

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

- p.1 1. Township of Essa Building Report – November 2022.
- p.2 2. Correspondence regarding More Homes Built Faster Act:
p.9 a) City of Toronto dated November 25, 2022
p.11 b) Town of Orangeville dated November 30, 2022
p.13 c) Town of Orangeville dated December 2, 2022
d) Municipality of Magnetawan dated December 7, 2022
- p.14 3. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO):
p.17 a) December 1, 2022 – POLICY UPDATE - Standing Committee Appearance on Bill 39 and Other Policy Updates.
b) December 9, 2022 – POLICY UPDATE - Bill 39 Passes Third Reading, Greenbelt Consultation, Safe Restart Funding for Transit, Next Generation 9-1-1, New Regulations Proposed under the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, and Ontario Health Teams.
- p.20 4. Usage Report from the Good Shepherd Food Bank of Alliston dated December 3, 2022.
- p.25 5. Correspondence from the County of Simcoe:
p.27 a) December 6, 2022 - Update on Simcoe Village Campus Project.
b) December 13, 2022 – County Council elects Basil Clarke as County of Simcoe Warden.
- p.29 6. Correspondence from the Township of Malahide dated December 6, 2022, re: Federal Cannabis Act Review.
- p.32 7. Correspondence from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Area (NVCA):
p.34 a) December 8, 2022 - NVCA Calling for Submission from Local Artists.
b) December 31, 2022 – NVCA Board of Member’s Per Diem and Expenses.
- p.35 8. Correspondence from Nottawasaga Futures dated December 14, 2022, re: Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter.
- p.49 9. News Release from Ontario News dated December 14, 2022, re: Ontario Helping Small and Medium-Sized Businesses Lower Electricity Costs.

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.

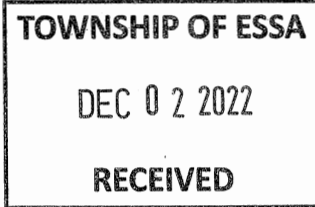
Nov-22							
Current							
Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD	
Residential	16	234	\$3,537,110.00	\$32,327,091.00	\$35,881.03	\$311,026.17	
Commercial	5	18	\$155,000.00	\$2,847,700.00	\$3,082.72	\$13,423.86	
Industrial		3		\$1,415,000.00		\$16,615.90	
Institutional		3		\$270,000.00		\$797.35	
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Agricultural	2	11	\$550,000.00	\$1,388,010.00	\$2,648.00	\$7,664.97	
TOTAL	23	269	\$4,242,110.00	\$38,247,801.00	\$41,611.75	\$349,528.25	
Y.O.Y.	13	350	\$1,833,050.00	\$31,711,982.00	\$8,364.84	\$306,069.12	14.20%

NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION				
Dwelling Units Created				
Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	9	62	\$3,419,610.00	\$24,527,064.00
Mult Res Bldgs		0		\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg		0		\$0.00
TOTAL	9	62	\$3,419,610.00	\$24,527,064.00
Y.O.Y	2	58	\$780,000.00	\$20,150,260.00
	350.00%	6.90%	338.41%	21.72%



Reviewed by Chief Building Official Pedro Granes

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Ref.: 22-CC1.2**

November 25, 2022

MUNICIPALITIES IN ONTARIO

**Subject: New Business Item 1.2
Update on Bill 23 - More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Ward All)**

City Council on November 23 and 24, 2022, adopted this Item, as amended, and in so doing has:

1. Requested the Province of Ontario to extend the commenting period on Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 to at least January 31, 2023 to enable time for consultation, consideration of alternative options and thorough analysis of both short and long-term impacts.

2. Requested the Province of Ontario to:

a. not proceed with any changes that reduce municipal development charges, community benefit charges or parkland dedication, including:

i. removing housing services from development charges;

ii. retroactively phasing in development charges over a 5 year period on top of City Council's previously adopted two-year phase-in that was mutually agreed upon with the development industry;

iii. discounting rates for purpose built rental units;

iv. adding new exemptions;

v. introducing caps to the development charges determined date and instalments interest rates;

vi. extending the development charges historic service level caps from 10 to 15 years;


v. removing growth studies and land acquisition costs from development charges recovery; and

vi. reducing caps to parkland dedication by-laws;

b. instead of the above-noted changes, create a provincial incentive program provided directly to developers or homeowners through targeted grants, rebate and other financial incentive programs; and

- c. alternatively, create a municipal compensation fund to compensate municipalities for the impacts of Bill 23 on municipal growth funding revenues.
3. Requested the Province of Ontario to amend Bill 23 to preserve the City's Green standard, Rental Replacement Policy, parkland provisions, community benefits charges and Development Charges to facilitate responsible growth.
 4. Requested the Province of Ontario to amend Bill 23 to preserve Toronto's ability to require a green development standards checklist (Toronto Green Standard) for a complete planning application.
 5. Requested the Province of Ontario to amend the Planning Act to enable the implementation of Inclusionary Zoning across the City and incorporate definitions of affordable housing that respond to low and moderate household income.
 6. Requested the Province of Ontario to amend the definition of "Affordable Housing" to follow the City of Toronto's "Official Plan Amendment 558 - Updating the Definitions of Affordable Rental and Ownership Housing", as approved by City Council on November 9, 2021.
 7. Requested the Province of Ontario to enact a Regulation to permit the use of conditional zoning, pursuant to Section 113 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006.
 8. Requested the Province of Ontario to delay the implementation of refunds for development applications in light of the significant changes to the Planning regulations and internal City processes regarding development.
 9. Requested the Provincial government to provide funding and funding tools to the City, matching the amount of revenue lost through development charges, community benefits charges, and Section 42 of the Planning Act in Bill 23 to ensure the services needed to facilitate responsible growth continue to be delivered.
 10. Requested the Province of Ontario to rescind the proposed changes to the Greenbelt to protect environmental features that support biodiversity, natural spaces, recreation trails, agricultural land, and watersheds that sustain all residents of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.
 11. Requested the Province of Ontario to retain the existing roles and responsibilities of the regional conservation authorities.
 12. Requested the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to change the effective date of the Refund of Fees for official plan amendments, zoning by-laws and site plan control applications contained in Bill 109, from January 1, 2023 to July 1, 2023.
 13. Requested the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to postpone enacting regulations under Schedule 4 of Bill 23, which would grant the Minister authority to impose limits and conditions on municipalities' regulation of demolition or conversion of rental units, until such time as there has been focused consultations with municipalities as part of the development of Minister's regulations to ensure municipalities can continue to require replacement rental housing and support impacted tenants.
 14. Requested the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, through a majority vote, to withdraw Bill 23.

Yours truly,


for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/mm

Attachment

Sent to: Premier, Province of Ontario
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Province of Ontario
Leader of the Official Opposition, Province of Ontario
President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario MPPs
Ontario Municipalities

c. City Manager

City Council

New Business - Meeting 1

CC1.2	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Update on Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

City Council Decision

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15. City Council direct the City Manager make public the impacts of Bill 23 on specific capital projects which will not proceed in each Provincial and Federal Riding.

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16. City Council direct the City Solicitor and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to report to the Planning and Housing Committee on guiding policies to assist City Council in gauging planning importance when considering requests that City Council initiate a Toronto Local Appeal Body appeal.

17. City Council request the City Solicitor and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to report to the Planning and Housing Committee with a legal strategy to challenge the Province of Ontario's potential removal of Section 111 of the City of Toronto Act, and explore alternate means to protect rental units from demolition and conversion.

18. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to commence a public information campaign to inform all City residents of the impacts of Bill 23 and the changes to neighbourhoods, prevailing built forms, housing, civic engagement, the greenbelt, climate change, affordable housing, rental protection, community infrastructure, parks, heritage and cost of living that it may bring about.

19. City Council forward this item to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Official Opposition, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Summary

On October 25, 2022 the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, introduced Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 in the Ontario Legislature.

Bill 23 proposes extensive changes to the policy-led planning and development system under which municipalities in Ontario work. Details and preliminary analysis of the implications of Bill 23 were shared with the Mayor and City Councillors on November 3, 2022 (see Attachment 1).

Bill 23 passed 2nd Reading on October 31, 2022 and was referred to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy (Standing Committee) for review. The Standing Committee has held two days of public hearings to date (November 8, 2022 in Markham and November 9, 2022 in Brampton), and is scheduled to hear two more on November 16 and 17, 2022 in Toronto.

The Chief Planner, along with supporting staff, is scheduled to depute to the Standing Committee at 1:00 pm on Thursday, November 17, 2022. A livestream of the public hearing will be made available on the Ontario Legislative Assembly website at this link: <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/video/committees-room-no-1>.

Staff are also preparing written comments for submission to the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee is scheduled to conduct a clause-by-clause review of Bill 23 on Monday, November 21, 2022, during which amendments to the bill may be proposed, considered and voted upon.

Staff will provide a supplementary report outlining City staff's submission to the Standing Committee and the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting regarding Bill 23 and the results from the Standing Committee's consideration of the bill in advance of the November 24, 2022 meeting of City Council.

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(November 16, 2022) Report from the City Manager and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on Update on Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (CC1.2)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-230055.pdf>)

(November 3, 2022) Attachment 1 - Interim City Manager's FYI Briefing Note to Mayor and Members of Council - Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-230056.pdf>)

(November 22, 2022) Supplementary report from the Interim City Manager, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on City Staff Comments on Proposed Bill 23 - More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (CC1.2a)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-230130.pdf>)

Attachment 1 - City of Toronto Comments on Proposed Bill 23 (submitted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario and Ontario Regulatory Registry November 22, 2022)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-230131.pdf>)

Attachment 2 - Chief Planner Presentation Notes to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy (November 17, 2022)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-230132.pdf>)

Communications (City Council)

(November 21, 2022) Letter from Geoff Kettel and Cathie Macdonald, Co-Chairs, Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) (CC.Supp)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156534.pdf>)

(November 22, 2022) Letter from Andria Babbington, President, Toronto and York Region Labour Council (CC.New)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156573.pdf>)

(November 23, 2022) Letter from Jason Ash, Chair, Leaside Towers Tenants Association (CC.New)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156570.pdf>)

(November 22, 2022) Letter from Les Veszlenyi and Angela Barnes, Co-Chairs, Mimico Lakeshore Community Network (CC.New)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156571.pdf>)

(November 22, 2022) Letter from Maureen Kapral, President, Lytton Park Residents' Organization (CC.New)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156572.pdf>)

(November 24, 2022) Letter from Walied Khogali, Regent Park Neighbourhood Association (CC.New)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156578.pdf>)

(November 24, 2022) Letter from Henry Wiercinski, Vice President, Annex Residents' Association and Sue Dexter, Board, Harbord Village Resident's Association (CC.New)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156579.pdf>)

(November 24, 2022) Letter from Jin Huh, Executive Director, Social Planning Toronto (CC.New)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156581.pdf>)

(November 24, 2022) Letter from Mike Mattos, President, Judith Hayes, Vice President, and Rick Ciccarelli, Executive Board Associate, Mount Dennis Community Association (CC.New)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-156542.pdf>)



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November 30, 2022

Hon. Steve Clark
Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
Via Email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Re: Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act

Dear Minister Clark,

Town of Orangeville acknowledges Bill 23, titled the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is part of a long-term strategy to provide attainable housing options for families across Ontario. We at the Town understand that Bill 23 is focused on the provincial government’s stated goal of having 1.5 million homes built over the next 10 years and aims to do so by reducing bureaucratic costs and delays in construction. While the Province’s goals to resolve the housing crisis in the next decade is ambitious and necessary, it could potentially have unintended long-term financial and planning related consequences on municipalities, such as the Town of Orangeville.

On behalf of the Town of Orangeville Council, I put forward a list of concerns of potential unintended consequences arising from Bill 23:

1. Bill 23 could have a direct impact on the state of good repair mandate rolled out by the province in their recent legislation, O.Reg. 588/17. If growth is no longer paying for growth, that means **we may have to reallocate some of our lifecycle asset management dollars**, as required by the same legislation, towards growth related infrastructure.
2. Although we support the overarching message and intention of Bill 23 as it relates to housing affordability, we do question whether **overall quality of life and affordability of our citizens would be severely impacted due to higher taxes** and user fees. The Town of Orangeville has limited cost-recovery avenues, meaning Bill 23 may require cost-recovery within the recent Asset Management plan, resulting in a more significant infrastructure funding gap. This situation will be further exasperated if specific provisions of Bill 23 dilute our ability to cover infrastructure improvements through Development Charges.
3. Town of Orangeville is a fast-growing community with a comprehensive economic outlook for Industrial and Commercial developments. This could be compromised if we find ourselves having to **levy higher development charges for industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) developments to mitigate loss of Residential Development Charges**.

4. Under the current climate of impending global inflation, the Town is already struggling to keep its service levels affordable. Without any direct financial incentive from the province such as interest-free loans from Infrastructure Ontario, **we will lose our ability to build capacity for growth in service areas like Water and Wastewater.**
5. Improving residential development efficiencies and costs by limiting the role and scope of Conservation Authorities (CA) in the planning approval process is unclear. Like many municipalities, Orangeville relies on Conservation Authority support to provide guidance on natural hazard avoidance and ecological protection to ensure that the provincial policy framework around these issues is upheld in our planning decisions. **If CAs are removed from this advisory role, we must find alternative means in assuring such policies remain adhered-to.** It is unclear how this would improve approval timing efficiencies or save costs to residential developments. It could inevitably shoulder more costs to development in subsidizing municipal costs and/or consultant peer review support.
6. Orangeville supports the province's objectives of lowering costs and improving efficiency for residential development to deliver more housing to Ontarians; However, like many municipalities, our challenges for facilitating more housing within our community are not simply costs and process inefficiencies for developments. Instead, we are challenged by our limited municipal land availability and servicing capacity constraints. We ask that the province **explore actionable measures and tangible resource deployment to support our efforts to increase our land supply and infrastructure servicing capacity.**

According to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) recent submission to the Steering Committee of Bill 23, it states "The province has offered no evidence that the radical elements of the bill will improve housing affordability. It is more likely that the bill will enhance the profitability of the development industry at the expense of taxpayers and the natural environment." As the frontline level of government, municipalities are also eager to resolve the housing crisis and are the most informed on what is needed to create complete communities that Ontarians want and expect. We ask that the province view us as one of the strategic partners in further refining the More Homes Built Faster Act, and open more robust channels of communication and consultation.

Sincerely,



Lisa Post
Mayor

CC Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon Member of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

From: Lindsay Raftis <lraftis@orangeville.ca>

Sent: December 2, 2022 10:52 AM

Subject: Town of Orangeville Response to Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act

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Good morning,

Please see attached correspondence with respect to Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act. Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on November 28, 2022 and Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas there is a housing crisis in Ontario and delivering more housing that is affordable for all income levels is a priority for the Provincial Government shared by the Town of Orangeville;

And whereas Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, will make substantial changes to multiple pieces of legislation and supporting regulations aimed at increasing housing supply and improving housing affordability as part of Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan for 2022-2023;

And whereas it is unclear how Bill 23 will improve housing supply and affordability since, as presented, Bill 23 will reduce environmental protection, heritage conservation, and quality urban design considerations in all development approval matters beyond such that is strictly related to housing;

And whereas there are measures included in Bill 23 that will significantly reduce development charge recoveries for growth-necessitated infrastructure and service improvements and it is unclear how such measures will translate directly to improving housing affordability for residents;

And whereas there are other challenges facing municipalities that affect housing supply beyond simply development costs and timelines, which will require further strategies by the Province to achieve its objectives of significantly increasing housing supply and affordability, including funding and accelerated implementation and approval support for significant municipal infrastructure expansions and upgrades;

And whereas while Council for the Town of Orangeville generally supports many of the revisions to provincial legislation where there is a clear connection to increasing housing supply and affordability, the Town of Orangeville concurs with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) recent submission to the Standing Committee for Bill 23 stating in-part that "the province has offered no evidence that the radical elements of the Bill will improve housing affordability (and) it is more likely that the bill will enhance the profitability of the development industry at the expense of taxpayers and the natural environment";

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Therefore be it resolved that Council for the Town of Orangeville hereby requests the Province repeal Bill 23 until such time as further analysis, consideration of consultation feedback and meaningful engagement has occurred with municipalities and stakeholders;

And further that the Mayor be authorized to submit a letter to the Provincial Government which further addresses the comments and concerns of the Town of Orangeville with respect to Bill 23, generally as described in this Resolution;

And further that a copy of the Mayor's letter and a copy of this resolution be submitted through the Provincial commenting window for the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022;

And further that it be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing, The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon Member of Provincial Parliament, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Thank you,

Lindsay Raftis | Assistant Clerk | Corporate Services

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 332 **DECEMBER 07, 2022**

Moved by: [Signature]

Seconded by: [Signature]

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence regarding Bill 23 the Build More Homes Faster Act;

AND WHEREAS Council appreciates and understands that the lack of attainable and affordable housing is an important issue facing the entire Province;

AND WHEREAS Bill 23 will have economic, social, and environmental implications that will affect several acts including but not limited to the *Conservation Authorities Act, Development Charges Act, 1997, Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Land Tribunal Act, 2021, Planning Act* and may make changes to the *Ontario Building Code* along with the financial burden that this legislation will have on municipalities and existing homeowners;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan concurs with York Region Council and many others that the legislative program under the umbrella of the Ontario Housing Supply Action Plan must be paused in order to have a more in-depth consultation with municipalities and other stakeholders;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conversation and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Peter Tabuns, Leader of the Opposition and interim leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, the Honourable John Fraser Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, the Honourable Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Defeated Deferred [Signature]

Sam Dunnnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnnett, Sam			



*Knowing our heritage
we will build our future*

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

Sent: December 1, 2022 3:48 PM

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

Subject: AMO Policy Update - Standing Committee Appearance on Bill 39, Other Policy Updates

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POLICY UPDATE

December 1, 2022

Standing Committee Appearance on Bill 39 and Other Policy Updates

AMO's Remarks on Bill 39, *the Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022*

Today, AMO's Executive Director, Brian Rosborough, presented to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding Bill 39, *The Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022*. [AMO's remarks can be found on our website.](#)

Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act* Passed

Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. As of today, the environmental and regulatory consultations associated with the Bill and the Housing Supply Action Plan 3.0 remain open.

In the event that consultations close early, AMO will submit comments directly to the respective Ministries and will post them to AMO's [Housing and Homelessness Page](#).

Yesterday, in response to AMO's concerns and calls for provincial infrastructure funding, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing committed in a letter to the AMO President "ensuring that municipalities are kept whole for any impact to their ability to fund housing enabling infrastructure because of Bill 23". The letter also included a commitment to introduce legislation that, if passed, would delay the

implementation of development application refund requirements set out in Bill 109 by six months, from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023.

AMO is very pleased that the government recognizes the importance for municipal access to funding to support the joint provincial-municipal goal of increasing housing supply and affordability, and will continue to work with the province to better understand the amount, timing, and conditions of the funding to ensure alignment with municipal realities.

Bill 46, *Less Red Tape, Stronger Ontario Act, 2022* Introduced

Last week, *Bill 46, Less Red Tape, Stronger Ontario Act, 2022*, was introduced in the legislature. A motion for closure on Second Reading debate was deferred to December 1. The proposed changes, if approved, will allow court clerks to reopen certain convictions when satisfied that the defendant, through no fault of their own, missed a notice or was unable to attend a meeting or hearing related to the ticket.

AMO is cautiously optimistic that these changes may help address ongoing backlogs at POA courts and hope that the government will also turn their attention to the lack of Justices of the Peace across Ontario.

Increase in Construction Funding Subsidy for Long-Term Care Homes

The Ontario government is increasing the construction funding subsidy by up to an additional \$35 per bed, per day for 25 years. Eligible non-profits will also be able to convert \$15 of this supplemental funding into a construction grant payable at the start of construction, to increase projects' upfront equity and enable them to secure financing. Eligible projects must be beginning construction by August 31, 2023.

Eligible operators who wish to apply for the supplemental construction funding subsidy increase must submit a statement of readiness by December 20, 2022. More information is available [here](#) and through the [Long-Term Care Home Capital Development Funding Policy](#). AMO has advocated for increases to the construction funding subsidy to account for increasing capital costs and is pleased to see this increase.

Fourth Independent Review of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)*

AMO provided a submission for the Fourth Independent Review of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)* on November 29. AMO shares the Ontario government's commitment to an accessible Ontario by 2025 and continues to support the need for increased and improved accessibility for Ontarians in all aspects of community and civic life. Municipal governments are doing their part at the forefront of efforts to create more accessible communities for their residents.

The submission outlines recommendations for ways to improve the municipal ability and capacity to meet the objectives of the Act with support from the province. There is opportunity for municipal governments to provide their input. Visit the AODA Independent Review website to learn more.

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

Sent: Friday, December 9, 2022 2:23:41 PM

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

Subject: AMO Policy Update - Bill 39 Passes Third Reading, Greenbelt Consultation, Safe Restart Funding for Transit, Next Generation 9-1-1, CSPA, OHTs

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POLICY UPDATE

December 9, 2022

Bill 39 Passes Third Reading, Greenbelt Consultation, Safe Restart Funding for Transit, Next Generation 9-1-1, New Regulations Proposed under the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, and Ontario Health Teams

Bill 39, *Better Municipal Governance Act*, Passes Third Reading

The Legislative Assembly of Ontario voted to approve Bill 39, *Better Municipal Governance Act*, during Third Reading on Thursday. The Act will amend the *Municipal Act* to allow heads of council designated by regulation to receive strong mayor powers to be able to propose by-laws and pass them with more than one-third of council voting in favour if they advance provincial priorities. Currently, only Toronto and Ottawa mayors will receive these powers.

Provincial priorities will be designated by regulation and are proposed to include meeting provincial targets for 1.5 million new homes by 2031 and increasing infrastructure development to support them.

AMO, many municipal councils, opposition members, and other groups have requested that the one-third approval of by-laws by council be removed from the Bill as it undermines democratic norms.

In addition, the Bill allows the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint the Chairs of York, Peel, and Niagara Regions while the government designates provincial facilitators to assess regional and lower tier responsibilities.

Comments Submitted on the Greenbelt

AMO continues to respond to the regulatory and environmental postings under Bill 23 – *The More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* and the More Homes Built Faster Plan. AMO's comments on the proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan on December 2 and all other housing related documents can be found here.

Safe Restart Funding for Transit Announced

Premier Doug Ford and the Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulroney, announced new funding for municipal transit through Phase 4 of the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement (SRA). The funding announced earlier this week will provide \$505 million to help municipal transit systems ensure safe and reliable systems in the face of continuing challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This funding is to help municipal transit systems address costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic between February 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022. Municipalities will be able to use their funding allocations to cover revenue losses, operating expenses, and provincial transit priority projects, including fare and service integration and On-Demand transit.

The funding builds on previous rounds of federal-provincial COVID-19 support for municipal transit and funds have been allocated to 107 municipal governments with a base amount of \$5,000 plus an allocation based on actual impacts reported through previous SRA phases.

Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Funding Opportunity

The Government of Ontario is providing funding over three years to support Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in Ontario with their transition to the new NG9-1-1 emergency services communications system. All applicants must apply through this call for proposals to be eligible for funding in any of the three years. Applications are now due January 10, 2023.

Community Safety and Policing Act Regulatory Proposals

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has released regulatory proposals related to the *Community Safety and Policing Act*. Regulations must be in place to be able to bring the new legislation into force. Comments are due by **January 2, 2023**. Further regulatory proposals are anticipated throughout 2023.

The current proposals are:

- Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board Members Codes of Conduct
- Conflict of Interest (for police services members)
- Vehicle Pursuits.

AMO has reviewed the proposals and has not identified any areas of significant concern. Municipalities that will be appointing OPP Board members are encouraged to review the proposals and comment directly to the Ministry. AMO will continue to engage with the Ministry of the Solicitor General and other stakeholders on policing.

New Guidance Document for Ontario Health Teams

The Ministry of Health has released new direction for Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) in the guidance document Ontario Health Teams – The Path Forward. This guidance is intended to promote greater standardization, informed by lessons learned through OHT implementation to date. The areas of focus for the guidance include clinical priorities, governance, operational capacity, and communications.

This guidance reflects some of the recommendations outlined in our submission. The incorporation of OHTs as not-for-profit corporations will contribute towards addressing our recommendation for clear governance and accountability standards. While we would still like to see a mandated municipal voice into OHT service planning tables and governance boards, the guidance does encourage engagement with municipalities. We continue to recommend that the Ministry mandate municipal representation in future guidance provided to OHTs. We would also like to see further resources announced for municipal service manager participation. AMO will continue to work with the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health to promote greater municipal involvement as OHTs advance in maturity across the province.

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The Good Shepherd Food Bank of Alliston
52 Wellington Street West, Alliston
705-435-3255

Saturday December 3rd, 2022

Thank you for attending our first open-house at our new location, we are so pleased you could be part of our event. We appreciate your support both today and in the future, as we head into what will likely be our hardest year ever.

Overview of Our Current State of Operations

With the potential recession looming on the horizon, food banks across Canada are already facing unprecedented demands to provide nutritious food for the growing number of clients they serve each week.

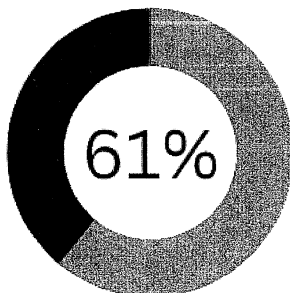
The 2022 Food Banks Canada Hunger Count headlines read “From a Storm to a Hurricane” with 1.46 million food bank visits in Canada in March of 2022 alone, with increase usage across the county and a 43% increase in food bank visits in Ontario since 2019. The demand for affordable housing and food has never been higher, many families simply cannot afford both.

Here in Alliston, our numbers are even higher. In January 2022 we averaged 44 clients per shopping day, this November we are now seeing an average of 71 clients per shopping day with a record 86 clients in one day. This is a 61% increase to the number of people using the food bank each shopping day.

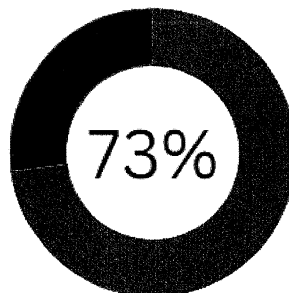
Only one client per family can ‘shop’ therefore one ‘shopper’ can represent one single person, or a couple with up to 5 or more kids.

In November 2021 we helped feed 617 individuals. From September to November 2022, we fed an average of 1359 individuals each month. The number of people relying on our services has doubled over the past year with new clients registering every week.

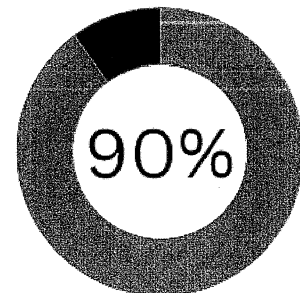
January 2022, we had 298 active clients/families. As of November 24th, 2022 we now have 516 active clients - an increase of 73%.



Jan 2022 to Nov 2022:
61% increase in clients
using the food bank
per shopping day



Jan 2022 to Nov 2022:
73% increase in new clients
registering to use the food bank



Our food costs have
increased by 90%
in the last year



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Because of these increases our grocery bills have skyrocketed, from spending approximately \$10,000 per month to \$19,000 per month.

The Good Shepherd Food Bank is currently struggling financially to meet the needs of our community. Even with all the amazing support we receive, we are still facing the unprecedented demand for our services due to the challenged face by our clients - lack of living wages, soaring inflation, the cost of groceries, the cost of rent and mortgages, loss of employment, and the effects of the pandemic.

We simply need more financial and non-perishable donations in order to keep helping the public. We strive to provide as many fresh nutritious foods to our clients as possible. Without generous donations from our community, it will be our neighbours who suffer the most.

Food Rescue

Our food bank is a member of Feed Ontario as well as Food Banks Canada. In addition to our local donations, we are now more reliant on corporate “Food Rescue” programs through our membership in these organizations.

Both Second Harvest and Food Banks Canada have developed a “Food Rescue” initiative which allow grocery stores to freeze meat on the best-before-date and donate it to food banks. We are currently partnering with Foodland, FreshCo, No Frills and Zehrs in this program. This initiative provides hundreds of pounds of free food to us every year, it allows food banks to decrease the amount they are spending on meat and eventually will expand to all grocery store departments. The best part, there is no cost to us to participate in these programs.

We expect to save thousands of dollars each year with these donations, which we are very grateful for.

We are currently spending more money than we have coming in. We simply cannot continue without the incredible donations from our local grocery stores.



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Refrigerated Ford Transit Cargo Van

With the incredible “Food Rescue” initiative comes many levels of regulations that must be met, such as the need to transport food safely and securely at the proper temperature. Our contracts outline compliance with all applicable federal, provincial, and local laws.

We must ensure that from the point of donation from the local store, those products are transported, stored, and handled in a safe and sanitary manner and are safe for consumption as outlined by the Ontario Ministry of Health, Safe Food Handling. The only way to guarantee the safe transport of perishable food is with a refrigerated vehicle.

We have ordered a 2022 Ford Transit Cargo van which will arrive sometime in the beginning of 2023. At which point we will have the van retrofitted with a commercial grade refrigeration unit, insulated panels and safety features. Luckily, we were able to secure a grant from Feed Ontario which covered the entire cost to retrofit the van with the refrigeration unit.

We are hoping to receive many financial donations to eliminate our cost.





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The refrigerated cargo van will improve the following:

1. Cut down on our food spending by receiving safe food from grocery stores that would have otherwise been thrown away;
2. Improve efficiency of perishable food transportation by ensuring it is transported at the proper temperature;
3. Allowing us to pickup perishable food from further distances, giving us additional sources of fresh produce, meat and dairy at competitive pricing and availability;
4. Increase the visibility and awareness of the food bank in our community, as members of the community will see our van as it travels on food pick ups. This increased awareness should result in increased donations; and,
5. Increase the health & safety of our volunteers; volunteers will be able to load/unload food in a safe matter without having to lift heavy boxes out of trunks and seats of their cars (which they currently do).

If you know anyone who might be interested in sponsoring the van, please reach out to Jaime Karsch, Operations Manager for The Good Shepherd Food Bank of Alliston for a full sponsorship package.

Jaime Karsch
 647-464-2627
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Sponsors over \$5,000 will have their company logo permanently affixed on the vehicle for the entire life of the van.

Items We Are Currently In Need Of:

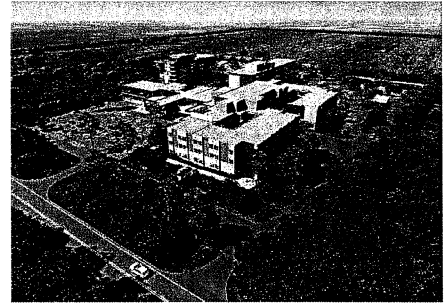
- Stew & Chili
- Rice
- Canned meats such as corned beef, ham, and chicken
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Peanut butter and jam
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Tea & Coffee
- Condiments (of any kind)
- Granola bars, fruit cups and pudding
- Canned Fruit
- Easy made items like Sidekicks, Instant Mashed Potatoes and Hamburger Helper
- Pasta
- Toilet paper and tissue
- Feminine hygiene products
- Shampoo, deodorant, razors, and tooth brushes

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Update on Simcoe Village Campus Project

Midhurst/December 6, 2022 – Stakeholders and Council have received an update regarding the Simcoe Village Campus Project, where the County is building a seniors campus including a wide range of amenities through an age-in-place approach.

The site is currently undergoing site preparation activities. This initial site preparation phase is expected to be completed in mid-2023, with building construction beginning shortly after (provided all building and design approvals are granted) with occupancy for the long-term care home, Village Centre, and Supportive Housing components anticipated for mid-2025.



Once completed, the new Simcoe Village Campus in the Village of Beeton (Township of New Tecumseth) will provide 160 long-term care beds plus 179 seniors housing units and homes. With a wide range of housing available, future residents will be able to live on one campus as their care needs evolve and change.

Simcoe Village Campus will replicate the highly successful, provincially recognized and awarded Georgian Village Campus model, which was opened by the County of Simcoe in 2013 in the Town of Penetanguishene.

The County of Simcoe has also started a vital fundraising campaign to assist with raising \$4.5 million towards special projects at the new campus including outdoor amenities such as gazebos, garden accessories, outdoor benches, health and wellness amenities, and socialization amenities such as a coffee bar. These amenities and features will enhance the lives of those living on campus. Donors can support during the early phase of the fundraising efforts at simcoe.ca/DonateSVC.

Quotes:

“This will be a tremendous legacy project for the County that will help seniors across our communities, and particularly in South Simcoe. We continue to thank all our partners, including the Government of Ontario, for investing in this redevelopment project, and I look forward to attending the grand opening of the new Simcoe Village Campus as a past Warden in 2025.”

~ *Warden George Cornell*

“We are truly excited to see this project moving forward. We know from our experience in developing Georgian Village in Penetanguishene that this aging-in-place model works well by having a wide range of amenities available for our residents. From dining to medical services to fitness facilities and an array of activities, this becomes a true ‘community within a community’ where residents can create lasting friendships as they age-in-place.”

~ *Jane Sinclair, General Manager, Health & Emergency Services*

About the Simcoe Village Campus Project

The 28.4 acre property, which includes the current Simcoe Manor facility lands in Beeton, will support a nearly 500,000 square foot \$225.8 million campus including a wide range of amenities geared toward seniors in the community. The campus will provide additional long term care beds, seniors housing units and programs, and expanded aging-in-place living options. The services to be offered at the new

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Simcoe Village Campus are expected to include health/medical services, pharmacy, dental, dining, retail, salon, exercise area, and outdoor recreational options. More information is available at simcoe.ca/SimcoeVillageRedevelopment.

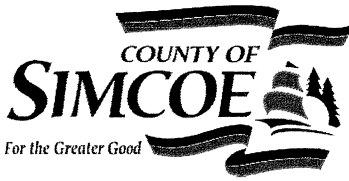
About the County of Simcoe

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County Council elects Basil Clarke as County of Simcoe Warden

Midhurst/December 13, 2022 – Today, County Council elected Basil Clarke, Mayor of Ramara, as the new County of Simcoe Warden for 2023 and 2024.

“It is a true honour to be elected to serve as Warden for the next two years, and I thank my fellow County Councillors for their support,” said Warden Clarke. “I know from my own experience at the County level that we face many challenges in the years ahead, but challenges often lead to opportunities, especially in a region as vibrant as Simcoe County. Opportunities that can advance our economy, enhance our infrastructure and further assist our residents and businesses. I look forward to serving and visiting communities across our great region over the next two years.”

With 22 years of municipal leadership experience, Clarke was first elected as a Ramara Township Councillor in 2000, Deputy Mayor in 2006 and 2010, and as Mayor in 2014, 2018 and 2022. Entering his fifth term as a County of Simcoe Councillor, Clarke has chaired the County’s Performance Management, Food and Agriculture Charter, and Economic Development Committees. Basil Clarke is a dairy and livestock farmer and his family previously ran a small retail business, supplying services to his region and adding to the Canadian agricultural supply. Clarke and his wife, Carey, have been married for over 33 years and have three grown children and two young grandchildren.

Joining Clarke in the leadership of the County of Simcoe is Jennifer Coughlin, who was elected as Deputy Warden. Coughlin was elected as Mayor of Springwater Township in 2022, after serving as Councillor and Deputy Mayor in 2014 and 2018, respectively. As a County of Simcoe Councillor since 2018, Coughlin has served as Chair of the County’s Bursary Committee and Vice Chair of the County’s Human Services, Governance, and Grant Task Force Committees, and as Vice Chair of the Simcoe County Housing Corporation Board. Prior to her entry into politics, Coughlin worked as an Early Childhood Educator and teacher, and remains a supply teacher with the Simcoe Muskoka District Catholic School Board. A resident of Anten Mills (Springwater Township), Coughlin and her husband, Mark, are proudly raising their three daughters and run a family masonry business.

At its 175th Inaugural Ceremony, the County of Simcoe was proud to swear-in the 2022-2026 County Council. County Council works to ensure Simcoe County residents have access to high-quality, critical governmental services through the County.

Elected as the County’s Business Section Chairs and Vice Chairs for 2023 and 2024 are:

- Performance Management
 - Chair: Judith Cox
 - Vice Chair: David Evans
- Human Services
 - Chair: James Leduc
 - Vice Chair: Sandie Macdonald
- Corporate Services
 - Chair: Lynn Dollin
 - Vice Chair: Doug Measures

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Composed of sixteen member municipalities and two separated cities, County Council is comprised of the mayors and deputy mayors of each township located within Simcoe County. Representatives from the separated cities sit on the Human Services Business Section of Council Committee of the Whole. As an “upper tier” municipality, the County of Simcoe is responsible for a range of municipal services including social/affordable housing, homelessness prevention, land ambulance and emergency planning, environmental

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services (solid waste management), a County road system, Ontario Works, children's services, long-term care and seniors services, LINX Transit, museum, support for newcomers, archives, forests, tourism, economic development, and management of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport, among other services and programs.

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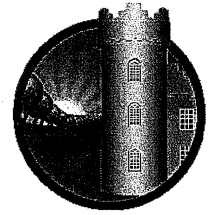
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December 6, 2022

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The Honourable Rob Flack, MPP Elgin-Middlesex-London rob.flack@pc.ola.org
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Municipalities of Ontario

RE: Federal Cannabis Act Review

At its regular meeting held on December 1, 2022 the Malahide Township Council passed the following Resolution:

No. 22-278

Moved By: Mark Widner

Seconded By: Chester Glinski

THAT the Township of Malahide correspondence relating to the Federal Cannabis Act Review be circulated.

Carried

As per the above resolution, please find attached a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Respectfully,

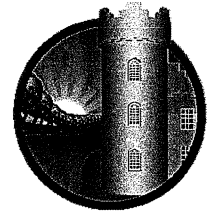
Allison Adams,
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November 17th, 2022

Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat
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Health Canada
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Ottawa, Ontario
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To whom it may concern:

Re: Federal Cannabis Act Review

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide a formal response to the Federal Government's review of the *Cannabis Act*.

At its October 20th, 2022 Regular Meeting, Council for the Township of Malahide directed Township Administration to prepare and forward specific municipal impacts and costs in relation to current cannabis legislation to the federal government's cannabis legislation review process.

The Township of Malahide has incurred significant legal fees, council and staff time, and general community disruption, all pertaining to licenses issued under the federal Medical Cannabis Registration process. Township Council and staff time has cost taxpayers here approximately \$14,000 in the last 18 months alone, with additional incurred costs within the same time period of approximately \$8,000 for outside legal and other consulting advice.

The Township of Malahide is not against or opposed to cannabis, and appreciates the roles that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, the Township believes that there are many improvements that can be made, especially in the areas of inspections, enforcement, and ensuring that operations and licenses issued for same are appropriate and take into consideration and minimize impacts on surrounding land uses.

As it currently stands, municipalities, especially smaller, rural municipalities such as Malahide, have little resources to effectively combat a situation where Health Canada has issued licenses for a scale of growing that would never seem appropriate on a residential property.

With the above concerns, the Township of Malahide fully supports the key messages of The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), which include: local governments,

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residents, and communities continue to be concerned about multiple medical cannabis grow authorizations that can sometimes be located in one place; a concern that there is a lack of information on authorized operations in communities; and, local governments should be able to recoup the costs associated with enforcement related to medical cannabis grows, with a portion of any fines and licensing fees collected being transferred to municipalities to cover the local cost of enforcement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Respectfully,



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cc:

- Township of Malahide Council
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) c/o Craig Reid (creid@amo.on.ca) and Daniela Spagnuolo (dspagnuolo@amo.on.ca)



Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NVCA calling for submissions from local artists

UTOPIA, Ontario (December 8, 2022) – Artists who live in the Nottawasaga Watershed are invited to submit their best representation of the Tiffin Conservation Area or the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area for a chance to have their artwork displayed and used on NVCA conservation area merchandise.

The Nottawasaga Watershed includes 18 municipalities and spans from Wasaga Beach in the northeast to Moonstone and Bass Lake, southeast through Barrie and Bond Head to Hwy 9 then westward to Orangeville then heading north through Collingwood to Nottawasaga Bay. Artists can check to see if they live in the Nottawasaga Watershed by using [NVCA's Interactive Data Viewer](#).

"We have been offering recreation opportunities in our conservation areas since the 1970s," said Kyra Howes, Manager of Lands and Operations at NVCA. "Many of our visitors have developed a special relationship with these natural areas. Some people started coming to our conservation areas as children, and continue visiting their whole lives. We also have many regulars who enjoy our conservation areas year-round! We want everyone to have an opportunity to contribute to this initiative."

A panel of NVCA staff will review artwork submissions and have their top picks judged by the public. There will only be one winner and two runners up. The artist who received first place will receive \$350, an annual parking pass, choice of merchandise item with their design. The two runners up will receive an annual parking pass and their art displayed at the subject conservation area.

"As this is a new initiative, we are calling for submissions for the Tiffin and Nottawasaga Bluff Conservation Areas for now. If this campaign is successful, we will be calling for art submissions for other conservation areas as well."

All artwork submitted must be in colour, in the shape of a circle or rectangle. As the artwork will be embroidered, artists are asked not include shading or thin lines.

Artists are welcome to submit their artwork to events@nvca.on.ca until February 6, 2023. The winning artwork will be chosen on/by February 13, 2023. For full submission rules, visit <https://www.nvca.on.ca/about/careers-volunteers>.

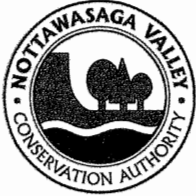
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About NVCA: The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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December 31, 2022

The Township of Essa
Krista Pascoe, Clerk
5786 County Rd. 21
Utopia, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Pascoe:

RE: NVCA BOARD MEMBER'S PER DIEM AND EXPENSES

I have been asked to supply municipalities with remuneration expenses paid to our NVCA Board members over the 2022 year in accordance with the Municipal Act, Section 284(3).

Your council's appointee for the 2022 term to the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority was Michael Smith.

The Authority held 9 Board of Directors meetings from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

The total number attended by your member was 3 business Authority meetings.

The total mileage expense paid was \$0 and the total per diem paid was \$246.09.

If you have any questions relating to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 705-424-1479 ext.228

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Flannagan".

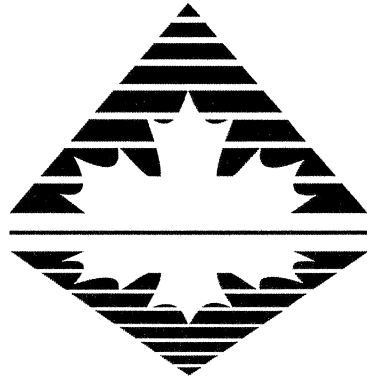
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Director, Corporate Services

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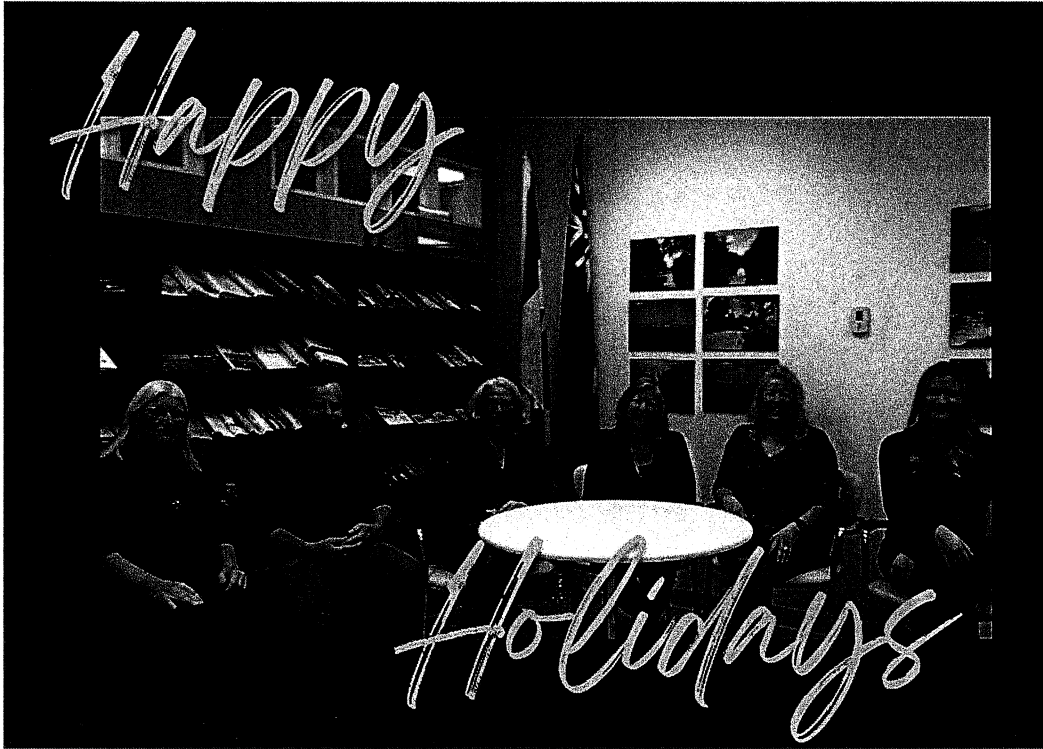
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From: Robin Brown <robin@nottawasaga.com>
Sent: December 14, 2022 9:44 AM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter



**Nottawasaga Futures is a community
 economic development agency serving the
 South Simcoe Area.**



One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to say

Thank You

and to wish you the very best for the New Year

FROM

The Team at Nottawasaga Futures and NT Temps



It's contest time!

— Our friends at The Circle Theatre have generously donated a sweater and winter beanie for a movie prize pack!!

Check us out on social media for your chance to win!



When shopping at small, independent businesses, you can support the local economy and your community by purchasing unique products while receiving high-quality service.

Spread the word and shop small this holiday season!


Nottawasaga Futures Consulting Program

The Nottawasaga Futures Consulting Program in partnership with the municipalities of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Innisfil, and New Tecumseth, was developed after extensive feedback from local businesses.

It is built to specifically address the needs of businesses in this region and provides start-up's and existing businesses the opportunity to apply for coaching assistance to further develop their business.

Eligibility :

- Business owners in the municipalities of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Innisfil, and New Tecumseth can now access support through targeted coaching support in the following areas:
 - Pivoting the Business
 - Sales and Marketing
 - Social Media Best Practises
 - Human Resources and Workforce Development
 - Financial Management
 - Business Management
 - Quickbooks Training



WHEN YOUR BUSINESS
SUCCEEDS,
SO DO WE

To learn more contact
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ced@nottawasaga.com

We've partnered with Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Town of Innisfil and Town of New Tecumseth to offer targeted coaching

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support.

Our consulting program is built specifically to help the businesses in our region.

For information please email us at ced@nottawasaga.com.



NT Temps Inc.

At NT Temps, we are ready to fill all your temporary and permanent staffing needs.

We are available from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday to Friday at (705) 435-1540 ext. 2 or nttemps@nottawasaga.com

For more information on NT Temps click [here](#)

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The goal of NT Temps is to exceed the expectations of our clients and to contribute to the development of our business community.

NT Temps recruits for you to fill your temporary staffing requirements.

Guaranteed reference checks for each employee.

Health and safety training is provided to all employees.

No fee temp to perm service available after 30 days.



It has been another busy, but successful year for the South Simcoe Streams Network (SSSN), a program under Nottawasaga Futures. Thanks in large part to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the SSSN worked alongside the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority on our Connecting Communities and Creeks project with much of the focus on the Upper Nottawasaga River restoration. The South Simcoe Streams Network would like to thank community volunteers and partners who joined in to help with planting and in-stream bank stabilization activities.

May your December be filled with holiday cheer!

The SSSN looks forward to providing you with opportunities to help the environment in the new year!



Make It New Tec Make it happen with the CIP

Looking to upgrade your business or property? The Town of New Tecumseth's Community Improvement Plan (CIP) grants program offers business and property owners funding through development incentive grants.

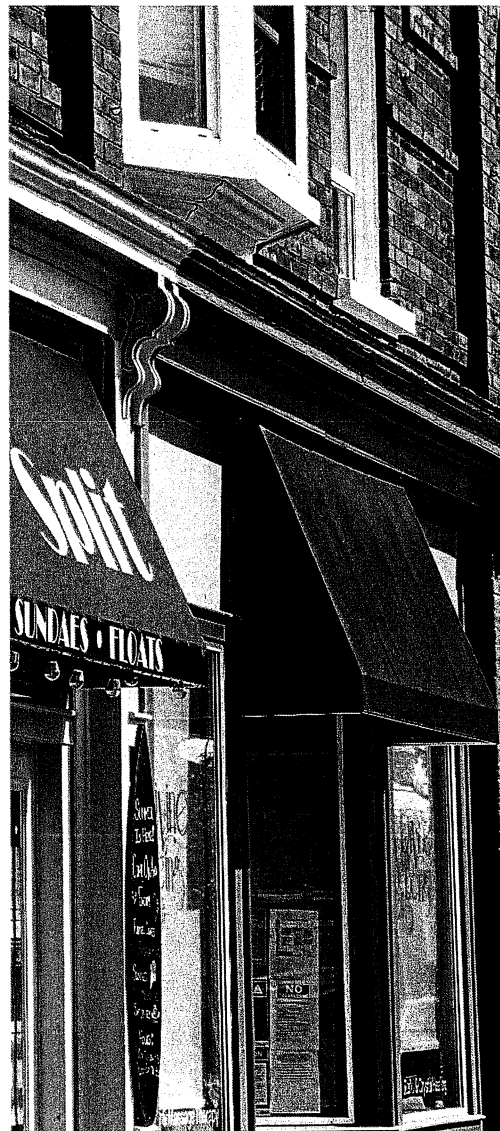
Take your business or property to the next level with grants for:

- Building façade improvements
- Building code upgrades
- Signage, awning and lighting improvements
- Building and property developments
- Public art
- Rental and downtown residential developments
- Commercial unit conversions

Applying is easy! Visit NewTecumseth.ca/CIP to learn more about the program and to get your application started.



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The City of Barrie and
Georgian College present
RapidSkills



South Simcoe Manufacturers!

Are you looking for upskilling opportunities for your staff?

Rapid Skills Micro credentials are offered at Georgian College in a part-time, flexible format at no tuition cost.

Upcoming courses include: Robotics (starting on Jan 3rd in Barrie), Leadership in Manufacturing (starting on Jan 9th in Barrie and Feb 3rd

in Midland) and Quality Management (starting on Jan 10th in Barrie and Jan 11th in Midland).

For more information, contact: rapidskills@georgiancollege.ca

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Help support local food security this holiday season by participating in our December Days of Giving campaign for the Troy Scott Community Fridges! The campaign runs from December 1 to December 31 and

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offers suggestions of different food and essential items to donate each week, including fresh produce, breads and pastries, non-perishables, frozen foods, and personal care items.

Local businesses are invited to participate in the December Days of Giving by donating and sharing their contributions on social media using the hashtag #FeedInnisfil. We're incredibly inspired by the ways Innisfil businesses support the community in times of need and hope you will consider contributing when you can this giving season.

Learn more about the Troy Scott Community Fridges, a neighbours helping neighbours initiative to increase access to nutritious food in Innisfil, by visiting innisfil.ca/communityfridge.

Financial Support and Resources

- [Nottawasaga Futures Community Investment Fund](#)
- [Canada - Ontario Job Grant](#)
- [Ontario Business Registry](#)
- [Business Benefits Finder](#)
- [Canada Business App](#)

- [Delia: Funding for Women-owned Enterprises](#)
- [Ontario Automotive Modernization Program](#)
- [Southwestern Ontario Development Fund](#)
- [Tourism Relief Fund](#)
- [County of Simcoe Mentorship Guide](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Helping Small and Medium-Sized Businesses Lower Electricity Costs

New pilot program will increase consumer choice and support provincial grid

December 14, 2022

Ministry of Energy

TORONTO – The Ontario government is launching a new pilot program to explore dynamic electricity pricing and its ability to lower electricity bills for small and medium-sized businesses including retail stores, commercial offices and farms. This new program builds on the government's commitment to give consumers more control of their energy bills while benefiting the provincial grid.

“Keeping electricity costs down for businesses helps create jobs and promote economic development,” said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. “That’s why we’re launching our new dynamic pricing pilot to give them more choice in how they use and are billed for electricity – just like we’ve done for residential consumers.”

The pilots will test alternate pricing structures that encourage participants to shift electricity consumption to hours where electricity demand is low, helping to reduce costs for businesses. The pilots will help inform the government on the potential for alternate pricing options to provide electricity system benefits and in turn, lower electricity bills for all customers.



Small and medium-sized businesses, farms and community centres that are included in the Class B electricity rate class and don't have access to time-of-use or tiered rates may be eligible to participate in the new pilot program.

This builds on the government's commitment to provide more choice to all electricity consumers. Residential and some small business consumers already have the opportunity to select the price plan – Time-of-Use or Tiered – that keeps their bills lowest. The government is also launching a new ultra-low overnight electricity price plan that will be available to consumers next year, helping to support the adoption of electric vehicles.

The government has directed the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to work with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to deliver these dynamic pricing pilots. The OEB plans to open applications for the program by the end of 2022.

Quick Facts

- The government is keeping electricity costs down for all businesses through its [Comprehensive Electricity Plan](#) which is reducing electricity costs by between 15 to 17 per cent.
- “Dynamic” pricing refers to prices that vary depending on the weekday or hour of the day.

Additional Resources

[Manage energy costs for your business](#)

[Learn more about the dynamic pricing pilots](#)

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