

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

1. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO):
 - p. 1 a) June 10, 2021 – AMO Policy Update – Province Announces Employment Services Changes and Phase 2 of Natural Gas Expansion Program in Rural, Northern, and Indigenous Communities.
 - p. 3 b) June 16, 2021 – AMO 2021 Training – Human Rights and Equity – The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders.
 - p. 6 c) June 17, 2021 – AMO Watchfile.
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2. Resolution from the City of St. Catharines dated June 11, 2021, re: Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

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 - p. 24 c) June 22, 2021 – County Publishes Annual Report Card on 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy.
 - p. 26 d) June 24, 2021 – Circulation of Housing Our Future: 2020 Annual Report.

5. Resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach dated June 18, 2021, re: Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks – Public Consultation – Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide: Regulations Defining Core Mandate and Improving Governance, Oversight and Accountability of Conservation Authorities.

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6. Resolution from the Town of Fort Erie dated June 22, 2021, re: Licensing of Cannabis Operations – Previously Operating Illegally.

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7. Resolution from the Township of Wainfleet dated June 23, 2021, re: Action on Invasive Phragmites.

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8. Resolution from the Township of Tay Valley dated June 23, 2021, re: Endorsement of 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Initiative.

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9. Correspondence from the Simcoe County Historical Association dated June 23, 2021, re: SCHA Summer News and Views Newsletter.

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10. Correspondence from the County of Simcoe dated June 25, 2021, re: Council Highlights.

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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.

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

Sent: June 10, 2021 2:21 PM

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

Subject: AMO Policy Update - Province Announces Employment Services Changes and Phase 2 of Natural Gas Expansion Program in Rural, Northern, Indigenous Communities

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June 10, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Province Announces Employment Services Changes and Phase 2 of Natural Gas Expansion Program in Rural, Northern, and Indigenous Communities

Employment Services Changes

The provincial government has announced that it is proceeding with a process to select service managers to oversee the planning, design, and delivery of employment services in defined catchment areas. This builds on the existing prototypes already established in: Peel, Hamilton-Niagara, and Muskoka-Kawartha. The province-wide implementation will be phased over the next few years starting with lower complexity areas and is expected to be completed in 2023. Higher complexity areas such as Northern Ontario and Toronto will be in the final phase.

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development has communicated about the changes to municipal governments and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs) that administer Ontario Works. They are eligible to apply to become an employment services manager and would compete with other potential vendors including non-profit organizations, post-secondary institutions, and private companies. Those municipalities and DSSABs that are not interested in applying or unsuccessful with their application, will have their current employment services function for Ontario Works clients transferred to the provincial Employment Services network under the new service manager. This happened in the first three prototype areas.

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The first step in the complete bidding process is a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The RFQ document will be available on the [Ontario Tenders Portal](#) under reference Tender #14920.

Expanding Access to Natural Gas

Yesterday, the Province announced that Phase 2 of the Natural Gas Expansion Program will allocate more than \$234 million to support 28 new natural gas expansion projects in 43 rural, northern, and Indigenous communities. Construction for projects under Phase 2 will begin as soon as this year, with all 28 expansion projects expected to be underway by the end of 2025.

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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From: AMO Events <events@amo.on.ca>
Sent: June 16, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: AMO's Human Rights and Equity Training

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ONLINE TRAINING

June 16, 2021

**AMO 2021 Training
Human Rights and Equity
The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders**

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Human rights, diversity, equity and inclusion should be a top priority of all councils.

The death of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement, growing inequality exposed by the pandemic, increasing incidents of hate crimes and the ongoing historic trauma of indigenous people are a few of the things that underline the necessity to honestly and transparently face the issues of human rights, diversity, equity and inclusion.

AMO has developed training to help members better understand these important and complex issues along with their roles and obligations. In this one day training session you will increase your understanding of the positive obligation of municipalities and the consequences of missteps in addressing these fundamental issues in your community. Helping members better understand these important and complex issues is part of AMO's strategic objectives for 2021.

In partnership, **Hicks Morley**, the **Kojo Institute** and **AMO**, have developed training to support members in understanding your obligations under law specific to human rights and how to work towards creating equitable outcomes for your constituents.

This training will take a deep dive into:

The Ontario Human Rights Code:

- Understanding your obligations and duties in eliminating discrimination and harassment.
- What are grounds for discrimination?

- The important intersection of human rights and equity.
- Your role and opportunities in working towards equity.

Understanding and Creating Equity:

- What is equity?
- The impact of your decision-making frameworks and data: how these reinforce bias, racism, discrimination and inequity.
- Creating change and equity in your municipality by confronting your biases.
- Working towards making new choices.

Join **Njeri Damali Sojourner-Campbell**, Associate with Hicks Morley and **Kike Ojo-Thompson**, Principal Consultant, Kojo Institute, for an important and innovative discussion and workshop on matters that are important to your council and your community. Registration is limited. [Register Today.](#)

Facilitators:

Njeri Damali Sojourner-Campbell, Associate, Hicks Morley

Njeri Damali Sojourner-Campbell is an employment, labour and human rights lawyer in Hicks Morley's Toronto office. Njeri provides strategic advice and representation before administrative tribunals and courts. She provides legal advice to clients to supplement their work with workplace consultants and/or workplace investigators on complex equity and human rights-related matters.

Prior to her legal career, Njeri was employed as a Human Rights and Diversity Advisor at Humber College. There, she supported workplace investigations, compliance initiatives and delivered human rights and AODA training. She possesses a Masters in Education from York University, where she focused on Critical Race Theory and other equity-related disciplines.

Kike Ojo-Thompson, Principal Consultant, Kojo Institute:

Kike Ojo-Thompson is the founder and principal consultant of Kojo Institute. An award-winning expert on equity, inclusion and diversity, Kike specializes in developing, facilitating and implementing innovative solutions for creating equity at an institutional level. A dynamic speaker and educator who artfully balances tact and honesty, Kike has over 20 years of experience leading engaging and effective workshops, lectures, mediations, and trainings for a broad range of organizations eager to create equitable outcomes for their staff and clients.

In addition to her equity work with Kojo Institute, Kike is a member of the Ontario Human Rights Community Advisory Committee, was formerly the senior facilitator for the province of Ontario's carding review team, and formerly the project lead for One Vision One Voice, a first-of-its-kind initiative tasked with addressing anti-Black racism in the child welfare system.

Ojo-Thompson has lent her voice to provincial and national media platforms, including The Social, TVO, the Globe & Mail, CBC, and the Toronto Star. Her meaningful contributions to equity in Canada have been recognized by Women's Health in Women's Hands (2019); 100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women (2018); and Robert Small's 25th anniversary Legacy (Black History) Poster (2020) to name a few.

Date: September 9, 2021

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Registration Fee*: \$400

*A cancellation fee of \$50 applies.

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June 17, 2021

In This Issue

- Provincial funding for victims of intimate partner violence and human trafficking.
- Ontario launches applications for Seniors Community Grant.
- Roadmap to Recovery - Summer Camps webinar.
- AMO's outstanding program for 2021 Conference.
- Limited space for September 9 *Human Rights and Equity* training.
- 2021 Risk Management virtual symposium.
- Reopening Ontario: OHS and *Employment Standards Act* requirements.
- Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
- The Canoe Debut: Group Buying made easy.
- Energy reporting deadline just two weeks away.
- IESO engagement on gas phase-out impact assessment.
- Careers.

Provincial Matters

The Victim Support Grant (VSG) provides police and communities up to \$200,000 to collaborate on community initiatives to support intimate partner violence and human trafficking. Watch for applications to open.

The Seniors Community Grant program focuses on projects that help improve the lives of older Ontarians. Apply through Transfer Payment Ontario by July 15 at 5pm for grants between \$1,000 - \$25,000.

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development is hosting an online information session to answer questions and explain responsibilities related to the Camps Campaign on June 23 at 3 pm.

Eye on Events

From broadband to policing, long-term care and conservation authorities, women's leadership, economic recovery, the impacts of climate change, bias, inclusion and mental health, AMO's 2021 program has it all. Register today!

The necessity to honestly and transparently face the issues of human rights, diversity, equity and inclusion should be a top priority of all councils. AMO has developed training to help members better understand these important and complex issues along with their roles and obligations. Join us September 9 for this important session. Space is limited.

Has it been two years already? Our biennial Risk Management Symposium is virtual this year on October 5 and 6. (em)Powering Change - Climate resiliency for a better tomorrow. Registration is now open.

AMO's Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) partner, 4S Consulting Services, is hosting a virtual roundtable with Ontario's Chief Prevention Officer, government, and industry specialists to provide guidance for employers on reopening workplaces safely. Register for the event held on June 24 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am ET.

4S Consulting Services, AMO's occupational health and safety service partner, is offering JHSC online training at member preferred pricing. Use the code **AMO2021** at checkout.

LAS

LAS is proud to offer the Canoe Procurement Group to its members. As a founding partner, our goal is to save municipalities time and money on purchases you make everyday. With products in over 40 common categories, you can find everything from Aggregates to Zambonis. Take some time to explore the Canoe today.

Annual energy reports under O. Reg. 507/18 are due to the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines on July 1, 2021. Have you logged in to their portal and submitted your 2019 consumption values? The final Ministry information webinar will be held on June 23. Questions, email BPSsupport@ontario.ca.

Municipal Wire*

Phasing out gas generation is being discussed among municipalities. Register for the IESO's June 24 webinar as they seek input on the scope of an assessment around possible impacts to the electricity system. For more information, contact engagement@ieso.ca.

Careers

Administrative Assistant - AMO. Working in a dynamic work environment in the AMO Policy Centre, the administrative assistant must provide accurate and efficient administrative support to a group of policy professionals. It is vital that the individual have superior materials preparation, scheduling and meeting organizational skills and experience. Please apply in confidence by June 18, 2021, 12 noon by email to: careers@amo.on.ca.

Manager, Realty Services - City of Kitchener. The Manager, Realty Services is responsible for the coordination of land strategies in support of the City's corporate objectives and overseeing a full suite of realty services that support City operations, including negotiation, appraisal and valuation for land acquisition and disposition, as

well as license and lease management. To learn more about the position profile, visit: www.kitchener.ca/careers. Closing Date June 27, 2021.

Executive Director - Rural Ontario Institute (ROI). Established in 2010, ROI delivers programs that develop strong leaders who are critical voices around opportunities and key issues facing rural and northern Ontario. There is flexibility in terms of work location and a regular schedule of in-office time is required. Interested candidates may submit a cover letter and resume/CV to: Suzanne Trivers, Board Chair no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

Chief Building Official - City of Cambridge. Reports to: Deputy City Manager of the Community Development Department. To apply for this position, please visit City of Cambridge Careers. This posting closes on Friday, July 2, 2021.

Treasurer - Township of East Garafraxa. The Township offers the appeal of country living in a rural setting with an easy commute to Orangeville, the north-west GTA, the Waterloo Region and Guelph. Position reports to the CAO/Clerk. Applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume, quoting file number 2021-02 by Friday, July 9, 2021 to: Township of East Garafraxa, Attention: Susan Stone, CAO, Administration Office, 065371 Dufferin County Road 3, Unit 2, East Garafraxa ON L9W 7J8.

Director of Public Services - Township of South Frontenac. Competition No.: 21-14-PS. Just a 10 minute drive north of the City of Kingston, the community offers over 75 lakes and the Rideau Canal UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Director's portfolio includes Public Works, Facilities, Waste Management and Technical/Engineering Services. Resumes and cover letters may be emailed in confidence by 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 9, 2021 to: Jillian McCormick, Human Resources/Legislative Compliance Officer, Township of South Frontenac.

RFP - Digital Strategy - County of Renfrew. The County is requesting proposals from qualified vendors for the development of a digital strategy. Submission requirements and the detailed terms of reference, for this RFP (RFP-IT-2021-01) may be obtained by contacting the undersigned. Submissions must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) local time on Friday, July 30, 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions a public tender opening will NOT be held. For further information please contact: Chris Ryn, Manager of Information Technology, 9 International, Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5. Phone: 613.735.7288; Toll Free: 800.273.0183.

About AMO

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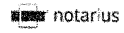
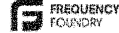
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June 24, 2021

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- Ontario's Seniors Community Grant - Apply by July 15.
- Thank you for supporting the 2021 AMO Conference!
- Limited space for September 9 *Human Rights and Equity* training.
- Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
- We know what you're doing this summer.
- EPT proves valuable for energy reporting.
- Energy reporting deadline - One week to go!
- Careers: TTC, Ajax, North Perth, Guelph and Simcoe.

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Eye on Events

If you have already registered for the 2021 AMO Conference, thank you for your support. It's your participation in the AMO Conference that makes it a truly important annual event. The 2021 AMO conference promises to set the bar even higher than 2020 including providing you the opportunity to connect with Government, the Official Opposition and other party leaders and MPPs in a way that draws a direct line to your local priorities. For more information and to register today visit the [AMO Conference site](#).

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LAS

What are your plans this summer? We hope reading is one of them. Our LAS staff has put together a book list, which we hope will give you some ideas on what to add to your own list.

One third of Ontario's municipalities use LAS' Energy Planning Tool to track and report energy consumption and their energy programs. Check out this short video to learn how to use EPT to generate your annual report. While you're at it, now's a great time to update your Council with the built in energy analytics.

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Careers

General Counsel - TTC. The General Counsel is the senior legal advisor to the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), as well as to its subsidiaries and related organizations. The TTC is partnering with BIPOC Executive Search to ensure an applicant list that has greater representation from Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour, thereby reflecting Canada's diverse population. All interested applicants can send their resume to Jason Murray or Helen Mekonen by emailing hmekonen@bipocsearch.com, or can apply through the BIPOC Executive Search mobile app. Closing date: July 17, 2021.

Digital Communications Officer - Town of Ajax. Reporting to the Manager of Corporate Communications, the Digital Communications Officer is responsible for developing and implementing digital communications and engagement strategies to support the Town's programs, services, initiatives and corporate priorities. Applications are accepted at www.ajax.ca/careers until 11:59 p.m. on July 2, 2021.

Fire Chief - Municipality of North Perth. The North Perth Fire Department is a volunteer fire department consisting of 1 full time Fire Chief and 1 full time Assistant Fire Chief. The Fire Chief directs the overall operation and administration of fire services including the delivery of fire prevention, inspections, public education, training and fire response. A detailed summary of the position responsibilities, qualifications and a complete job description are available upon request or by visiting www.northperth.ca/jobs. Applications are being accepted until 4:30 pm, July 15, 2021.

Manager of Corporate and Community Strategic Initiatives - City of Guelph. The

successful candidate will play an critical role in developing a culture of strategic planning and performance measurement excellence as well as supporting the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Guelph's Community Plan and the City's Corporate Strategic Plan. Qualified applicants are invited to apply using our online application system by Sunday, July 4, 2021.

Realty Specialist - City of Guelph. Department: Legal, Realty & Court Services. Position reports to the Associate Solicitor, Realty Services. Qualified applicants are invited to apply using our online application system by Monday, June 28, 2021. Please note all applicants must complete the online questionnaire specific to this position at the time they submit their resume and cover letter in order to be considered.

Administrator - County of Simcoe. As a valued member of Long Term Care and Seniors Services, the Administrator demonstrates a commitment to Resident Safety by providing quality care in accordance with the organization's mission and vision. Employment Status: Permanent, Full Time. Reference Code: 1321. Location: Midhurst. Closing date: July 6, 2021. To view the job description and submit your application online, please visit Simcoe County Career Opportunities.

Program Supervisor Non Profit - County of Simcoe. The Program Supervisor oversees the administration of mandated Social Housing programs and non-mandated affordable housing programs. Employment Status: Permanent, Full Time. Reference Code: 1313. Location: Midhurst. Closing Date: July 12, 2021. To view the job description and submit your application online, please visit Simcoe County Career Opportunities.

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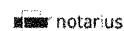
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June 11, 2021

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: Lyme Disease Awareness Month
Our Files: 35.31.99/35.23.12

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on May 31, 2021, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

“WHEREAS May is Lyme Disease National Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS the City of St. Catharines Strategic Plan includes improving livability for all; and

WHEREAS Niagara Region is a high-risk area for ticks and Lyme Disease, and cases continue to increase; and

WHEREAS Ontario health does not cover treatment and testing for all strains of Lyme Disease; and

WHEREAS Lyme Disease is a crippling disease if not diagnosed and treated appropriately;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of St. Catharines call on the Ontario government to expand testing to all strains of Lyme Disease and improve the level of treatment and care for those diagnosed with this crippling disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Minister of Health, local MPPs, Niagara Health, Niagara Region Public Health, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be sent correspondence of Council’s decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor bring this matter to the attention of the Niagara Region and request that the Region build an awareness campaign with on-line resources for families with Lyme Disease.”

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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
:mb

cc: Ontario Minister of Health
Niagara Area MPPs
Niagara Health
Niagara Region Public Health
Niagara Region
Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario, amo@amo.on.ca
Melissa Wenzler, Government Relations Advisor

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From: Bike Balkanci <Bike.Balkanci@enbridge.com>
Sent: June 14, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Sandie Macdonald <smacdonald@essatownship.on.ca>; Colleen Healey <chealey@essatownship.on.ca>
Cc: Keir Johnston <keir.johnston@enbridge.com>; Ryan Werenich <Ryan.Werenich@enbridge.com>; Bike Balkanci <Bike.Balkanci@enbridge.com>; Brenda Dobrindt <brenda1.dobrindt@enbridge.com>
Subject: Community Support & Donations - Township of Essa

Dear Mayor Macdonald,

I hope this email finds you well, and you and your family are taking good care.

Enbridge's commitment to our communities goes beyond providing the energy they need to heat their homes and fuel their lives each and every day. Enbridge and our employees also have a long history of supporting the safety, vitality and sustainability of the communities we serve – the communities we ourselves live in. We want to do our part to help those most in need during these extraordinary times.

My team comprised of Ryan Werenich and Grant Kilpatrick, Operations Managers; Mike Miller, Construction Manager; Hussein Bhujwalla, Stations Operations Manager and Keir Johnston, Municipal Affairs Advisor, are here to support the Township of Essa and we are committed to building a long lasting relationship with you and your community.

On March 11, 2020, COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. It is a virus unprecedented in its impacts on people and communities and we want to continue doing our part to help those in need during these extraordinary times.

With your assistance, we are seeking your guidance in identifying any non-profit or charitable organizations located in your community who require support during this time of need. Funds typically used to support local events like charity golf tournaments and community festivals, we would like to begin disbursing these funds to help support the integral role charitable organizations are undertaking in continuing to respond to COVID-19 recovery efforts in your community. Your input and feedback is greatly appreciated.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me or Keir Johnston at keir.johnston@enbridge.com with any questions you may have regarding Enbridge Gas. My team and I look forward to working closely with you and supporting the Township of Essa.

Sincerely,
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Biké Balkanci, P.Eng, MBA
 Director, GTA West/Niagara Operations

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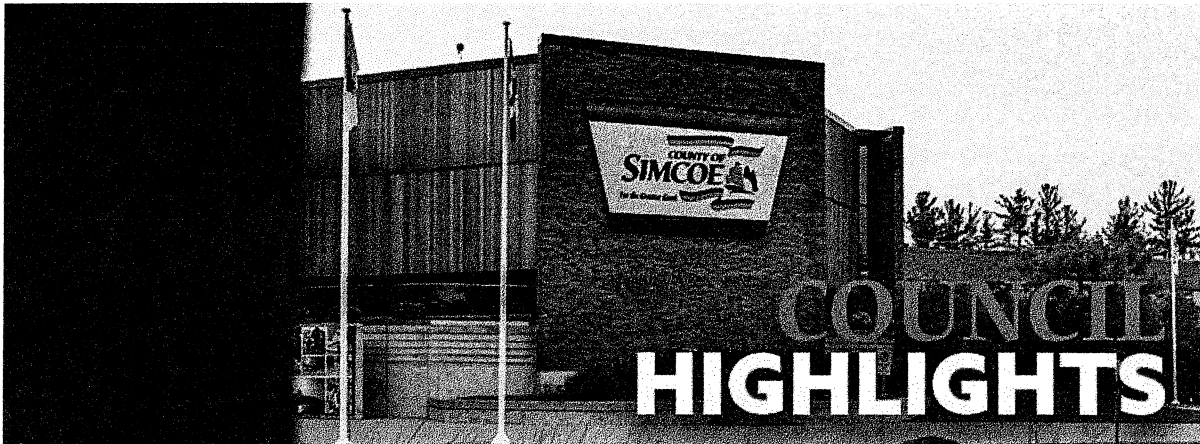
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 Safety.Integrity.Respect. Inclusion.

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

Sent: June 14, 2021 4:25 PM

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

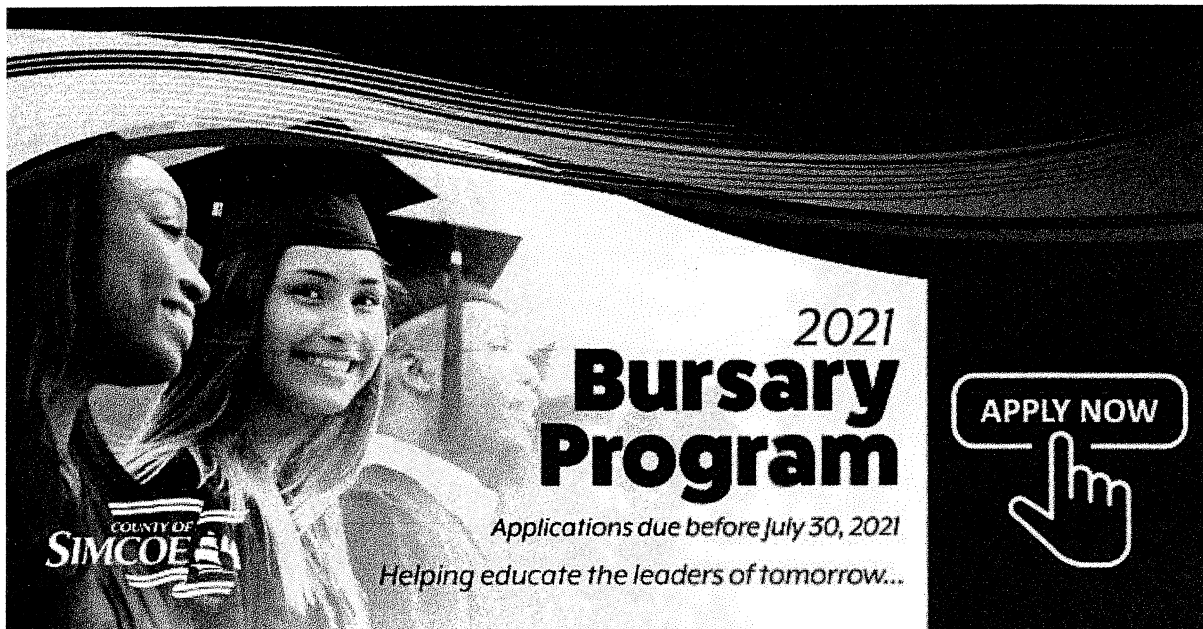
Subject: County Council Highlights - meeting held June 8, 2021



Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. The information contained within the Highlights is based on approved material from within the associated agenda packages, linked at the bottom. These reports went before **Committee of the Whole** on **May 25, 2021** and were approved by **Council** on **June 8, 2021**. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate Council or Committee report and can be accessed by clicking on the title.

- Service Simcoe

County of Simcoe Bursary Program Update



Click the image above to learn more about the County of Simcoe Student Bursary Program

The County of Simcoe Bursary Program has existed in many forms over the years. Under the current program, which has been in operation since 2016, Simcoe County secondary school graduates who, in the year of application, will be enrolled in their first or second year of a full-time Ontario college or university program are eligible to apply for a \$3000 bursary. This award is open to all residents of the County of Simcoe, including employees of the County and children and/or dependants of employees.

All member municipalities, including the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, are invited to participate in the Bursary Program each year. Participation requires that each municipality contribute \$1000 towards a \$3000 bursary that is guaranteed to be awarded to an eligible applicant from their municipality. The County of Simcoe provides the additional \$2000. In addition, the County of Simcoe will fully fund five bursaries that may be awarded to any eligible applicant regardless of their municipality.

On May 25, Council received a report on the Bursary program and approved changes for the 2022 eligibility criteria that expand the grant to include Simcoe County students who have successfully completed their OSSD through an accredited home schooling program, such as the Independent Learning Centre or the Virtual Learning Centre, and broaden the scope of

accepted Post-Secondary Institutions to include educational programs provided by institutions, such as Trade Schools.

Museum Deaccession of Indigenous Objects

Simcoe County Museum's collection includes a number of Indigenous objects, with many on display in the Channen Gallery. One of the cases in this gallery included a collection of False Face masks, most of them purchased in the 1970s for museum display.

It was brought to the attention of staff that Haudenosaunee people believe False Face masks should not be displayed, as they are sacred Indigenous objects. On May 25, Council received a report on the County's plan to remove the masks from the Museum's permanent collection and transfer them to a suitable institution that will ensure these pieces receive proper care and safekeeping by Haudenosaunee people.

Simcoe Manor Redevelopment Project Update – Long-Term Care Bed Approval



Click the image above to learn more about the Simcoe Manor Redevelopment project.

In June 2020, staff provided an updated Business Case for the redevelopment of Simcoe Manor. The Business Case outlined a detailed Redevelopment Master Plan consisting of the expansion of the existing 126 bed long-term care home to include 160 beds, redevelopment of the Supportive Housing facility and Adult Day program space, and the inclusion of additional seniors housing and services to provide a full campus continuum modeled after Georgian Village located in Penetanguishene.

On March 18, 2021, the County received approval from the Ministry of Long-Term Care for an additional 34 long-term care beds in response to the County's application.

On May 25, 2021, Council approved staff proceeding with the appropriate planning approvals, design, tendering, contract award, site preparation and construction of the Simcoe Manor and Village redevelopment, and the pursuit of federal/provincial funding that may be made available that can be applied directly to the project.

Simcoe County Housing Corporation Bradford West Gwillimbury Development

In October 2020, staff were directed to complete the schematic design and costing for a Simcoe County Housing Corporation (SCHC) affordable housing development in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. The Town project at 125 Simcoe Road is a proposed development, on a parcel of land donated by the Town, of a 50-unit mixed family and seniors building, including a County Social and Community Services office on the ground floor.

The Town site offers an opportunity to develop municipally owned lands, contained as part of a larger municipal future development parcel in an existing neighbourhood, and provides a quality of housing that will contribute to the current and projected affordable housing needs of the community.

On May 25, 2021, Council approved the proposed creation of 50 additional affordable housing units, which will assist in meeting a large portion of the affordable housing target in this area (63% of the target set for between 2014-2024).

Simcoe County Forest 2020 Annual Report



[Click the image of Simcoe County Forest above to view our 2020 Annual Report](#)

The County of Simcoe owns and operates the largest municipally owned forestry network in Ontario, which spans over 33,000 acres. Annual reporting on our forestry network is an integral part of tracking trends over time and ensuring that longer term objectives identified within the 20-year management plan are on track.

The Simcoe County Forest 2020 Annual Report highlights a significant increase in recreational uses of all kinds as well as increased challenges related to managing public use around forest operations. Existing infrastructure (primarily parking) was strained in 2020, and there was a demand for expanded trail networks from all existing agreement holders. With strong demand for all types of timber, the competitive bidding process resulted in fair to excellent value. The total value of timber sold in 2020 of \$2,366.012 is the highest ever annual sales for the SCF.

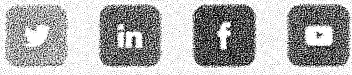
On May 25, Council received the 2020 annual report, which is utilized as part of an annual audit to maintain Forest Stewardship Council certification and provides for public oversight in addition to being an important historical record.

Committee of the Whole Agenda - May 25, 2021

Council Agenda - June 8, 2021



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County awards 2021 Tourism, Culture and Sport Grants

Midhurst/June 16, 2021 – The County of Simcoe has approved 89 successful applications totalling more than \$470,000 through the 2021 Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant Program to enhance existing tourism, culture and sport projects throughout the County.

“We know how anxious everyone is to get back to “normal” as soon as it is safe, including our outstanding tourism, culture and sport sectors, which have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Warden George Cornell. “Council was pleased to roll over our 2020 funds to allow us to award 89 grants and grow local talent, entrepreneurs and organizations committed to expanding regional tourism and enhancing our local communities.”

In 2020, the County received 99 applications requesting a total of almost \$1.1 million in financial support. However, due to COVID-19, in April 2020, Council voted to suspend the Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant and apply the allocated \$300,000 for 2020 to the 2021 envelope, increasing the 2021 budget to \$600,000. The County received 104 applications in total for 2021, requesting \$628,256.64. Council approved 89 applications for funding in the amount of \$ 471,396.93. The unspent funds in 2021 will be added to the 2022 funding envelope. For a list of successful applicants, visit <https://experience.simcoe.ca/resources>.

Through this grant program, the County supports and enhances tourism, culture and sport in Simcoe County by:

- Investing in tourism, culture and sport activities that promote awareness, access, participation and appreciation of the distinct, diverse offerings within the County of Simcoe
- Building organizational capacity in local existing and new organizations
- Encouraging collaborative opportunities and partnerships
- Contributing to the County of Simcoe's overall economic health and sense of place
- Enhancing participants' experiences by supporting innovative and accessible programming

About the Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant Program

The Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant Program is the result of a merger between the Simcoe County Tourism Development Fund (SCTDF) and the Arts, Culture and Heritage (Built, Natural and Environmental) Grant, and is accessible to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations within Simcoe County. For more information on the Grant program, visit <https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/fin/grants>.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County publishes annual report card on 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy

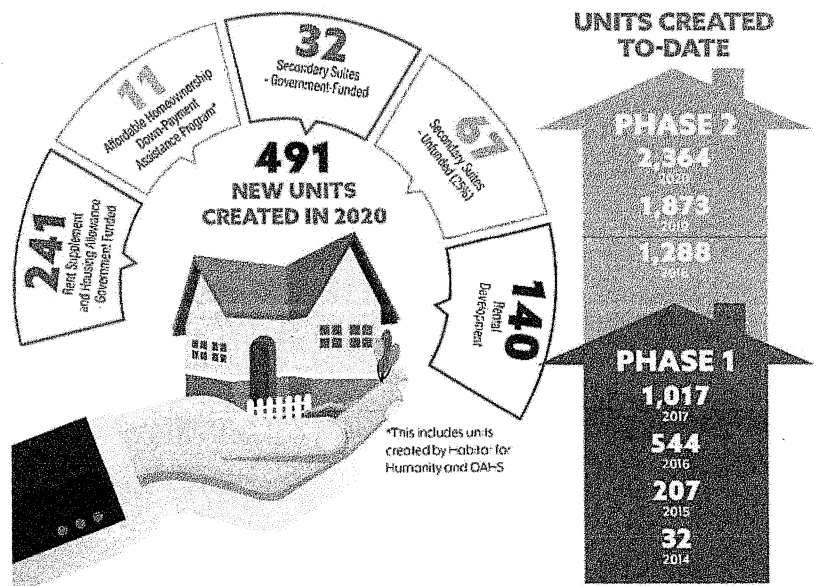
Midhurst/June 22, 2021 – The County of Simcoe has released its seventh annual report card, *Housing Our Future: 2020 Annual Report*, to measure and evaluate the implementation of recommendations contained in *Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy*.

“The County has been aggressively working on its ten-year strategy to address affordable housing and homelessness prevention needs within our communities since 2014,” said Warden George Cornell. “I am incredibly proud to say that despite the unique challenges we faced throughout the majority of 2020, we worked with our area partners to create 491 new affordable housing units in Simcoe County over a 12-month period. Since 2014, we have created 2,364 new units and achieved 88 per cent of our target of 2,685 new units by 2024. We understand that the need for affordable housing is growing and staff are working extremely hard on a number of large developments and innovative strategies to support our residents and communities.”

New affordable housing units are created through a variety of methods, such as:

- Rent supplements and housing allowances (\$1.86 million)
- Ontario Renovates and Secondary Suites programs (\$1.3 million)
- Affordable homeownership programs (\$347,700 in affordable homeownership down-payment supports)
- New affordable rental development (\$40.3 million investments; \$80 million approved for future new developments)

Funding for the affordable housing strategy comes from a variety of sources, including the County of Simcoe, the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, and Governments of Canada and Ontario.



The strategy is divided into three phases (2014-2017, 2018-2020, and 2021-2024) with a target of 895 new affordable housing units in each phase. This allows the County to revisit and evaluate progress at the end of each phase of the ten-year strategy. December 31, 2020 marked the end of Phase 2, enabling staff to update progress for this Phase. In the period ranging from January 1, 2018-December 31, 2020, the County and its partners were able to create 1,347 new units – 150% of the target identified for that period at the end of the previous phase.

“As we enter the third and final phrase of our ten-year strategy, we have a lot to look forward to including the new affordable housing project in Bradford just announced and the ongoing Orillia hub project, which build on recent new developments in other areas of the County,” said Greg Bishop, General Manager of Social and Community Services. “The strategic direction that County Council gave us on these projects means that we are well set up to continue hitting our targets as they approach and give more affordable housing options to those who need them.”

The County’s strategy will continue to focus on supporting residents through maximizing funding, achieving targets, and working with area partners to create affordable housing units for residents across the County. More information on this can be found at simcoe.ca/ourahhps.

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Subject: Circulation of Housing Our Future: 2020 Annual Report

Good afternoon,

The County of Simcoe has released its seventh annual report card, *Housing Our Future: 2020 Annual Report*, to measure and evaluate the implementation of recommendations contained in *Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy*. The document has been attached for your reference.

Should you have any questions regarding this document please let us know.

Take care,

Andrea D. Fay, Dipl. M.A.

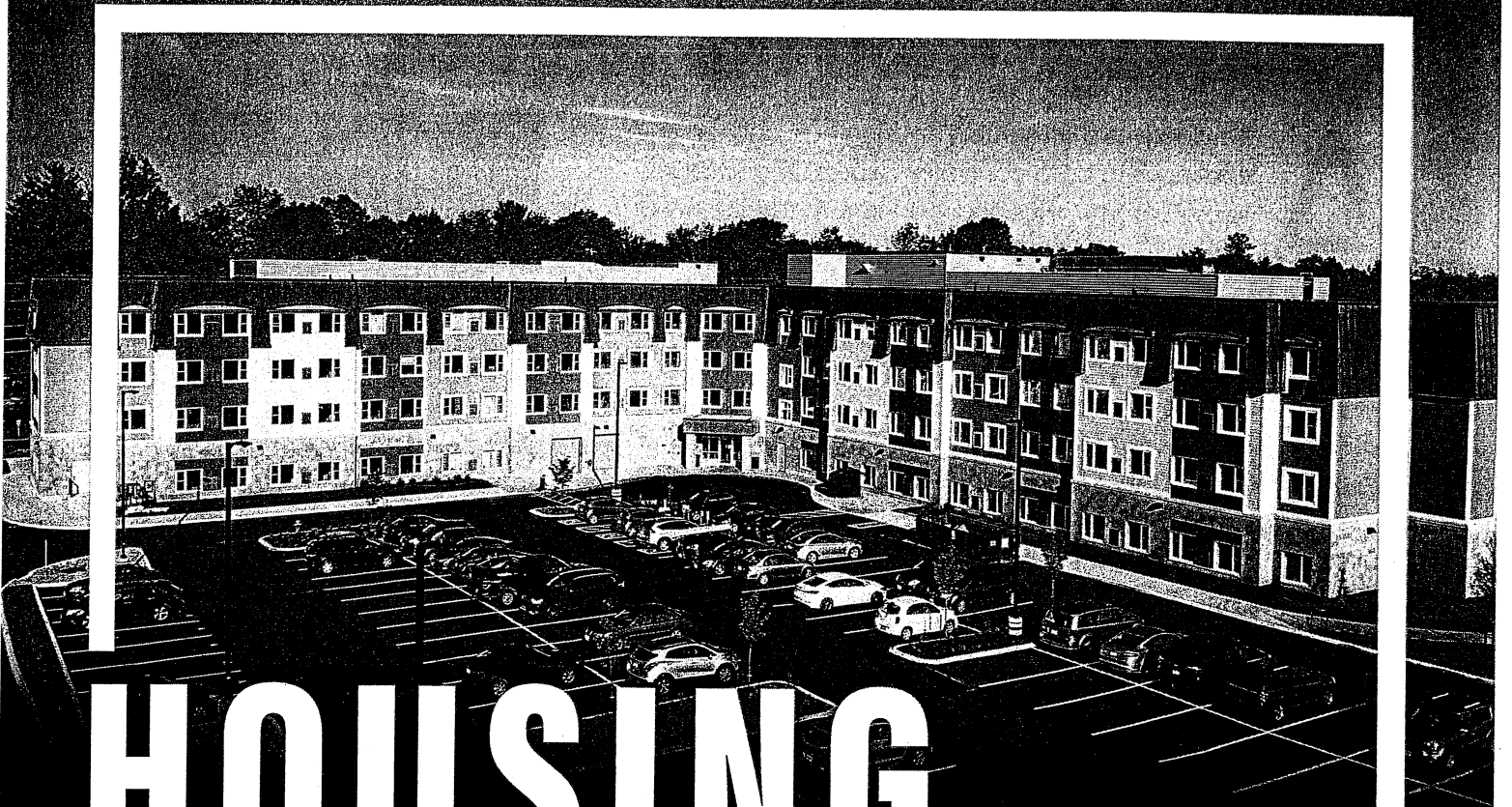
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HOUSING OUR FUTURE

Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing
and Homelessness Prevention Strategy



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

A Message from the Warden

Affordable and attainable housing has, and continues to be, a significant issue of importance to our communities and residents. At the County of Simcoe, we continue to work towards addressing affordable housing needs. We are making good progress but we know there is still more to be done as wait lists increase and the impacts from Covid-19 become more apparent. During the pandemic, the County and our community partners have pursued the affordable housing targets outlined in *Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy*, while delivering much-needed emergency relief funding and supports.

In partnership with public, private, and non-profit sectors, the County created 491 new affordable housing units in 2020 using federal, provincial, and regional government funding. Since the current *Strategy* began in 2014, 2,364 units have been created, achieving 88% of the overall target.

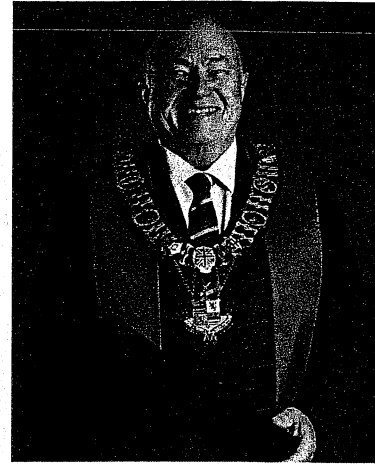
New units are created through a mix of programs, including rent supplements and housing allowances, the Ontario Renovates and Secondary Suites programs, affordable homeownership, and new affordable rental development.

The County has made significant progress on our new affordable rental builds throughout 2020, including:

- Completion of 99 affordable units in Wasaga Beach for families and seniors.
- Completion of 41 affordable units in Victoria Harbour for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Council approval of \$80M for a redevelopment project to transform the Orillia District Collegiate Vocational Institute (ODCVI) into a regional community hub, providing affordable housing options for seniors and other mixed-income households. In addition to creating 130 new mixed-affordable residential units, this space will feature 60,000 square feet of commercial space that will host important community and social services, as well as childcare.

December 31, 2020 marked the completion of Phase 2 of the strategic Implementation Plan, occurring from January 2018 through December 2020. The County exceeded its Phase 2 target of creating 895 new units from 2018-2020, achieving 1,347 new units.

Moving forward in 2021, the County will continue to support and strengthen the community through a post-pandemic recovery while working towards the achievement of targets outlined in the third and final phase of the *Strategy*.



Sincerely,

George Cornell
Warden, County of Simcoe

Housing Our Future

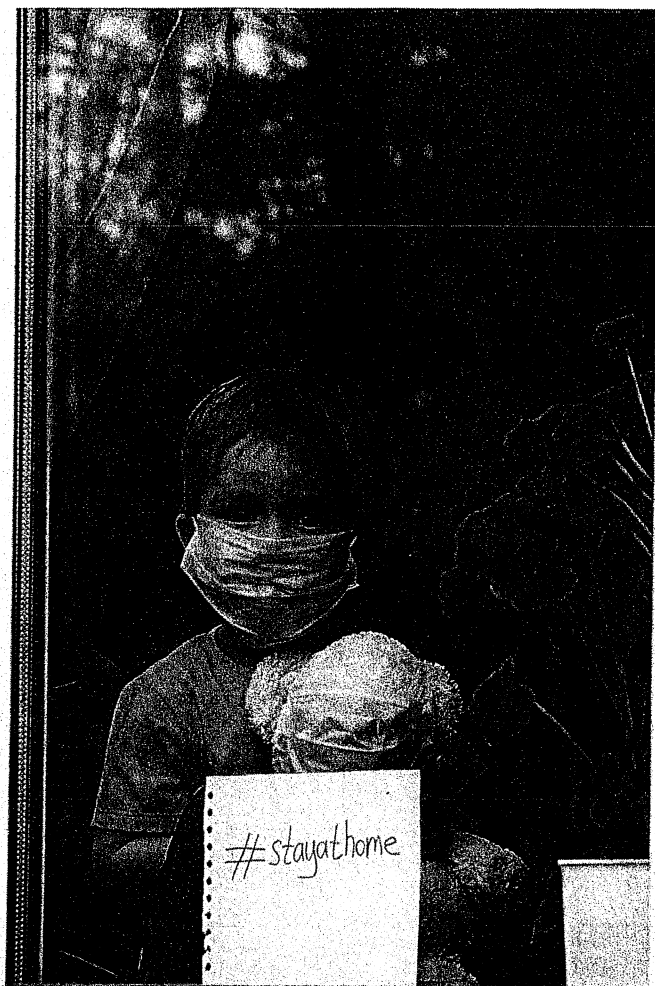
2020 Annual Report

January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Each year, under the Housing Services Act (2011), the County of Simcoe reports to the public and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on progress made under its 10-year long-term affordable housing strategy, which took effect in January 2014.

The annual report tracks indicators according to the targets set under five strategic themes within the 10-year Strategy. It uses a Results-Based Accountability (RBA) framework to analyze program and service-delivery performance measures.

In addition to measuring the Strategy's effective implementation, this report would be incomplete without acknowledging the additional challenges and comprehensive emergency responses provided to address housing and homelessness issues worsened by the Covid-19 global pandemic.



2020 Covid-19 Emergency Response

The effects of Covid-19 have profoundly affected all County residents, but especially those already facing the barriers of poverty, food insecurity, and homelessness.

Throughout the pandemic, the County of Simcoe worked with our partners to quickly plan and deliver emergency relief funding and connect residents to essential resources, services, and support programs.

Tailored Local Delivery of Federal and Provincial Funding:

The *Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy* (RH) provided a total of 3.46 million in funding to help communities address the pandemic's immediate impacts throughout 2020.

The Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) provided a total of \$5.8 million in funding to help municipalities protect vulnerable people's health and safety during Covid-19.

With federal and provincial funding, the County was able to:

- Arrange for people experiencing homelessness to be housed within a motel model of shelter until such time as shelters can resume operating at more like pre-pandemic capacity
- Enhance food security through the provision of funding extended to food banks throughout the region
- Provide housing retention and stability through funding provided to eligible clients for rent and/or utility arrears
- Establish and deliver health and medical services and client support services
- Provide modifications and retrofits required for Congregate Shelters to be operational while still meeting pandemic-related safety requirements
- Address current and envisioned future needs such as Personal Protective Equipment, Food and Supplies and Isolation/Quarantine site



County of Simcoe Covid-19 Emergency Response Committee

The County of Simcoe established a Covid-19 Emergency Response Committee comprised of senior leadership from across the organization. The committee continues to meet weekly to review recommendations from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), as presented by the Chief Medical Officer.

Although this section highlights housing and homelessness prevention responses, the County of Simcoe's Covid Response extended across the Corporation. Staff across all divisions and departments worked to address and mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on County residents.

Intervention activities included, but were not limited to:

- Continued delivery of essential services such as paramedics, long-term care, transit, roads maintenance, property management, and waste management
- Increased communications to inform the public on changing health recommendations and service delivery changes
- Economic development interventions and resources for local business
- Financial planning for the rollout of emergency funding
- Emergency management and procurement strategies to secure supplies such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and more

Changing the way we work

To increase safety measures and address labour shortages in essential service areas, The County of Simcoe implemented a redeployment strategy. Many staff members were redeployed to fulfil crucial service roles—assisting in the continuity of operations to support our essential services or directly assisting with new Covid-19 staff protocols in the County's four long-term care homes.

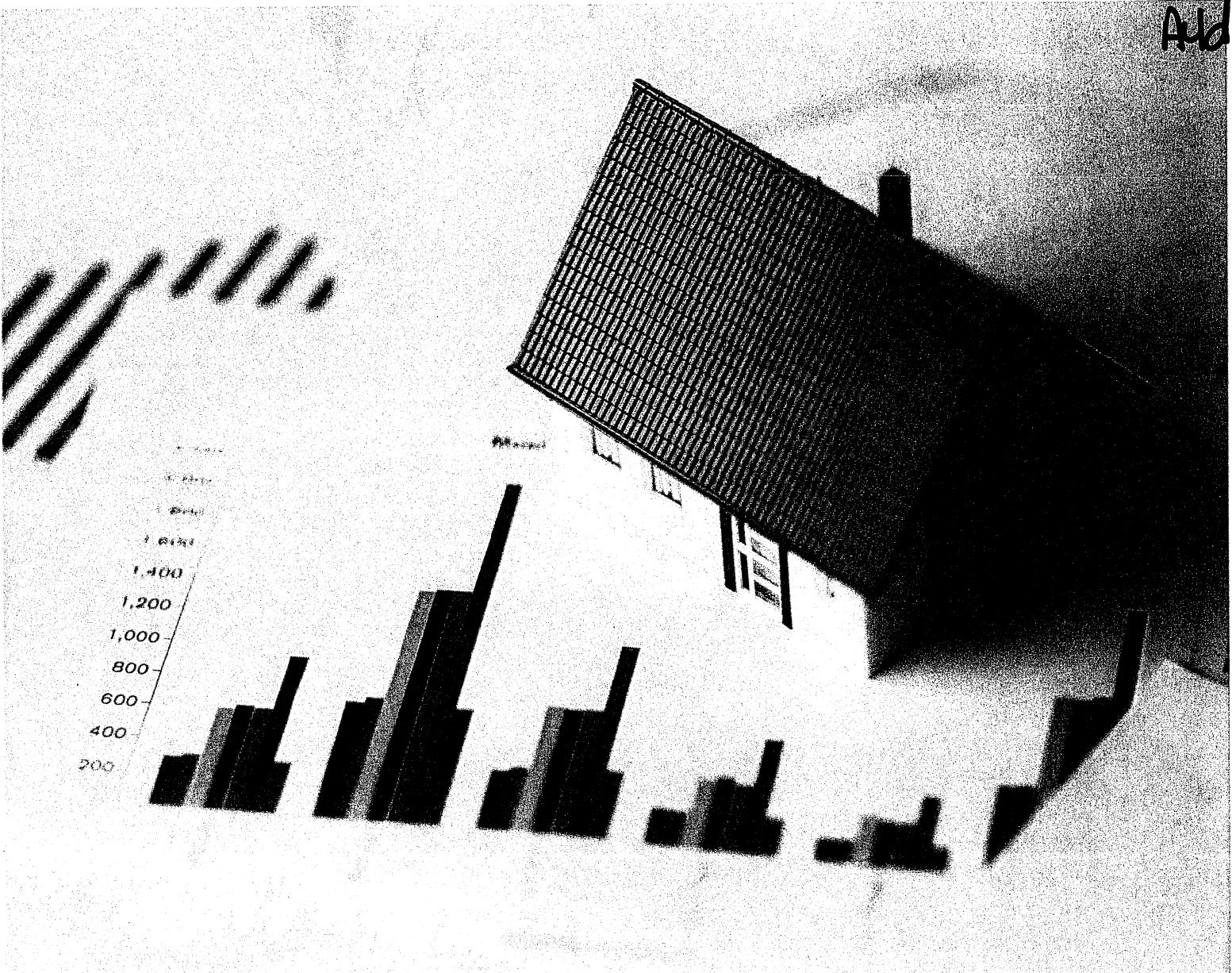
The County of Simcoe continues to provide supports for County residents during this difficult time, with a forward focus on moving towards comprehensive Covid-recovery strategies.

Social services staff on the front lines continue to deliver social assistance to low-income residents in new, innovative ways using physical distancing as much as possible to help ensure the health and well-being of both clients and staff.

Support for Community Partners

The pressures faced by staff in homelessness services have significantly increased due to the pandemic. The following initiatives have been implemented to help support staff:

- Provincial Temporary Pandemic Pay to support a temporary wage increase for eligible front-line staff
- One-Time Wage Enhancement to support a temporary wage increase for eligible shelter and outreach workers
- Mental health and harm reduction staffing and training supports to shelters operating in motels, supported by Mental Health and Addictions Funding.



STRATEGIC THEME ONE

Strong Governance and Leadership

Desired outcome: Successful implementation of the Strategy, supported by working partnerships with the public and private sectors, and all levels of government.

Strong governance and leadership require collaboration and partnership across all levels of government.

The County of Simcoe continues to maintain strong working relationships with a number of partners, including, but not limited to: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

(CMHC) • Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) • Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) • Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) • Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) • Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA) • Housing Services Corporation (HSC) • Enbridge Gas

• Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) • Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario, Affordable Housing Workgroup (RPCO) • Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) • Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness (SCATEH)
Throughout 2020, the Affordable Housing Advisory

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Committee (AHA) and County staff collaborated with its public, private, and not-for-profit sector partners to support the successful implementation of the *Strategy*, providing an effective response to social service needs amid an extreme public health crisis.

The County of Simcoe understands the affordable

housing challenges faced by communities across Simcoe County. Inflated house prices, high rents, a lack of diversity in housing types and tenures, and limited housing stock make it difficult for residents to find suitable affordable housing to meet their needs.

What's more, individuals' and families' specific housing needs

change over time.

Through its Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, the County continues to seek solutions that will increase affordable housing options for all income levels and promote various types and tenures of housing to ensure needs are met across the housing continuum.



The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee met to address several topics in 2020. Highlights include:

- Publication of a Phase Three Implementation Plan for Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy, outlining actions towards achievement targets throughout 2021-2024
- Collaboration with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to plan and host a series of affordable housing virtual forums, bringing together public, private, non-profit sectors, local advocacy groups, and County residents to provide information on innovative approaches to financing and developing affordable housing
- Advocacy to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to propose National Building Code modifications that support affordable housing development
- Ongoing monitoring and reporting of local housing data, including affordable rents, house prices, and secondary suites
- Research and discussion on a variety of topics, including housing diversity, shared accommodation, housing as a right.

STRATEGIC THEME TWO

Achieve Affordable Housing Target

Desired outcome: Simcoe County residents have access to a minimum of 2,685 new affordable housing units by 2024.

Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy aims to promote, provide, and protect a range of affordable housing options for County residents to ensure that all residents have access to adequate, appropriate and affordable housing that will meet their needs.

Through a combination of new development, rent supplements/

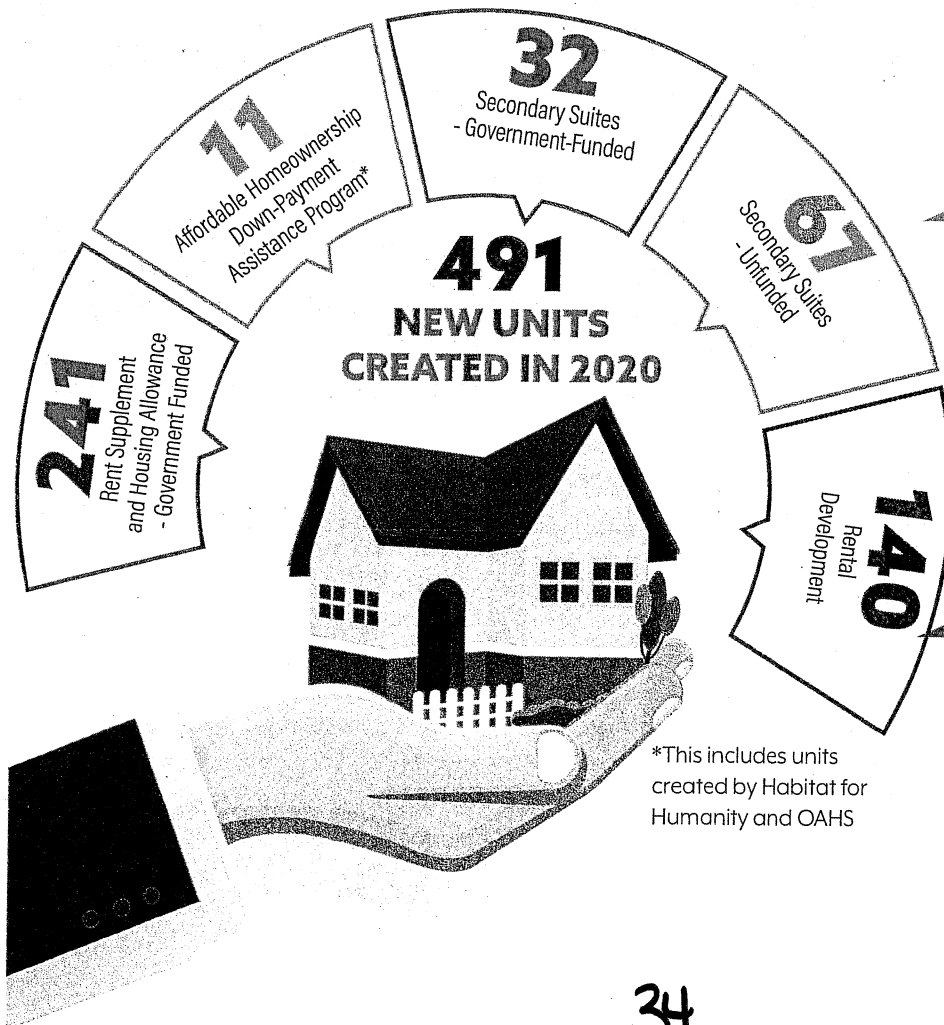
housing allowances, homeownership assistance, and the creation of secondary suites, the County and its community partners have achieved the creation of 2,364 new units of affordable housing since 2014, including 491 new units in 2020.

December 31, 2020, marked completion of the County's Implementation Strategy: Phase Two (2018-2020).

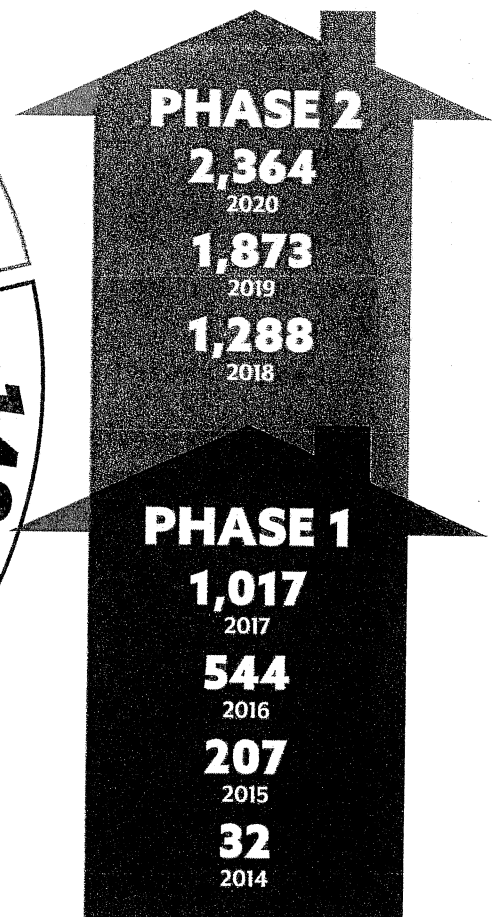
The County, and its municipal

and community partners, have achieved 88% of the set minimum target of 2,685 new units by 2024.

Understanding the deep need for continued homelessness prevention, housing with supports, and affordable housing options across the region, the County will continue to leverage available funding and resources to create as many new units as possible.



UNITS CREATED TO-DATE





Affordable Housing Program Delivery

The Strategy builds on initiatives proven to work in Simcoe County, which has led to innovative and effective program development and delivery. Using a Results-Based-Accountability (RBA) Framework, the County can measure its performance accountability and track programs' successful implementation. In combination, the following programs have worked to increase affordable housing stock across Simcoe County while addressing a variety of housing pressure points across the housing spectrum.

Rent Supplements

A rent supplement or housing allowance provides rental assistance for tenants who cannot afford a landlord's regular market rent. Rent supplements focus on supporting individuals and families with lower incomes and can bridge the gap between social assistance shelter rates and rent, or provide a flat rate for lower-income working households.



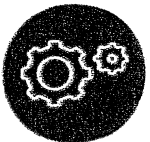
With people like you as representatives - people who are present and who truly care about remedying need - the world becomes a different place for those of us facing homelessness, isolation, and mental health challenges. Hope becomes possible again.

S., Rent Supplement Recipient



HOW MUCH DID WE DO?

In 2020, the County distributed **\$1.86M** rent supplement/housing allowance subsidy dollars



HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?

- Together with community partners, County staff connected 99% of all referrals received to an eligible affordable housing unit with rent subsidy support
- Throughout 2020, rent supplements assisted households in every municipality, including the cities of Barrie and Orillia



IS ANYONE BETTER OFF?

- 241 households were housed with new rent supplements in 2020
- 845 households have been housed with rent supplements since 2014
- Rent supplements continue to assist seniors, youth, low-income earners, indigenous persons, survivors of human trafficking, persons experiencing mental health or addiction challenges, persons experiencing chronic homelessness, and others in addressing systemic poverty barriers.

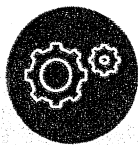
Affordable Homeownership Down-Payment Assistance Program

Through its Homeownership Down-Payment Assistance Program, the County of Simcoe provides eligible individuals and families with down-payment assistance towards purchasing a home (in the form of a forgivable loan). Enabling individuals and families to move out of rental accommodation and into affordable homeownership increases rental opportunities for others by freeing up existing rental space for a new tenant to move in.



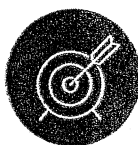
HOW MUCH DID WE DO?

In 2020, the County distributed **\$347,700** in affordable homeownership down-payment supports.



HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?

Homes purchased were within affordability limits, with the average house purchase price at **\$368,700**



IS ANYONE BETTER OFF?

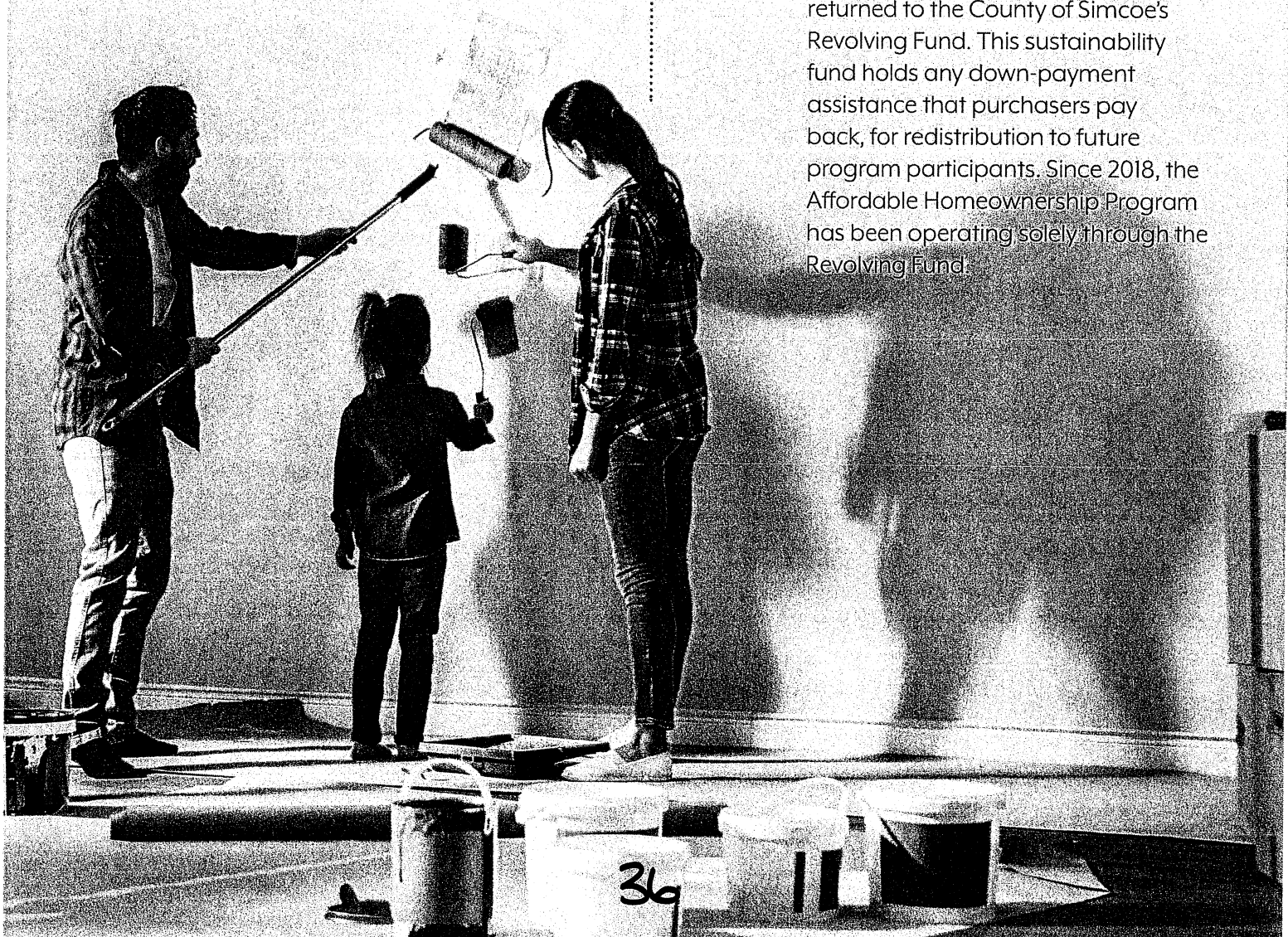
- 8 households were housed with Affordable Homeownership Down-payment Assistance in 2020
- 126 households have been housed with Affordable Homeownership Down-payment Assistance since 2014

In 2020, a total of **\$761,510** was returned to the County of Simcoe's Revolving Fund. This sustainability fund holds any down-payment assistance that purchasers pay back, for redistribution to future program participants. Since 2018, the Affordable Homeownership Program has been operating solely through the Revolving Fund.



This is absolutely a dream come true for me and the little ones. Thank you so much for all of your help and your hard work. My Heart is so full. This program is absolutely amazing!

T., Homeownership
Down-Payment Assistance Recipient



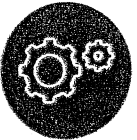
Affordable Second Suites, Urgent Home Repairs, and Accessibility Modifications through Ontario Renovates and County-Funded Programs

Secondary suites help address housing pressure points through the development of new one- and two-bedroom affordable rental units, improving the range of options available to single individuals, ageing couples, and single-parent households. In the form of a 10-year forgivable loan, financial assistance is also available for homeowners requiring urgent home repairs or accessibility modifications to stay housed. Examples of eligible repair projects include mould remediation, plumbing or septic repairs, and roofing or structural repairs. Examples of accessibility modifications include the installation of ramps, handrails, or chair and bath lifts.



HOW MUCH DID WE DO?

In 2020, the County of Simcoe allocated **\$707,751** under its Municipal Secondary Suites funding program.



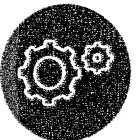
HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?

- 26 eligible households proceeded with a County-funded Secondary Suites application
- 20 were approved for funding
- 6 were waitlisted, and will receive the next available funding



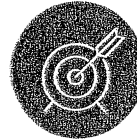
HOW MUCH DID WE DO?

The County also distributed **\$232,147** of federal and provincial Secondary Suites funding, and an additional **\$361,460** in Urgent Home Repairs, through the Ontario Renovates Program.



HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?

- 15 eligible households proceeded with a Secondary Suites Application, funded through the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI)
- 8 were approved for funding in 2020
- 7 are approved to received funding in 2021



IS ANYONE BETTER OFF?

- 32 new secondary suites were completed in 2020, with government funding.
- 169 new secondary suites have been created with government funding since the onset of the Strategy in 2014.

Secondary suites continue to be a valuable tool in the creation of more affordable housing. Creating affordable rental units within pre-existing communities—near schools, employment, and other amenities, second suites can also support homeowners with an additional income.

Through the Ontario Renovates Program:

- 44 units were supported with urgent home repairs or accessibility modifications in 2020
- 304 units have been supported with urgent home repairs or accessibility since 2014.

New Rental Development



HOW MUCH DID WE DO?

Budget investment of **\$26.8M** in new development in partnership* with the Town of Wasaga Beach



HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?

- This project was completed under budget.
- The unknown requirements of the pandemic jeopardized the completion of the project. Regulations and procedures were developed, and new safety steps and protocols developed and introduced. These safety measures allowed all residents of the 99 suites to move in, although at a slower pace, to ensure health safety protocols.



HOW MUCH DID WE DO?

Budget investment of **\$13.5M** in a new development in partnership** with the Township of Tay



HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?

- This project was completed under budget and on time, despite delays as a result of the pandemic.
- The County implemented several procedures that exceeded provincial requirements for Covid-19, which allowed construction to remain open, and maintain consistent progress throughout 2020.



HOW MUCH DID WE DO?

County Council approved an **\$80M** project to develop a hub for affordable housing, community services, and County support services in the City of Orillia



IS ANYONE BETTER OFF?

- 140 new affordable housing units were created in 2020
- 482 new affordable housing units were created since the onset of the Strategy in 2014



This has been the biggest break in my life ... [the units are] super-nice.

New Tenant, Wasaga Beach



Wasaga Beach

- 99-Units for seniors, single adults, and families
- 69 one-bedroom units
- 15 two-bedroom units
- 15 three-bedroom units

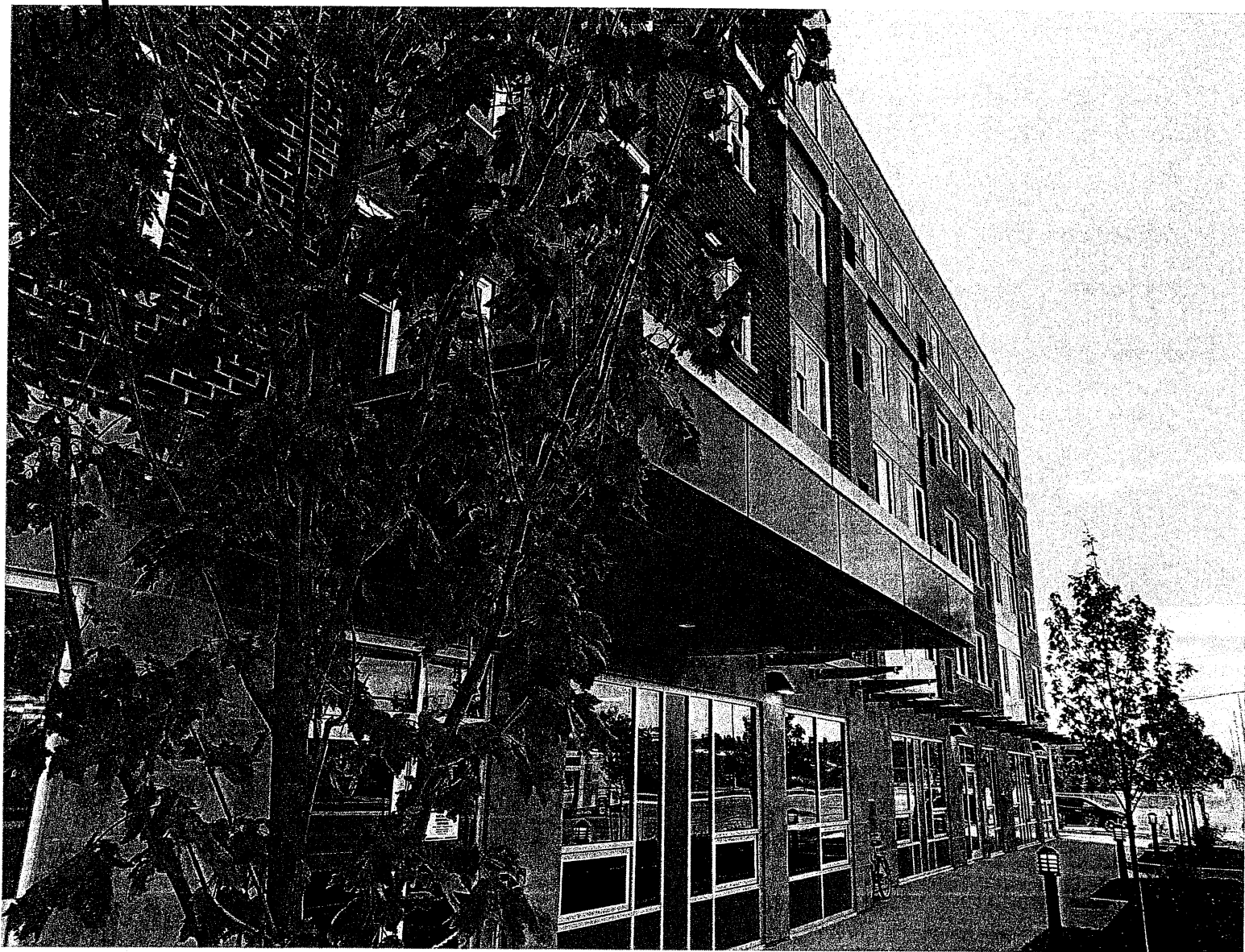
The Town of Wasaga Beach donated the four-acre Zoo Park Road site, waived property taxes for 20 years, and covered the cost of the planning and engineering review fees, official plan and zoning amendment applications.



Victoria Harbour

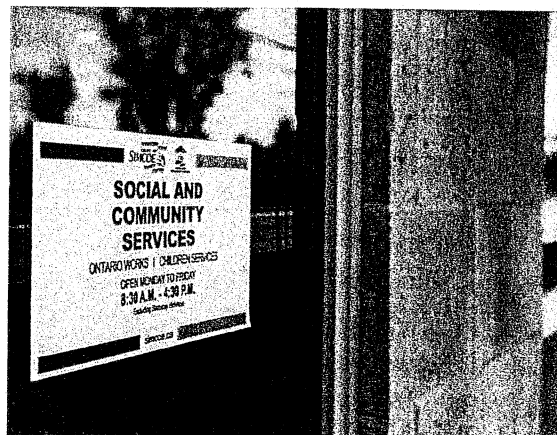
- 41-unit affordable residence for seniors and persons with disabilities

The Township of Tay donated the land to the County of Simcoe, and covered costs for planning and development studies.



Award-Winning Team Work

The Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) honoured the County of Simcoe's Collingwood Social and Community Services Hub, opened in 2019, with the **2020 Local Municipal Champion Award**. This award recognizes efforts and accomplishments in advancing excellence in human services integration and service system management. The project featured the integration of social services into an affordable housing redevelopment and intensification project, pairing a two-building 147-unit site with commercial/office space for a number of social services that directly support success in housing. A collaboration between partners, including Ontario Works, Children Services, Simcoe County Housing Corporation, Simcoe County District School Board (adult learning programs), Empower Simcoe and EarlyON has led to increased access to services, which directly corresponds to increased client outcomes, tenant quality of life, and increased accessibility to support and services for individuals and families in the Collingwood area.



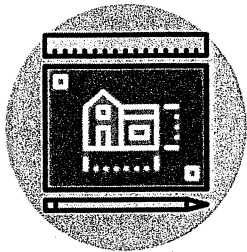
STRATEGIC THEME THREE

Protect Existing Public Assets

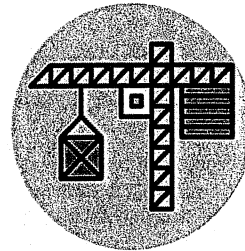
Desired outcome: 85% of existing social housing units in the County remain part of the housing stock.

Protecting Existing Stock

Protecting existing public housing assets is important. Ageing subsidized housing stock creates ongoing challenges to ensure that the units are properly maintained, safe and healthy for tenants. The County of Simcoe continues to invest in preserving existing housing assets and seek out opportunities to access funding for capital repairs and building improvements to increase accessibility and energy efficiency.



In 2020, The County invested **\$1.4M** on capital repairs for existing Simcoe County Housing Corporation units



Through its Non-Profit Provider Capital Repair Loan process, the County provided **\$2.4M** to assist mandated social housing providers with urgent capital repairs.

Maintaining Affordability upon End-of-Operating Agreements

Individual non-profit and cooperative providers have operating agreements for their buildings. As long as a mortgage is in place, the building will operate as social housing.

Some social housing providers can exit the social housing system when their operating agreements end. The County continues to work with providers to track the continuation of affordable housing amidst End of Operation Agreements and Mortgages (EOA/Ms).

Of the original 4,113 units in the social housing portfolio in 2014:

- **93% remain in the historical social housing system – 3,821 units**
- **99% of the original 4,113 units continue to remain as affordable housing in the community – including 274 units that have left the social housing system**

The County continues to seek opportunities to develop new approaches to providing housing affordability assistance to Simcoe County residents through a mix of existing rent-geared-to-income units, affordable housing units, use of rent supplements and housing allowances, and the provision of housing with supports.

Centralized Wait List: Rent-Geared-to-Income Housing

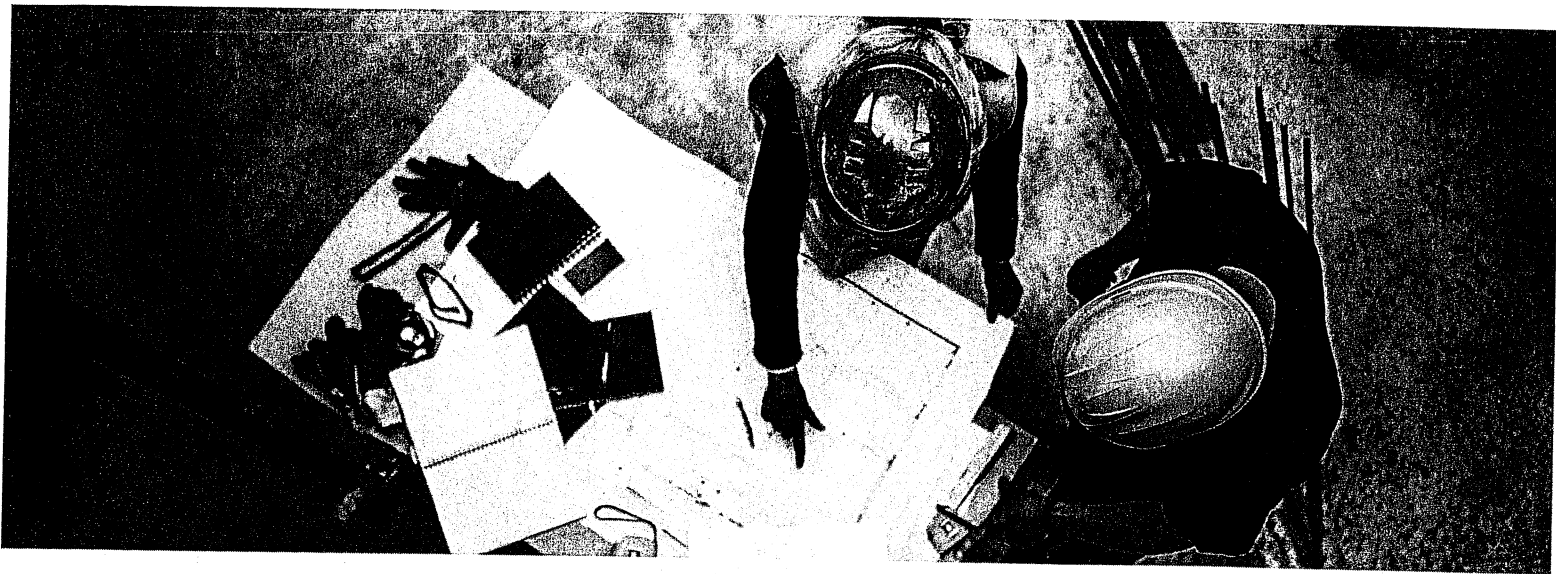
As of December 31, 2020, the total number of applicants on the Centralized Waitlist was **4,546**, an increase of **4.7%** over the waitlist reported in 2019. Applicants on the waitlist include:

- **Seniors: 19%**
- **Adults with no dependents: 52%**
- **Households with dependents: 29%**

Since 2019, changes in wait times have increased **50%** for households with dependents, **20%** for households with no dependents, and **7%** for seniors. Increases in wait times generally occur because of two main factors— economic changes and community composition change, such as fluctuations in population.

Covid-19 resulted in widespread economic and community composition changes, including mass unemployment, increasing house prices and cost of rent, and migration of residents—now able to work from home, outside of the GTA.

The 2020 Centralized Waitlist illustrates a continued demand for social and affordable housing. The County continues to research affordable housing challenges and seek solutions to ensure a balanced approach towards meeting the needs of residents.



STRATEGIC THEME FOUR

Planning for the Public Good

Desired outcome: All municipalities adopt planning, financial and policy tools highlighted in the strategy to facilitate and promote affordable housing development and transportation modes across the county.

Planning for the Future

A Municipal Liaison Group meets quarterly to discuss ways to improve affordable housing outcomes at the local municipal level, and share best practices for promoting and incentivizing affordable housing development. Topics discussed include:

- Presentations on Community Improvement Plans
- Development Charges Updates
- Discussions on Shared Accommodation
- Review of Second Suites Discount Rate
- Report on the Missing Middle Summit
- Rental Development Tracking
- Innisfil Orbit Updates
- Community Hubs Presentation: Benefits of Including Affordable Housing
- Third Units Discussion
- County of Simcoe's Affordable Housing and Homelessness Strategy: Implementation Plan Phase 3 (2021-2023)
- Affordable Housing Virtual Forum

Local Official Plans

Under the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*, the County of Simcoe is the Approval Authority for all local municipal Official Plans. Municipalities must update their Official Plans every five to 10 years to ensure alignment with provincial and regional (County) plans, and consistency with provincial policy statements issued by the Minister.

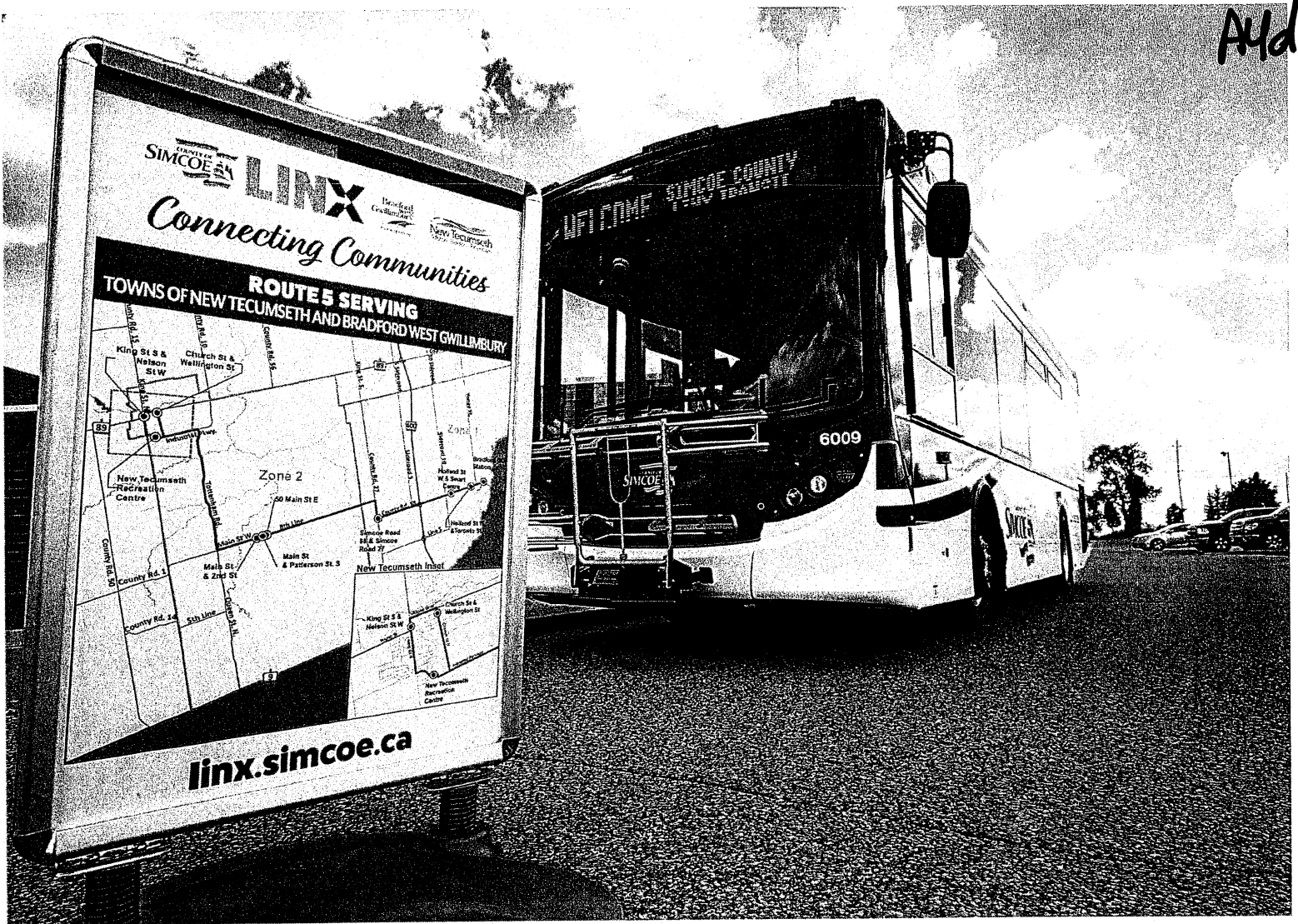
Most member municipalities have undertaken an Official Plan Update and are at varying stages of completion. As of December 31, 2020, the County had approved four official plan updates, pending appeals to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT).

The Private Market

The County continues to make up to \$200K per year available as development charges rebates for affordable housing.

Seeking new and innovative approaches to affordable housing development, the County worked with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to host a series of Affordable Housing Virtual Forums in 2020-2021. Topics included Micro- and Modular-Housing, Land Leases and the Development Process, Creating Energy Efficiency through Passive Housing, and Funding and Financing for Affordable Housing Creation. Recordings of these events are available at [Simcoe.ca/ourahhps](https://www.simcoe.ca/ourahhps).

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Building Complete Communities Transit

Accessible transportation plays an important role in all residents' health and wellness by improving access to: community supports, increased health care, places of employment, educational opportunities, and increased access to food and affordable housing options.

Through its LINX and LINX + public transit systems, the County provides residents with reliable and affordable transportation between major urban hubs and local transit services within the County. Launched in 2017, the LINX transit system committed to six new public transportation routes being opened by 2021. The newest route, linking Alliston and Bradford West Gwillimbury, opened in August 2020.

From March 23 to July 2, 2020, Linx suspended fare collection due to Covid-19, and introduced social distancing safety measures.

ROUTE (RETURN TRIP)	PROJECTED OPENING	STATUS
Midland-Penetanguishene-Barrie	Summer 2018	Opened
Wasaga Beach-Stayner-Barrie	August 2019	Opened
Orillia-Oro Medonte-Barrie	August 2019	Opened
Collingwood-Wasaga Beach	August 2019	Opened
Alliston-Bradford West Gwillimbury	August 2020	Opened
Midland-Orillia	August 2021	On schedule to open

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STRATEGIC THEME FIVE

Create an Integrated Service Model for Housing and Supports

Desired outcome: People experiencing homelessness obtain and retain housing.

The County of Simcoe continues to identify, support and house people experiencing homelessness using a Housing First approach, by working closely with local community stakeholders to develop diverse, responsive, and innovative homelessness prevention supports and services.

Planning and funding reflect alignment with federal and provincial policy, and include such funded domains as Homeless Shelters, a Regionalized Housing First Program delivered through Empower Simcoe, Domiciliary Care, Supportive Transitional Housing, Community Hubs, and housing retention for rent and energy arrears.

County staff, together with its community partners in the shelter system, continue to reflect on best practices learned in the wake of Covid-19. The County would like to acknowledge the hard work, flexibility, innovation, and resourcefulness of shelter system staff during this time.

63,397

nights spent in emergency shelters by combined households

105

households assisted with transitional housing

149

individuals supported by the County of Simcoe's Domiciliary Care Program

33

individuals supported by the Seniors at Home Program

28

households assisted with Rapid Re-Housing

206

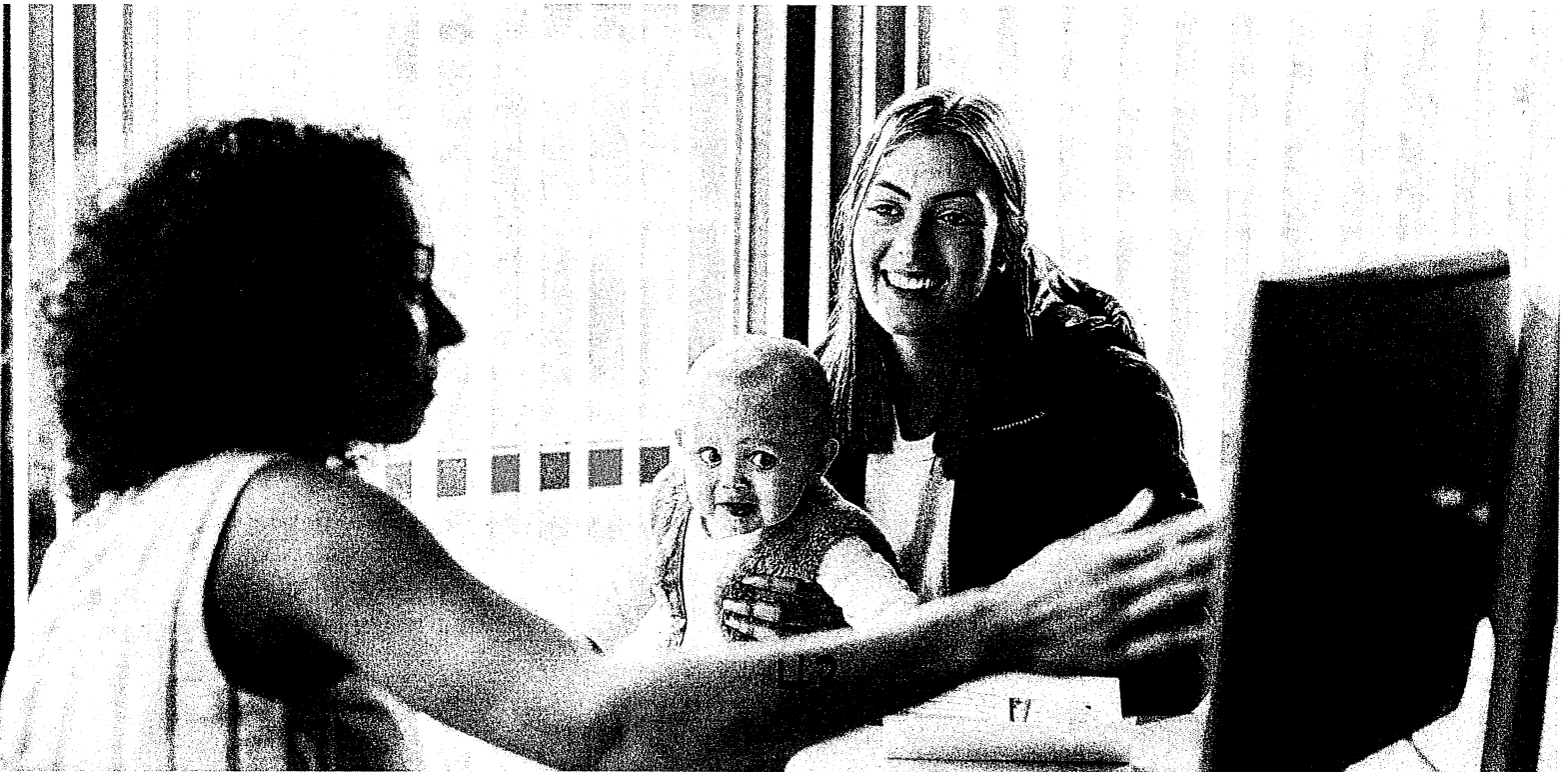
households assisted with Housing First

1,559

unique individuals served through the homeless shelter system between March 1, 2020 and March 14, 2021

600+

people were housed from the shelter system through the efforts of Empower Simcoe housing staff, shelter staff, as well as individuals who self resolved.



Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS)

HIFIS is an information system provided by the Government of Canada's Employment and Social Development Canada department and is a community-level data collection and case management information system. At a local level, HIFIS increases understanding about homelessness challenges in Simcoe County. This information improves planning for services and initiatives. Data from HIFIS also assists service providers with case management; helping front-line staff provide coordinated services, and reduce duplication for HIFIS clients.

The focus for HIFIS in 2020 continued to be project development and refining HIFIS operations. Project development focused on HIFIS reports, while HIFIS operations focused on training with front-end users (i.e., service provider staff), data quality, and policy and procedures.

TOTAL COMPLETE	NEW IN 2020	% INCREASE FROM 2019
12,138 total client files	2,638 new files completed in 2020	28%
251 active HIFIS users	94 new users joined in 2020	25%
31 total agencies	Five new agencies joined in 2020	16%
41 total training sessions completed	29 virtual training sessions since June 2020	273%
35 HIFIS reports available to HIFIS users	28 new reports released in 2020	400%
1,965 HIFIS Help Desk requests/support		

More information is available at simcoe.ca/hifis

Improving Incidence on Data and Scope | Enumeration 2020

Since 2016, the Simcoe County community has conducted a Homeless Enumeration every two years, but was postponed due to the pandemic. The information collected helps service providers connect people to the appropriate programs and supports within the community, helps to inform policy and program development, and raises awareness about homelessness.

Additional information can be found at simcoe.ca/enumeration and scateh.com/enumeration

The family type of participants included:

- **82% Single, no children**
- **11% Single with children/dependent(s)**
- **1% Couple with children/dependent(s)**
- **5% Couples, no children**

The age of participants was:

- **18% Youth aged 16-24**
- **60% Adults aged 25-54**
- **22% Seniors aged 55+**

The gender identity of participants was:

- **57% male**
- **42% female**
- **1% additional respondents**

37 agencies

participated in the 2020 Homeless Enumeration by conducting surveys, providing utilization data, or spreading the word about enumeration.

563 people

were counted as experiencing homelessness on the reference night of November 17, 2020, either by participating in a homeless enumeration survey, through agency utilization data or through observational counts by outreach staff.

- **47%** (267 people) were staying in an emergency shelter
- **39%** (218 people) were provisionally accommodated (such as someone else's place, a motel/hotel they were paying for themselves, hospital, treatment centre, jail, prison, or remand centre)
- **14%** (78 people) were unsheltered or where they were staying was unknown (such as a vehicle, public place such as the street, bus shelter, forest, encampment, or abandoned building)



MOVING FORWARD IN HOUSING OUR FUTURE

Our *Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy* has now entered its third and final phase towards completion. Activities will occur as outlined in the document Implementation Plan: Phase 3 (2021 – 2024), available at simcoe.ca/ourahhps.

The County will continue to focus on ongoing efforts to support County residents through the Covid-19 pandemic and recovery. Through maximization of

provincial and federal funding, the County will continue to progress towards achieving targets within the Strategy.

The County worked with a number of non-profit groups to support applications to the federal Rapid Housing Initiative for capital funds to build housing with supports for people who have experienced homelessness. While none of the applications were successful under round one, there may be further opportunities to apply for funds in 2021.

Continued participation in advocacy efforts that work to reduce barriers and encourage changes in regulations that support affordable housing creation will also remain a focus, further exploring partnerships and funding opportunities to create affordable housing.

Ongoing research and analysis of current housing market trends, policies and funding opportunities will enable the County to remain responsive to local housing needs.



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June 18, 2021

TO: All Municipalities within the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Watershed

RE: Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks - Public Consultation - Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide: Regulations Defining Core Mandate and Improving Governance, Oversight and Accountability of Conservation Authorities.

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their June 17, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting adopted the following resolution:

"THAT Committee of the Whole receive the report dated June 17, 2021 regarding the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks – Public Consultation – *Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide: Regulations Defining Core Mandate and Improving Governance, Oversight and Accountability of Conservation Authorities*";

AND THAT Committee of the Whole authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit this report to the Environmental Registry of Ontario as the Town's comments on the Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide by the submission deadline of June 27, 2021;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to circulate the Town's comments to municipalities within the NVCA watershed and the County of Simcoe requesting their support of Town's position."

Council is asking that the municipalities within the NVCA watershed consider supporting the Town's submission on the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks CA Regulatory Proposals. This is a great opportunity to provide input on the future role of Conservation Authorities in Ontario. A copy of the report and comments from a consultant engaged by the Town are attached. Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at cao@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 Ext. 2222.

Sincerely,

George Vadeboncoeur
Chief Administrative Officer

Enclosure

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Planning: 429-3847

Building: 429-1120
By-Law: 429-2511
Parks & Rec. 429-3321

Arena: 429-0412
Public Works: 429-2540
Fire Department: 429-5281



Community Services

Legislative Services

June 22, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Licensing of Cannabis Operations – Previously Operating Illegally

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of June 21, 2021 passed the following resolution:

Whereas there have been a number of illegal cannabis grow operations within the Town of Fort Erie, and

Whereas these illegal cannabis operations take significant municipal and regional manpower to control, and pose a significant threat to nearby communities, and

Whereas monetary fines and penalties do not restrict cannabis growers from future illegal cannabis activities on the lands, and do not appear to be enough of a deterrent, and

Whereas operating an illegal cannabis grow operation does not restrict the owners from applying for a legal licence to Health Canada through another responsible person, and

Whereas the licensed operators for the grow facilities may be producing for owners or owners within a corporation previously convicted of an offence;

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Federal Government look at prohibiting the ability to obtain a licence to grow cannabis if any of the owners including those owners within a corporation have ever been convicted of operating an illegal cannabis operation, and further

That: The Federal Government look at restricting lands previously operated for illegal cannabis use from obtaining a licence for a period of 5 years from the date of the offence, and further

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Mailing Address:

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON L2A 2S6

Office Hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (905) 871-1600 FAX: (905) 871-4022

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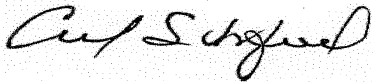
That: The Federal Government require that before submitting an application to the Minister for a licence for cultivation, a licence for processing or a licence for sale that authorizes the possession of cannabis, the person that intends to submit the application must first obtain a letter of compliance from the following authorities in the area in which the site referred to in the application is located:

- (a) the local government;
- (b) the local fire authority; and
- (c) the local police force or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment that is responsible for providing policing services to that area, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Minister of Health Patty Hajdu, All members of Parliament, All municipalities, Niagara Regional Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Federation of Municipalities of Ontario for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

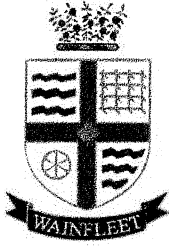
Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
cschofield@forterie.ca

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- c.c. The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health (Canada) Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca
- All Members of Parliament (MP's)
- Ontario Municipalities
- Chief of Police, Bryan MacCulloch, Niagara Regional Police Service deb.reid@niagarapolice.ca
- Commissioner Brenda Lucki, RCMP Brenda.Lucki@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities



Township of Wainfleet

"Wainfleet - find your country side!"

June 23, 2021

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

RE: Resolution – Action on Invasive Phragmites

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Phragmites australis (Phragmites) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS Phragmites grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

WHEREAS Phragmites results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

WHEREAS invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive Phragmites under the Invasive Species Act; and

WHEREAS roads and highways where Phragmites that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

WHEREAS according to "Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario's Roads" by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application and cutting; and

WHEREAS these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

WHEREAS mother nature does not recognize political boundaries, and therefore it is imperative that Municipalities, Regions, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada's worst invasive plant species: *Phragmites australis*;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive *Phragmites*, and to implement best management practices for invasive *Phragmites*, and to collaborate on the eradication of *Phragmites* in Ontario; and

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed; and

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive *Phragmites* annually on all its highways; and

THAT the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and the Niagara Region communicate strategies on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive *Phragmites* on their respective highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in Niagara Region and work in coordination with the Township of Wainfleet; and

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Sam Oosterhoff; and

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of Wainfleet in managing invasive *Phragmites* and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Meredith Ciuffetelli
Deputy Clerk



Tay Valley Township

June 23, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
 Minister of Health
 Brooke Claxton Building, 16th Floor 0916A
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9
hrcminister.ministresc@canada.ca

Dear Minister Hajdu:

RE: Endorsement of 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Initiative

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on June 22nd, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2021-06-12

“WHEREAS, the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

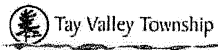
AND WHEREAS, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;

AND WHEREAS, existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or to be placed on hold;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of Tay Valley Township endorses the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

AND THAT, a letter demonstrating Tay Valley Township’s support be sent to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, Scott Reid, MP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Randy Hillier, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Ian Scott Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications, and all municipalities in Ontario.”

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If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or clerk@tayvalleytwp.ca.

Sincerely,

Amanda Mabo

Amanda Mabo, Acting CAO/Clerk

cc: Scott Reid, MP - Lanark – Frontenac – Kingston
Randy Hiller, MPP - Lanark – Frontenac – Kingston
Ian Scott, Chairperson and CEO, Canadian Radio-Television and
Telecommunications Commission
All municipalities in Ontario

Krista Pascoe

From: Lisa Lehr
Sent: June 23, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Krista Pascoe
Subject: FW: SCHA Summer News and Views Newsletter

Consent please

Sincerely,

Lisa Lehr, CMO
 Manager of Legislative Services
 Township of Essa
 Phone 705-424-9917 ext 117

****Did you know? The Township of Essa is undertaking a comprehensive review of its Official Plan. Click [HERE](#) for more information!****

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Subject: SCHA Summer News and Views Newsletter

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The S.C.H.A. is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation, appreciation, and dissemination of the history and heritage of Simcoe County.

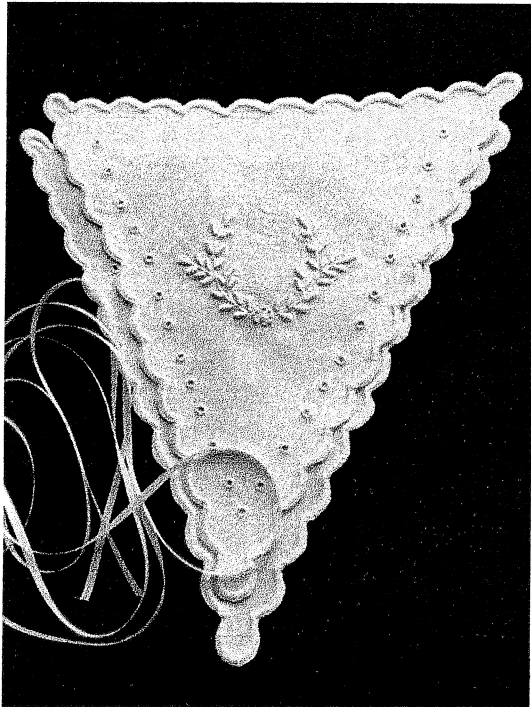
Originally organized in 1891 as The Simcoe County Pioneer and Historical Society, the SCHA has undergone several name changes ultimately reorganizing in 1971 to become Simcoe County Historical Association, operating under the Charter of the Ontario Historical Society.



Image courtesy of the Innisfil Historical Society

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Do you know what our mystery historical item is?

VIRTUAL HISTORY SPEAKER SERIES 2021-22

Let the fur fly!



Two speakers take opposing views of Canada's historic trade in animal skins

OMAH exhibiting artist Jill Price examines the fur trade from an imagined animal perspective while amateur historian John Savage offers the viewpoint of his ancestor Antoine Gaudaur, a fur trader and Orillia's first non-indigenous settler

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14
AT 7 P.M. ON ZOOM**

*Jill Price's exhibit *Unfurled* is brought to you in part by*

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To register and receive a link to the talk, call Monica at 705 326 2159 or email visitors@orilliamuseum.org. Admission is free, donations to OMAH are appreciated


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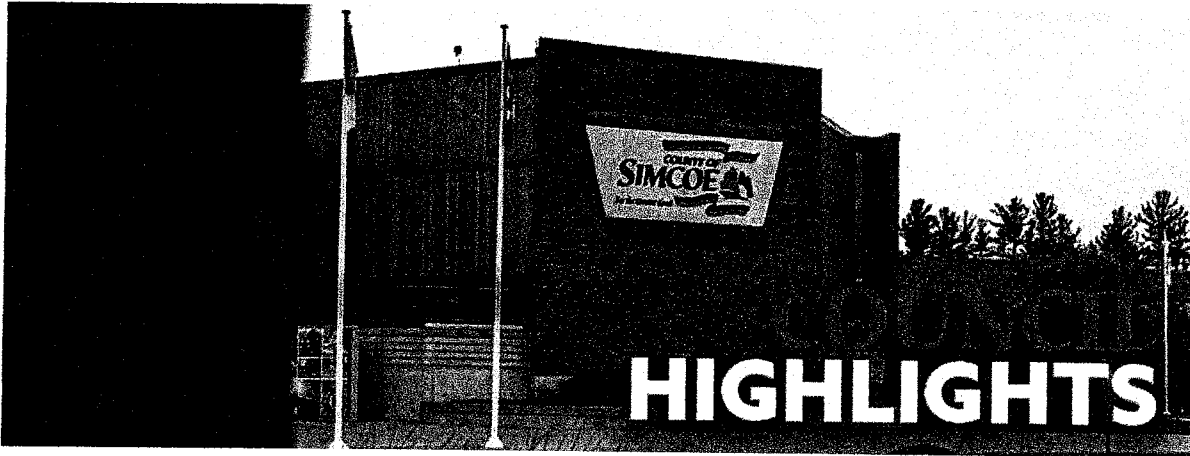
OMAH Speaker Series July 14

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Lisa Lehr

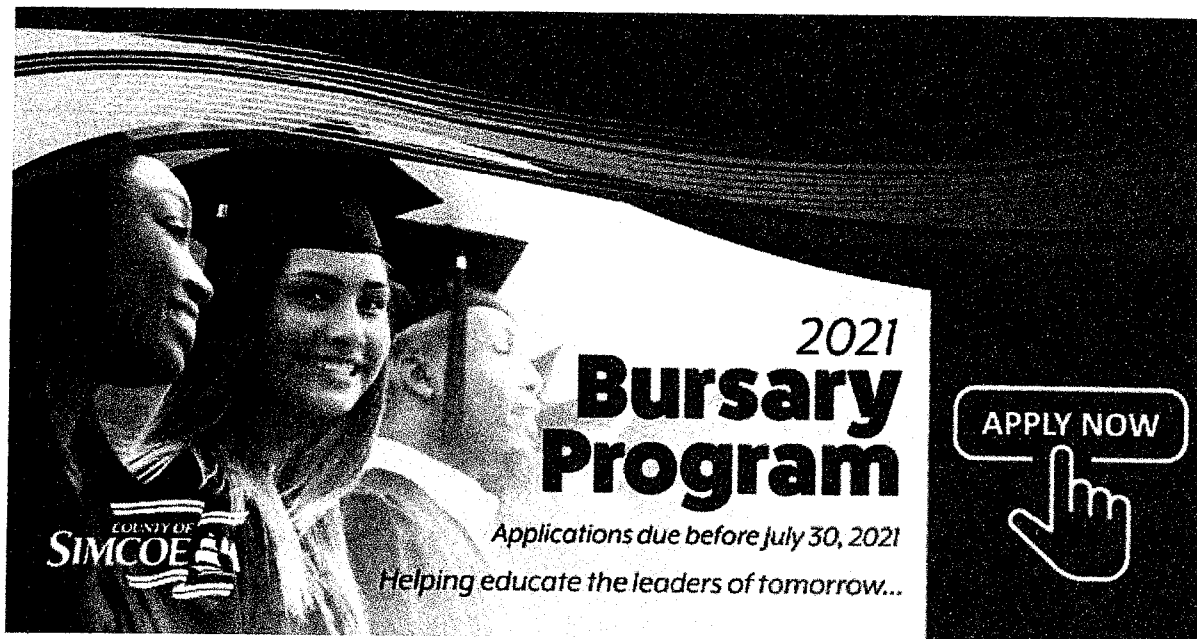
From: County Of Simcoe Communications <Communications@simcoe.ca>
Sent: June 25, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Lisa Lehr
Subject: County Council Highlights - meeting held June 22, 2021



Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. The information contained within the Highlights is based on approved material from within the associated agenda packages, linked at the bottom. These reports were part of the agendas from the **Special Meeting of Council on June 8, 2021**, **Committee of the Whole on June 8, 2021** and the **Joint Council and Committee Meeting on June 22, 2021**. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate report, which can be accessed by clicking on the title.

- *Service Simcoe*

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Click on the image above to learn more about our Student Bursary Program. Applications must be received on or before July 30, 2021.

Special Meeting of Council - June 8, 2021

Presentation by Stefan Krzeczunowicz, Associate Partner, Hemson Consulting regarding the Municipal Comprehensive Review

On June 8, 2021, the County hosted a Special Meeting of Council pursuant to Section 26 of the Planning Act for the purposes of discussing the County's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) exercise and the review of its Official Plan.

The County's Official Plan provides a policy context for land-use planning, taking into consideration the economic, social, and environmental impacts of land use and development decisions. It is a document designed to assist in growth management in a County expected to experience continued strong growth in population and urban development. It attempts to achieve

a balance between the demands for economic development, community building, and environmental conservation.

As part of the public meeting, Stefan Krzeczunowicz, Associate Partner, Hemson Consulting, gave a presentation on the purpose and effect of the s. 26 Special Meeting of Council, what a MCR is, the provincial policy framework, technical studies, the engagement strategy, the work program and next steps.

Committee of the Whole - June 8, 2021

Council - June 22, 2021

Simcoe County Hospital Alliance Funding Allocation

In 2006, a Health Care Strategy Committee completed a review and recommended that County Council ensure effective and equitable utilization of County health care tax dollars to help fund health care needs within the County of Simcoe. Council originally approved \$3 million annually to the Simcoe County Hospital Alliance for a 10-year period extending from 2007 to 2016, which was extended to cover 2017-2031. While the County is not responsible for funding hospitals, County Council continues to support our regional health care system, local residents and our communities through the annual funding of the Simcoe County Hospital Alliance.

On April 30, 2021, the Simcoe County Hospital Alliance Chair submitted a letter to the Warden in alignment with the Hospital Alliance Funding policy, which requested payments totalling \$2,977,238, including \$1,732,588 to Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre and \$1,244,650 to Southlake Regional Health Centre. Given the additional requirements for health care providers related to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, Council approved

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waiving reductions in funding related to the Transfer of Care (Offload Delay) performance standards for the period of 2020 and 2021.

Paramedic Services 10 Year Comprehensive Demand and Resourcing Review

The 10-Year Comprehensive Demand and Resourcing Review by Operational Research in Health Ltd. (ORH) Consultancy was intended to evaluate our projected demand, identify strategies to meet the increasing demand, optimize station locations and provide a predictive modelling tool to facilitate staff analysis.

It is estimated that County of Simcoe Paramedic Services (CSPS) will experience a 59% increase in call demand by the end of 2030. With the use of optimal facility locations as identified by ORH, it is projected that an increase in paramedic deployment of 31% will be needed to maintain or slightly improve performance in local municipalities.

On June 8, Council approved recommendations to adjust some station locations and add a new station in southeast Severn over the next 10 years. Maintaining current facility locations instead of making the recommended changes would result in the need for further additional positions in order to maintain or slightly improve performance in each local municipality.

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Building Hope Project Mortgage

The Building Hope Project in Orillia by Orillia Christian Centre (OCC), operating as The Lighthouse is at, or nearing completion. The project comprises two separate buildings; a 20-unit supportive housing project, all units self contained, and a new 40-bed shelter for men, women, and families experiencing homelessness, plus a 5-bedroom youth wing.

The \$14.5-million project has been allocated funding by federal, provincial and municipal levels of government, including the County of Simcoe and the City of Orillia. As part of its contribution, the County provided an interest-free \$2.7-million construction loan.

On June 22, Council approved that the \$2,700,000 interest-free construction loan for the Building Hope Project be converted to a long-term loan of \$2,714,980 with interest to be serviced fully by payments from the Province of Ontario under the Home for Good Program.

Community Safety and Well-Being Plans Update

In March of 2018, the Ontario Government passed legislation to strengthen community safety to ensure all people feel safer and more protected. As stated in the provincial CSWB Planning Framework, community safety and well-being is the ideal state of a sustainable community where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging, opportunities to participate, and where individuals and families are able to meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression.

In early 2021, working groups were formed to determine strategies to address each area of risk. Eight areas of focus, or priorities, were selected, including: Mental Health and Addictions; Housing; Income; Access to Services; Social Connectedness (Safety); Education; Employment; and Job Creation. Plans have been developed and are in the process of being presented to each municipal council for approval and formal adoption by July 1, 2021..

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On June 22, Council received an update on the Community Safety and Well-Being Plans. Given the need to further work with multiple stakeholders and co-ordinate efforts both on a local and regional level, the County has been asked to continue to facilitate this work.

2022 High Level Budget Assumptions

The County's 2022 budget schedule has Council providing initial direction and assumptions for the development of the budget draft, with consideration, projected recommendation and final approval in November 2021. Historically, the budget is approved in November, which allows the County to begin issuing tenders and completing budget work earlier in the year. County of Simcoe maintained a 0% tax rate increase in 2021 and has historically targeted a responsible tax rate increase of 2% annually. The County has received an AA Standard and Poor's rating for seven consecutive years, further confirming the corporation's prudent financial management strategies.

The effects caused by the pandemic continue within the County of Simcoe's environment and services that it provides. Staff continue to monitor this situation as it develops to provide a draft budget based on the most current information.

On June 22, Council approved the proposed budget assumptions and directions to be incorporated into the draft 2022 County of Simcoe budget.

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NVCA June 2021 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: August 27, 2021, held virtually.

Please note there is no meeting in July.

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

Presentation on NVCA's Conservation Lands Program

Kyra Howes, Manager of Lands and Operations at NVCA gave a presentation on the Conservation Lands Program.

NVCA manages over 5,300 hectares (13,000 acres) of land across the watershed. There are two main types of properties: conservation areas and conservation reserves.

Conservation areas features infrastructure, such as trails and signage, whereas conservation reserves are preserved in their natural state, and do not have infrastructure.

Many properties also provide functions that support NVCA's flood program, such as snow surveys, rain gauges and weather stations.

Acquiring land

Historically, many NVCA's lands were acquired through cost sharing agreements for lands that were hazardous for development. Many of these were developed for flood control measures, such as the Tottenham Dam.

In recent years, developers may transfer undevelopable land to NVCA. Stewardship fees may be requested to help with long term management.

Recreational opportunities

People are more aware of the benefits of being in nature. In the last five years, NVCA has seen a tenfold increase in visitors from both inside and outside the watershed.

NVCA's conservation areas focus on passive recreational opportunities, hiking, snowshoeing and fishing. Features such as playgrounds and

soccer fields are not supported. Hunting is allowed in NVCA's conservation areas, and NVCA sells a limited amount of hunting and fishing passes each year.

NVCA's conservation areas include over 42 km of multi-use trails, including part of the Bruce Trail, Ganaraska Trail and links to the TransCanada Trail.

Not all visitors' activities are compatible with preserving natural ecosystems. NVCA's Lands Staff are designated Provincial Offences Officers, allowing them to enforce the *Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act)* in order to protect NVCA owned and managed lands.

Preserving Natural Heritage

Some NVCA's lands are only preserved to protect natural heritage features, and do not support recreational activities. These include the Elba Wetlands, Osprey Wetlands and Minesing Wetlands.

NVCA's conservation areas contain significant landforms such as the Niagara Escarpment, Oak Ridges Moraine and Oro Moraine and the Minesing Wetlands.

Partnerships

NVCA works with volunteers and community groups throughout the watershed to help maintain conservation areas and conservation reserves.

Examples include the Rotary Club, Friends of Fort Willow, Friends of Utopia, Friends of Pine River, Friends of Tiffin and Friends of the Minesing Wetlands.

Generating external revenue

NVCA generates external revenue to reduce the reliance on municipal levy. Revenue generated also ensures NVCA can continue to provide a high level of customer service through updating or upgrading infrastructure.

One project the lands team is working on is building a new parking lot at the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area to accommodate the increased number of visitors.

Some revenue generating opportunities include weddings and events, group camping and managed forests.

Governance accountability and transparency

The Ontario government passed legislation amendments to require conservation authorities to remain committed to accountable and transparent governance.

The NVCA Board of Directors endorsed a commitment to pursue governance accountability measures.

Permit Signing Authority

The NVCA Board of Directors approved staff in the follow positions to approve permits for a maximum of two years: CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, Director, Watershed Management Services, Manager, Planning Services, Senior Regulations Technician, Regulations Technician, Planner III, Planning Ecologist.

Under Section 6 (1) of Ontario Regulation 172/06 issued under the *CA Act*, the staff members above can grant permission to straighten, change, divert or interfere with the existing channel of a river, creek, stream or watercourse or to change or interfere with a wetland.

Permits Approvals under the CA Act

NVCA's permit application service timelines are governed by the Conservation Authority Liaison Committee (CALC), which requires NVCA to complete a policy review within 21 days, and complete a technical review within 30 days for minor applications and 90 days for major applications.

NVCA Regulations staff provided a summary of the permits issued during the period November 28, 2020 to June 8, 2021. A total of 368 permits and clearances were approved by staff for this time period, with 98.3% of the permits were processed within the provincial timelines.

Phase 1 Regulatory Changes Guide to the CA Act

The Ontario government released Phase 1 of the regulatory changes guide to the *CA Act* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for public review. Comments on these proposed changes will be accepted until June 27, 2021.

Conservation Ontario submitted comments on behalf of all conservation authorities in Ontario, and the NVCA Board of Directors resolved to endorse this submission through commenting on the ERO prior to the deadline. The Board also approved to have Chair McLeod submit a letter stating NVCA's support of the endorsement.