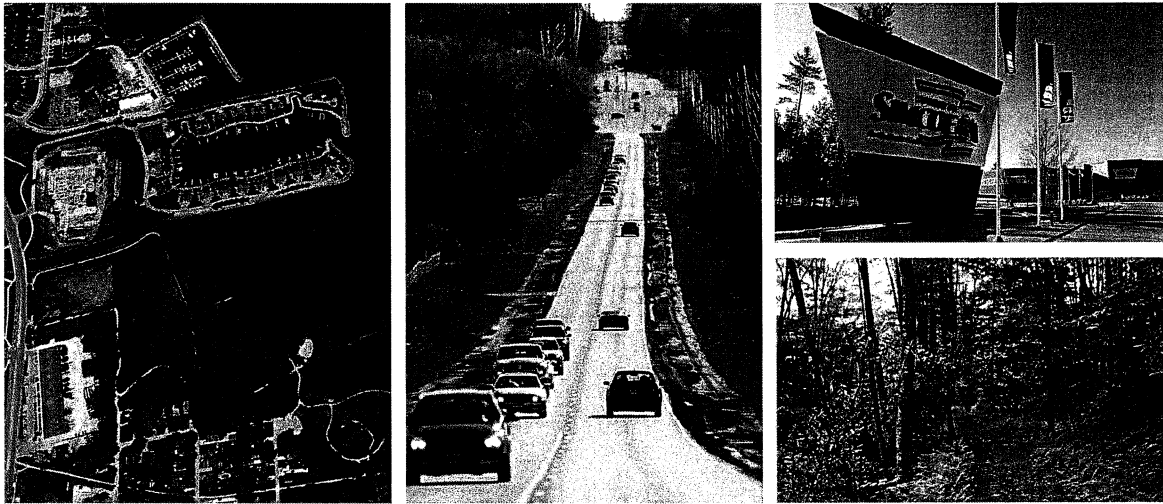
On November 23, 2021, Council approved staff's recommendation to increase facility hours. Starting December 6, 2021, all waste facilities will close at 4:30 p.m. instead of 4:00 p.m. The Mara Transfer Station will operate under a Thursday-Saturday schedule permanently, which will gain efficiencies in all sites staffing schedules and aid in staff retention.



COUNTY OF SIMCOE

MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

County Council MCR Progress Report



COUNTY OF SIMCOE
Tuesday, November 9, 2021



The Planning
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Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR)

Presentation by Stefan Krzeczunowicz, Associate Partner, Hemson Consulting

The government's role in any planning process is to balance sustainable growth and community needs while also protecting the environment. The Province is requiring that the County work collaboratively with member municipalities to undertake the MCR and allocate an additional 198,000 persons in population growth by 2051.

New population and employment growth is to be directed to the existing Settlement Areas throughout the County, which is a mandatory requirement as determined by the Province. The County and Provincial Natural Heritage Systems, as well as the prime agricultural area, will continue to be

protected for the long-term throughout the County. Our Official Plan already designates approximately 91% of the lands in the County of Simcoe as "Agricultural", "Rural" and "Greenlands" and thus are being protected from urban growth and development. As a result, there is only the potential for the other approximately 9% to accommodate this future urban growth within already identified and zoned settlement areas, existing registered plans of subdivisions, plus any new lands that might be added to a settlement through the MCR for long-range growth needs.

On November 9, 2021, Council received a report on the County's progress on the MCR. A Special Council Meeting regarding the MCR has been scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 1 p.m. This meeting will be a Council working session and will include a presentation by the MCR Consulting Team on all technical components of the MCR, with a question and answer period for Council members to follow.

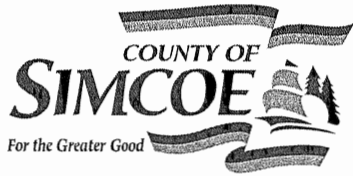
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November 23, 2021**

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County of Simcoe Paramedic Services Toy Drive Update – Week Three

Midhurst/November 26, 2021 – County of Simcoe Paramedic Services kicked off the 19th annual Toy Drive on November 12, 2021, so far collecting more than 650 lbs of food and more than \$900 in cash and gift cards.

The Toy Drive benefits local children and families during the holiday season. Donations, along with new, unwrapped toys and food will be accepted at various locations across Simcoe County. Visit simcoe.ca/toydrive to learn more.

Paramedics continue to encourage residents to consider donating virtually by visiting <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/simcoe-county-paramedic-association/>.

Over the next week, Paramedics will be collecting donations at the following locations (*following all safety guidelines and protocols*):

November 27, 2021

- Coldwater Foodland – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wasaga Beach Walmart – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wasaga Beach Santa Claus Parade – 5 to 7 p.m.

November 28, 2021

- Innisfil Santa Claus Parade – 5 to 7 p.m.
- Waubashene Santa Claus Parade – 1 to 3 p.m.

December 2, 2021

- Stayner Tree Lighting Ceremony – 5 to 7 p.m.

Donations can be also made at the County of Simcoe Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26 in Midhurst between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and at all County of Simcoe Paramedic Services stations, where outdoor drop boxes are now available (please do not leave monetary donations in drop boxes – only non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys).

COUNTY OF SIMCOE PARAMEDIC STATIONS:

- **Alliston** – 6933 Industrial Parkway
- **Angus** – 1 Tree Top Street
- **Barrie Simcoe Emergency Services Campus** - 110 Fairview Drive
- **Barrie North** - 667 Bayfield Street
- **Barrie Tiffin** - 113 Tiffin Street
- **Beeton** - 51 Main Street East
- **Bradford** - 170 Artesian Industrial Parkway, Units 6 & 7
- **Coldwater** - 1 Firehall Lane
- **Collingwood** - 169 St. Paul Street
- **Craighurst** - 2298 Horseshoe Valley Road, Oro-Medonte
- **Elmvale** - 17 Allenwood Road
- **Midland** - 395 Cranston Crescent
- **Orillia** - 68 West Street
- **Penetanguishene** - 10 Robert Street West
- **Stayner** - 6993 Highway 26
- **Stroud** - 2394 Victoria Street West
- **Wasaga Beach** - 23 Oxbow Park Road
- **Washago** - 401 Anchor Drive, Severn

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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Cc: EA Modernization (MECP) <EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca>; Cross, Annamaria (MECP) <Annamaria.Cross@ontario.ca>
Subject: Environmental Assessment Modernization Proposals – Moving to a project list approach and Extending Environmental Assessment Act approvals for certain projects

Hello,

I am writing to provide you with information about the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' ongoing efforts to modernize the environmental assessment program. As you may be aware, the ministry has been consulting on various aspects of environmental assessment modernization since 2019 including proposed amendments to eight class environmental assessments, some exemption regulations, and in September 2020, we began consultations on a proposed list of projects that would be subject to a comprehensive environmental assessment. On that note, I am writing to you today to let you know that we are now seeking input on the proposal for Moving to a project list approach under the Environmental Assessment Act that is attached and can be found here: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4219> and the proposal to extend the expiry date of Environmental Assessment Act approvals for certain projects through Minister's Notices that is also attached and can be found here: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4428>.

Proposed Comprehensive Environmental Assessment Projects Regulation (Designations – Part II.3 Projects)

Following the amendments to the *Environmental Assessment Act* made in July 2020, the ministry began work on the development of a number of regulations, including a regulation that will, if made, identify the projects that are subject to comprehensive environmental assessment requirements. We initially consulted on the proposed list of projects for comprehensive environmental assessments in fall 2020 and we are now consulting on the proposed comprehensive environmental assessment projects regulation and related actions, including posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario for a 60-day public review and comment period. The notice for this proposal may be viewed here: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4219>.

How can I learn more or comment on the proposed Comprehensive Environmental Assessment Projects regulation (Designations – Part II.3 Projects)?

In order to provide an opportunity for dialogue on the proposal, the ministry will be hosting webinars to provide an overview of the proposal, an opportunity to ask questions to the ministry and provide any comments or feedback for the ministry's consideration. You may register for an information webinar on December 17, 2021 by clicking on the following Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/modernizing-ontarios-environmental-assessment-program-tickets-201142882777>. Once you have

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registered, you will receive an email with further details, including login information. We are seeking your feedback on the proposal for the comprehensive environmental assessment projects regulation by January 25, 2022.

Comments can be shared directly with the ministry through the environmental registry or by e-mail at: EAModernization.mecp@ontario.ca.

Proposal to extend the expiry date of Environmental Assessment Act approvals for certain projects

The ministry is consulting on a proposal to extend the expiry date of *Environmental Assessment Act* approvals for certain projects. The amendments that were made to the *Environmental Assessment Act* in July 2020 included an unproclaimed provision imposing a 10-year expiry date for projects that are approved but do not have an expiry date and have not substantially commenced. Such an approval would expire on the later of the date the provision comes into force and 10 years from the date of approval. For example, for a project that was approved in 2009, if the approval has no expiry date and has not substantially commenced, it would expire on the date the new section of the *Environmental Assessment Act* comes into force.

The new section of the *Environmental Assessment Act* also allows the Minister to, by notice, extend the period within which the project is to be substantially commenced, extending the date of expiry. The Minister is proposing to issue Notices to extend the environmental assessment approval for nine projects by 10 years and is looking for feedback. Taking the example described above of a project approved in 2009, the proposal would extend the expiry date of the approval to 10 years from the date the notice is issued.

This proposal would ensure that old approvals would not remain valid indefinitely, unless the Minister exempts the project from the requirement or issues a notice to extend the expiry. The approvals for these projects would only expire when the expiry provisions under the *Environmental Assessment Act* come into effect.

Based on the ministry's detailed review of the conditions of the approval for these projects, we are satisfied that steps will be taken before a project proceeds to ensure environmental protection and oversight are in place.

The proposed extensions will ensure that the commitments made by proponents during consultation on these projects will be carried out. However, if at any time new information or a change in circumstance comes to the attention of the ministry, the Minister may consider this information and, where appropriate, may reconsider the approval and revoke or amend it.

If the proposed notices extending the expiry of the approval is given in respect of the nine projects, the approvals will not expire when the expiry date provisions in the *Environmental Assessment Act* are proclaimed into force.

In general, the conditions of approval for these projects are triggered prior to and during construction and during operation of the project. The conditions of approvals for these projects may be found in the “related files and links” sections of the environmental registry posting at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4428>.

Below are the projects proposed for extension to their approval.

Projects proposed for the 10-year extension

Project Type	Proponent Name	Project Name	EAA Approval Date	EA requirement if approval expires
Landfill	The Corporation of H. Dodge Haulage Limited	H. Dodge Haulage Landfill Expansion	February 11, 2009	This project would be subject to an Individual EA process under the current requirements and if the proposed designating regulation is made would be subject to a comprehensive EA (Refer to https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4219 for additional information)
Transit	The Regional Municipality of York	Markham North South Link Corridor Public Transit Improvements EA (Region of York proponent)	November 29, 2006	Regardless of whether the proposed designating regulation is made or not this project would be subject to the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) or Municipal Class EA (MCEA)
Highway	Regional Municipality of York	Transportation Improvements: Donald Cousens Parkway (Markham) to Morningside	January 23, 2013	Regardless of whether the proposed designating regulation is made or not this project would be subject to the MCEA

Project Type	Proponent Name	Project Name	EAA Approval Date	EA requirement if approval expires
		Avenue (Toronto)		
Transit	Toronto Transit Commission	TTC Bloor Danforth Westerly Extension of Subway	October 27, 1994	Regardless of whether the proposed designating regulation is made or not this project would be subject to the TPAP
Transit	City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Parks Commission	Niagara Falls People Mover System	August 8, 2001	Regardless of whether the proposed designating regulation is made or not this project would be subject to the TPAP
Transit	Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton	Ottawa-Carleton Cumberland Transit Way (Now City of Ottawa)	May 17, 2000	Regardless of whether the proposed designating regulation is made or not this project would be subject to the TPAP or MCEA
Marina	City of Windsor	City of Windsor Downtown Marina	November 27, 1996	This project would be subject to an Individual EA process under the current requirements and if the proposed designating regulation is made no environmental assessment requirements would apply based on the proposed comprehensive EA threshold of establishing a works (e.g., marina) that alters at least 1 kilometre of shoreline and filling of 4 or more hectares of a lakebed or riverbed. Refer to https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/01

Project Type	Proponent Name	Project Name	EAA Approval Date	EA requirement if approval expires
				9-4219 for additional information.
Highway	Ministry of Transportation	MTO Highway 17 (Haley Station to Meath Hill)	August 25, 2004	Regardless of whether the proposed designating regulation is made or not this project would be subject to the Ministry of Transportation Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities
Electricity	Ontario Hydro (OH)	OH Eastern Ontario Transmission Route (East)	January 29, 1986	This project would be subject to an Individual EA process under the current requirements and if the proposed designating regulation is made would be subject to a comprehensive EA (Refer to https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4428 for additional information)

How can I learn more or comment on the expiry date proposal?

We are seeking your feedback on the proposal to extend the expiry date for the approval of the above listed projects. Comments can be shared directly with the ministry by e-mail at EAmmodernization.mecp@ontario.ca by January 25, 2022 and the proposal may be viewed on the Environmental Registry of Ontario at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4428>.

We are committed to keeping you apprised about the environmental assessment modernization initiative as it moves forward, including opportunities to provide input as we continue to build a strong environmental assessment program. We value your perspectives on the environmental assessment program and look forward to your feedback.

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Sincerely,

A. Cross

Annamaria Cross
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

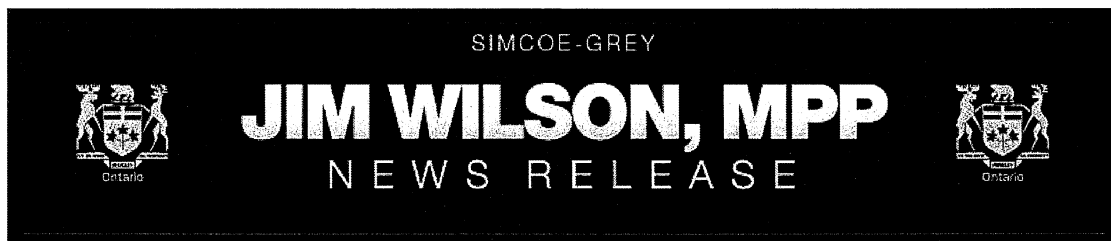
Attachments;

1. Proposal for Moving to a project list approach under the Environmental Assessment Act (ERO 019-4219)
2. Environmental Assessment Modernization – Moving to a Project List Approach under the Environmental Assessment Act
3. Bulletin on Extending the expiry date of Environmental Assessment Act approvals for certain projects (ERO 019-4428)

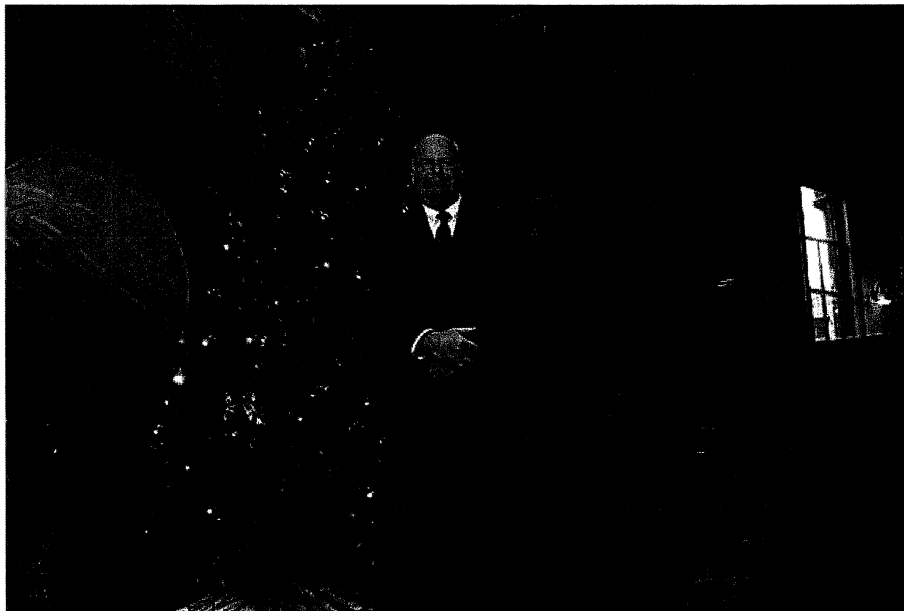
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From: Jim Wilson, MPP <jwilson@ola.org>
Sent: November 29, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Tis the Season



Tis the Season



The Christmas season is upon us. And, for those who celebrate, many will be looking to bring home and decorate a festive tree.

In 2015 Simcoe-Grey MPP Jim Wilson was pleased to sponsor the **Christmas Tree Day Act** to support the important industry which produces Christmas trees. Since then, Christmas Tree Day occurs in Ontario on the first Saturday of December every year.

“Real trees have been an essential part of our Christmas celebrations for generations,” said Mr. Wilson. “By purchasing a tree from one of the many growers in our region, we support a vital industry which employs thousands of workers,” he added.

There are dozens of growers in Simcoe-Grey who offer activities for people young and old who want to enjoy the season with family and friends while selecting a fresh cut-your-own or pre-cut tree. Many of the farms offer activities ranging from visits with Santa and seasonal beverages, to horse- or tractor-drawn wagon rides.

Some of the popular places you can visit in our area include: the Drysdale Tree Farm and Evergreen Store on County Rd. 56 in Egbert, Jingle Bell’s U-Cut on County Rd. 124 in Collingwood and Quesnel Forest Christmas Tree Farm, also on County Rd. 124.

Start the holiday season by purchasing a locally grown tree this upcoming **Christmas Tree Day, Saturday, December 4th**.

To learn more about how to select a Christmas Tree and care for it, visit the **Christmas Tree Farmers of Ontario website**.



December 1, 2021

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

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: National Childcare Program
Our Files:**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on November 15, 2021, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

"WHEREAS the province of Ontario has the most expensive childcare in the country, presenting a financial hardship for many families and a barrier for women's full economic participation; and

WHEREAS the \$34 billion early learning and childcare spending commitment announced this year by the federal government will bring transformative change to childcare by lowering parent fees and expanding the supply of regulated not-for-profit and public childcare in this country; and

WHEREAS the federal government has already reached childcare agreements with BC, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory, PEI, Newfoundland and Labrador and Quebec; and

WHEREAS the provisions of each agreement vary to some degree, but the majority of the jurisdictions have agreed to use the federal funds to:

- (a) lower parent fees by 50 per cent by the end of 2022 and to \$10 a day by 2025-26 or sooner;
- (b) improve the wages and working conditions of early childhood educators, and
- (c) publicly fund the expansion of not-profit and public childcare;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines request that the provincial government take the necessary steps to work with the federal government on

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a bilateral agreement to ensure the new national child care program be made available to Ontarians, and that it focuses on increased access, affordability, quality and responsiveness, all of which are essential to the COVID-19 pandemic response; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff actively monitor federal developments and engage in provincial and regional discussions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council request the City Clerk circulate Council's decision to other municipalities in Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.”

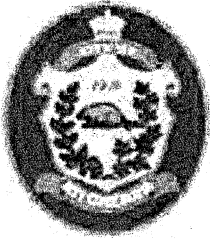
If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bonnie Nistico-Dunk".

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: Niagara Area MPPs
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario, amo@amo.on.ca

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December 1, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on November 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding fire safety measures:

"WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, in December 1975, enacted the Ontario Building Code for the purpose of regulating the construction of new, safe buildings within the Province of Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, in November 1981 enacted the Ontario Fire Code for the purpose of maintaining the life safety systems of all buildings within the Province of Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, in November 1983 began the process of amending the Ontario Fire Code to include Retrofit provisions, for the purpose of providing a minimum level of life safety for those existing buildings which had not been built under the provisions of any version of the Ontario Building Code; and,

WHEREAS the government of Ontario, in October 1992 amended the Ontario Fire Code Retrofit provisions, for the purpose of providing a minimum level of life safety to buildings classed as low rise residential (9.5); and,

WHEREAS October 2021 marks twenty-nine (29) years since the requirements outlined by Retrofit 9.5 have been substantially updated; and,

WHEREAS this lack of currently appropriate standards for self-closing devices on suite doors and positive latching on exit stairwell doors has led to significant serious injuries, deaths, long term dislodgement of residents, and significant unnecessary insurance loss due to allowed building deficiencies;

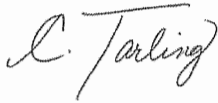
THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener urges the government of Ontario to direct the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office – Technical Services, to undertake an immediate review of that portion of the Ontario Fire Code known as Retrofit Section 9.5;

THEREFORE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener urges the Government of Ontario to, as expeditiously as possible, amend the Ontario Fire Code Sentence 9.5.2.8.(1) to require self closing devices on all suite closures (doors) within low rise residential buildings: and,

THEREFORE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener urges the Government of Ontario to, as expeditiously as possible, amend the Ontario Fire Code Sentence 9.5.3.3.(3) to require that closures (doors) entering exit stairwells be equipped with both self-closing devices and positive latching; and,

THEREFORE IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and, all other Ontario municipalities."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

- c: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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December 1, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
 Prime Minister of Canada
 80 Wellington Street
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Dear Prime Minister:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on November 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding conversion therapy:

"WHEREAS Conversion practices or conversion "therapy" (also known as "reparative therapy", "reintegrative therapy" or "aversion therapy") include any treatment, practice, or sustained effort that has the intended effect of denying, repressing, discouraging or changing a person's non-heterosexual sexual orientation, noncisgender gender identity or gender expression, or any behaviours associated with a gender other than the person's sex assigned at birth; and,

WHEREAS all such practices are unscientific, dangerous and proven to cause harm to their victims; and,

WHEREAS such practices are opposed by more than 50 professional associations, including the Canadian Association the Canadian Association of Social Workers, Canadian Psychiatric Association, Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health, Canadian Psychological Association, College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario, as well as the United Nations and World Health Organization; and,

WHEREAS Bill C-6-2020, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Conversion Therapy), which proposed five conversion therapy related offences, was an historic piece of legislation preceded by decades of advocacy by conversion practice survivors, that progressed to the second reading stage in the Senate before dying on the order paper when an election was called in August 2021; and,

WHEREAS several cities across Canada have adopted bylaws to prohibit conversion practices or are in the process of doing so, including the City of Kingston and the City of Thunder Bay in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the City has adopted a Strategic Plan with a theme of being a "Caring Community", which includes a commitment to supporting our diverse populations, including the removal of social stigmas and where possible being more equitable and inclusive; and,

WHEREAS Kitchener continues to seek opportunities to demonstrate leadership in making all those within our community feel equal and included;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council formally denounce conversion practices as dangerous and harmful, perpetuating myths and stereotypes about sexual orientation and gender identity and expression; and,

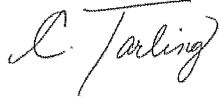
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener request our Office of Equity, Anti-Racism and Indigenous Initiatives explore ways to support conversion therapy survivors and those at risk; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council direct City staff to continue to monitor legislative developments at the federal and/or provincial orders of government pertaining to conversion therapy, and in conjunction with any actions taken by them and our regional and municipal partners locally, bring a report to Council outlining any further legislative and/or policy actions which may be contemplated by the municipality to further prohibit conversion practices, and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Housing, and Diversity and Inclusion, Minister of Justice, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, and area Members of Parliament urging creation of a new bill within the first 100 days of their mandate which will include a "no consent" provision to protect Canadians of all ages; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forward to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario encouraging both the Province and other municipalities to also formally denounce and take action to prohibit conversion practices against all persons regardless of age."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

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December 1, 2021
The Honourable David Piccini,
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
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**SUBJECT: Transition Plan for Submission to Ministry of Environment
Conservation and Parks (MECP) from the Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority (NVCA)**

Purpose of this Document

The *Conservation Authorities Act* requires conservation authorities to prepare Transition Plans outlining steps and timelines for the preparation of an Inventory of Program and Services and for the development and execution of funding agreements with participating municipalities.

The passage of Regulation 687/21 "Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services Under Section 21.1.2 of the Act" requires the development of Transition Plans by each Conservation Authority. The Transition Plans are to outline the process and timelines for the development of cost apportioning agreements with municipalities within their jurisdiction for non-mandated programs and services

The NVCA Transition Plan sets out the process and timelines for the development and execution of memorandum of understandings (MOUs)/agreements between NVCA and Municipal Partners located in Simcoe, Dufferin and Grey Counties to fund program and services that are not deemed to be provincially mandatory core services outlined in the *Conservation Authorities Act* and associated regulations.

Workplan

NVCA staff reviewed the Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide released by MECP on May 13, 2021, which included discussion with the board of directors to provide initial information on the proposed changes to the Act and the regulatory consultation guide.

Phase 1 Part 1 Workplan

The following workplan lays out steps to be taken by NVCA and associated timelines to develop and enter into funding agreements with the Municipal Partners for non-

mandatory programs and services at the request of a municipality with municipal funding through a MOU and programs and services an authority determines are advisable where municipal funding is needed

With the final Phase 1 regulations released from MECP on October 7, 2021, NVCA staff has developed a Transition Plan based on the transition period and requirements provided by MECP.

This Transition Plan has been completed by December 31, 2021 and was distributed to Minister Piccini, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and to NVCA member CAOs of the 18 municipalities within our watershed.

Prior to this distribution, the NVCA Board of Directors received and approved the plan noted approval below:

Staff Report No. 46-10-21-BOD from Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer regarding Transition Plan for Submission to Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP). RES: 67-21

Moved by: Cllr. Shirley Boxem Seconded by: Cllr. Rob Nicol RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 46-10-21-BOD regarding the Transition Plan for the MECP in accordance with Section 21.1.4 of the Conservation Authorities Act be approved for submission by the Board of Directors. Carried November 26, 2021.

The Transition Plan will be circulated to the Minister MECP, all 18 Municipal Partners and posted on the NVCA website before December 31, 2021.

Part 2 Phase 1 Inventory of Programs and Services

NVCA still will utilize Conservation Ontario template to complete inventory of programs and services which is required to be completed by February 28, 2022 and circulated to member municipalities and posted on the NVCA website

Prior to this distribution, the NVCA Board of Directors will receive and approve the inventory. The inventory of programs and services will be classified as either:

- Category 1 Mandatory,
- Category 2 Municipal or
- Category 3 Other.

These categories are identified in Section 21 of the Conservation Authorities Act.

The inventory will include an estimate of the annual cost of the service, sources of funding and the percentage attributed to each funding source. In addition, a record of the municipal distribution of the inventory is to be forwarded to the MECP. Any changes to the inventory after February 28, 2022 will be documented and forwarded to MECP.

Transition Plan

Timeline	Action	Status
October 2021	Review existing MOUs and Agreements to set the stage for future budget submissions, timing of subsequent meetings, preliminary concerns with deadlines	Complete
October 25- November 10, 2021	Development of Transition Plan	Ongoing
November 26, 2021	Presentation of Transition Plan to NVCA Board	Completed 11/26/21
December 1, 2021	Submission of Transition Plan to Ministry of Environment and Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Municipal Partners	Completed 12/01/2021
December 1, 2021	Post Transition Plan on NVCAs website	Completed 11/29/2021

Phase 1 of Transition Period

Timeline	Action	Status
September 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022	Development of Inventory of Program and Services - identification of category classification, funding sources, average annual cost.	Ongoing
January 1, 2022 - February 18 2022	Ongoing work to complete Inventory including co-ordination/consultation with adjacent CAs and Municipal Partners as required	Ongoing
February 25, 2022	Presentation of Inventory of Program and Services to NVCA Board	To be completed
February 28, 2022	Submit Inventory of Programs and Services and record of consultation to MECP and Partner Municipalities	To be completed

Phase 2 of the Transition Period

Timeline	Action	Status
March 2022 - June 2023	Ongoing discussions with Municipal Partners regarding timing, form, and content of MOUs/agreements	Ongoing
July 1, 2022	Submit Progress Report to MECP	To be completed
October 1, 2022	Submit Progress Report to MECP	To be completed
January 1, 2023	Submit Progress Report to MECP	To be completed

April 1, 2023	Submit Progress Report to MECP	To be completed
July 1, 2023	Submit Progress Report to MECP	To be completed
October 1, 2023	Submit Progress Report to MECP	To be completed
June 2023	NVCA Board approval of 2024 preliminary levy submission	To be completed
September/November 2023	NVCA Board endorsement of Funding MOU/agreement and 2024 levy submission	To be completed
November/December 2023	Municipal Partners Approval of MOU/agreement	To be completed

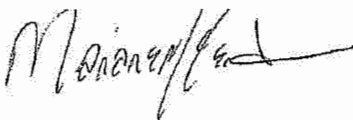
Relevance to Authority Policy/Mandate

The Plan will allow NVCA Staff to complete the associated body of work that will allow the organization to become fully compliant under the CA Act by January 1, 2024.

Impact on Authority Finances

During the transition process the 2022 Budget will be in a status quo format following the design of former NVCA budgets. As the transition continues the budget for 2023 will see the budget process begin to conform to the recent changes to the regulations culminating in 2024 with a budget that is fully compliant to the recent regulatory changes.

Original Signed and approved by:



Mariane Mcleod
 Councillor, Town Of Collingwood
 NVCA Chair



Doug Hevenor
 Chief Administrative Officer



NVCA November 2021 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: December 10, 2021, held virtually.

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

Presentation on NVCA's Living Snow Fence Program

Rick Grillmayer, NVCA's Manager of Forestry, gave a presentation regarding the living snow fence program.

Living snow fences are trees or other plants that are strategically planted to stop snow from blowing from fields to roadways. These fences form a barrier that slows the wind that carries the snow, in turn stopping the snow from drifting onto roads.

In many municipalities in the Nottawasaga Watershed, snow drifting on roads creates dangerous driving conditions, forcing road closures. While living snow fences are a good option solve this problem, the distance where the trees are planted must three times the height of the trees.

As road allowances in the watershed are too narrow to allow this distance, living snow fences must be planted on private land. However, the majority of private land in the watershed is used for agriculture, therefore once living snow fences are planted, farmers lose around 0.4 hectares (1 acre) of area where they can farm, as it is difficult manipulate large farming equipment between the rows of trees.

The County of Dufferin worked with NVCA and the Grand River Conservation Authority and created an incentive program for private landowners to plant living snow fences. However, the uptake was very low.

Possible solutions are to create a performance incentive tied to the value of the land, or purchasing the land where snow fences should be planted.

2022-2026 Lake Huron Lakewide Action and Management Plan

Under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, the governments of Canada and the United States are committed to restore and maintain the physical, biological and chemical integrity of the waters of the Great Lakes.

Every five years, the two countries prepare and issue Lakewide Action and Management Plans (LAMP) for each of the five Great Lakes.

The Lake Huron Partnership will deliver the next Lake Huron LAMP by the end of 2021.

2021 Year End Surplus/Deficit Allocation

The NVCA Board of Directors approved that any deficit/surplus for 2021 will allocated accordingly to the budget reserve.

Transition Plan for Submission to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks

The *Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act)* requires conservation authorities to prepare transition plans outlining steps and timelines for the preparation of an inventory of program and services and for the development and execution of funding agreements with participating municipalities.

NVCA's transition plan sets out the process and timelines for the development and execution of memorandum of understandings/agreements between partner municipalities to fund program and services that are not deemed to be provincially mandatory services outlined in the *CA Act* and associated regulations. [Please refer to NVCA's website for the details of the transition plan.](#)

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**Updates to the Hearing Guidelines
Appendix B of Procedures for
Implementation of Ontario
Regulation 172/06**

NVCA staff work with permit applicants in an attempt to find a solution to their proposal to ensure that it is in conformity with approved policies and legislation.

However, there are occasions when a mutually agreeable solution cannot be reached, and NVCA staff may recommend refusal of the application to the Board of Directors. In these cases, applicants can request a hearing by NVCA's Board of Directors, in accordance to Section 28 of the *CA Act*.

With the passage of Bill 229, *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act* (Budget Measures), 2020, a new section of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (Section 28.01) came into force. This section governs the appeal process for applicants granted Minister Zoning Orders.

NVCA's Board of Directors approved an update to the hearing guidelines to reflect the changes related to Minister's Zoning Orders.

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December 6, 2021

Dear noise practitioners and stakeholders:

This letter is to inform you that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is updating the noise prediction methods used for assessing road and rail traffic to protect Ontarians from excessive noise levels and ensure that our noise pollution control methods are effective and based in current science.

The new guideline will ensure that proponents use up to date noise prediction methods when determining sound levels caused by road and rail traffic. This will result in more accurate noise predictions compared to the 1995 methods that are currently in place. Also, proponents who have been asking for permission from the ministry to use newer noise prediction methods will no longer have to seek this approval.

Without changing established noise limits, the new guideline will allow proponents to make realistic predictions of noise impact with updated technology in a way that is consistent with current methodologies. The updates will allow us to protect our environment better from the adverse effects of noise.

For further details on NPC-306, please access the link to the policy proposal on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-3239>

If you have any further questions, please contact Mary Ianni, Program Support Coordinator at Client Services and Permissions Branch, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division by email mary.ianni@ontario.ca or by phone 437-788-6772.

Sincerely,



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