

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

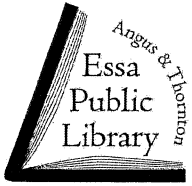
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- p.38 10. Correspondence received from the Ministry of the Environment dated April 25, 2022, re: The 2022 Provincial Day of Action on Litter.

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

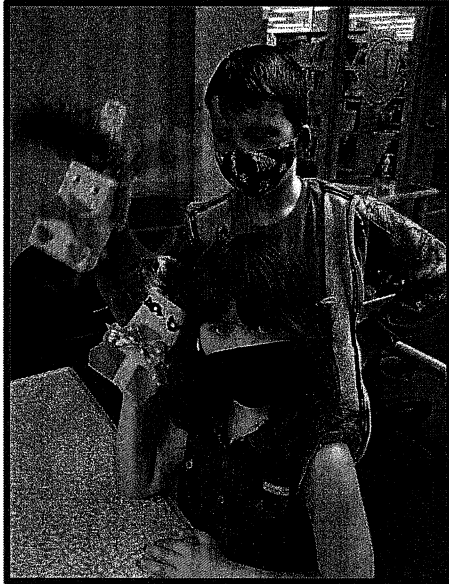
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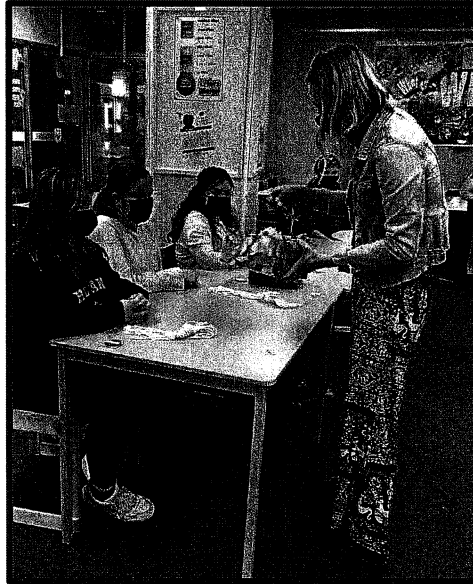
Essa Public Library Report: March 2022

IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

Outcomes



Craft time for kids



Teens learning macrame



Seniors Aging Well Program:
Brain exercises & puzzles

Photo above & post on Facebook:
"Had a great time this morning at the library making a craft with the kids. Thank you, Essa Public Library and The Painted Olive."

A Cookbook Club member emailed: *"I appreciate all you do for the group and have had fun pushing my cooking to areas I haven't regularly in the past. Wishing everyone well and happy cooking!"*

A long time patron recently moved away from the area but she shared this parting comment:
"I loved the library and really appreciated all the good work you do."

High praise for Trivia program:
"I am not sure you truly grasp how much people have appreciated your Trivia over the past two years. I know for my group, we all sit together and I cherish that time."

"Trivia is amazing. Thank you for all the time and effort you put into this. It brightens our mood and gives us something to look forward to."

A young person came into the Thornton Branch this morning to use the Community Room space to study. They said, *"It's so great that we have a space like this, as there are 1 hour time limits at some other libraries."*

Tween Book Bag Craft program comment:
"Thank you so much for the joyful program yesterday. My son's tote turned out beautifully and he had a very good time, especially playing the game! I wanted to thank you so much for making his week more special and for the kindness that you clearly brought into every aspect of the program. Often, it is the small things bring the most happiness and I really am truly thankful for all of it. He plans to paint the reverse side today (and SUCH a good idea to have a fresh book to place right in it)."

Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Cercel de Conversation
 Virtuel: 24

Virtual Trivia Nights: 74

Virtual: Starting the conversation:
 13

Bookclub - Angus: 5

Bookclub - Thornton: 2

Cookbook Club: 3

Tech Learning - (in person/phone/email):
 Angus Branch: 18
 Thornton Branch: 5

Outreach - Geocache
 Angus Branch: 1
 Thornton Branch: offered

Art Display: 1

Exams: 3

Bunnies in a bag craft: 20

Paper card craft: 15

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future Grant & more

Pen Pal Program: 4

UYF Virtual Speakers -
 Mark Black: 15
 Scott Hammell: 23

One more page Teen Book Club: 5

First Aid Training: 3

Book Bundles for teens: 14

Macrame workshop: 5

Social Media

Facebook: 34 posts
 Reactions: 260
 Followers: 1,671

Twitter: 22 tweets
 Reactions: 73
 Followers: 1,054

Instagram: 12 posts
 Reactions: 180
 Followers: 477

Youtube Views: 3,494
 Reactions: 0
 Subscribers: 383
 Miscellaneous Videos: 0

More

Library Zest blog posts, videos & email campaigns: 2

Library Zest blog traffic: 57

Library Zest unique visitors: 19

Makerspace: 4

Community Partners

Ontario Parks Passes available:
 Angus: 8 Thornton: 5

Tweens

Book Bag craft: 7

Tweens' Trivia: 5

Kids

Beanstack

New Horizons Books:
 Active readers: 10
 Books read: 238
 Badges earned: 24

New Horizons Minutes:
 Active readers: 1
 Minutes read: 60
 Badges earned: 5

For the Love of Reading:
 Active readers: 1
 Minutes read: 16
 Badges earned: 19

Growing Readers:
 Active readers: 1
 Minutes read: 60
 Badges earned: 10

Beanstack challenges offered: 64

Virtual

Storytime: 103
 Growing Together Storytime: 17
 Making Maple Syrup: 5
 Bilingual Storytime: 29
 Lucky Rainbow Storytime: 46
 School Outreach: 55

Other Fun

Skating and Stories: 70

Spring Chick Craft -
 Angus Branch: 20
 Thornton Branch: 6

Wiggles & Giggles Baby Group -
 Angus: 83

Search & Find Contest -
 Angus Branch: 52
 Thornton Branch: 13

Self-directed Scavenger Hunt -
 Angus Branch: 2

Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	Mar. 2021	Mar. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	3,434	7,072	19,213
Thornton Branch	1,214	1,598	4,509
Angus Branch Computer Use	35	250	436
Thornton Branch Computer Use	0	20	32
Angus Branch Wireless Use	660	n/a	n/a
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	182	n/a	n/a
eAudio & eBooks	1,125	829	2,489
TOTALS:	6,650	9,769	26,679

Circulation Analysis	Mar. 2021	Mar. 2022	YTD 2022
Print	3,058	5,634	15,672
Non-Print	1,513	2,970	7,853
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	877	270	468
eAudio Books	187	213	563
eBooks	938	616	1,926
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	54	50	119
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	23	16	78

Materials Used In-Library	Mar. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	207	412
Thornton Branch	21	56

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Online Resources & New Members

Library website visits	YTD 2022
3,691	9,890

Simcoe County Libraries App	YTD 2022
299	1,164

Digital Library visits	YTD 2022
969	2,899

New Members		YTD 2022
Angus Branch	86	178
Thornton Branch	2	9

Library Highlights



The #ITSTARTS campaign is a public education initiative to promote a unified community that embraces acceptance, inclusion, equity and diversity. This year's campaign was focused on action and Library Staff took part.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

REGULAR COUNCIL

DATE:

April 5, 2022

RESOLUTION NO.:

118 -2022

AGENDA ITEM NO.:

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SECONDED BY

O'Connor

WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada's horticulture sector; and

WHEREAS gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together; and

WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and the experience garden of our municipality; and

WHEREAS gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Denis Clement, on behalf of the Town of Cochrane do hereby proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and

THAT the Saturday before Father's Day, June 18, 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in the Town of Cochrane as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022; and

THAT the Town of Cochrane is committed to be a Garden Friendly Town supporting the development of its garden culture; and

THAT all the municipalities across Canada be invited to proclaim 2022 to be the Year of the Garden in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to all municipalities of Ontario, and for that purpose.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

DECLARED THE MOTION

- CARRIED
- DEFEATED
- DEFERRED
- REFERRED TO: _____

RECORDED VOTE - Requested by: _____



 Mayor (Acting Mayor)

RECORDED VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Daniel Bélisle				
Todd Calaezzi				✓
Denis Clement				
Rodney Hoogenhoud				✓
Robert Hutchinson				
Desmond O'Connor				
Frank Sisco				

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

DISCLOSED HIS/HER INTEREST(S)

VACATED HIS/HER SEAT

ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION AND DID NOT VOTE ON THIS QUESTION.

Ministry of the Solicitor General
Office of the Fire Marshal

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MEMORANDUM TO: Heads of Council / Chief Administrative Officers

FROM: Tim Beckett
Acting Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: April 14, 2022

SUBJECT: O. Reg. 343/22: Firefighter Certification

Dear Heads of Council and Chief Administrative Officers,

I am writing to provide an update on the work that we have been doing on firefighter certification under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*.

I am pleased to let you know that O. Reg. 343/22: Firefighter Certification has been filed under the Act. It is available on e-Laws [here](#).

Throughout the consultation period, we received tremendous feedback and support from municipalities, fire chiefs, and partner associations including the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association and the Fire Fighters Association of Ontario. The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) has been working collaboratively with all partners to understand the regulation and how the OFM can best support departments at the local level throughout the implementation period.

The final regulation reflects changes related to exceptions, transition, and certification standards in response to feedback received during the Regulatory Registry posting period and during the municipal technical briefings. This feedback assisted in finalizing the firefighter certification regulation, which provides flexibility for local municipalities, while supporting firefighter and public safety.

With this regulation, we are not asking that firefighters train to higher levels than they already are. Certification is a process of verification, ensuring that a firefighter is trained to the standard they are required to perform, as set out in the level of service determined by a municipal council or territory without municipal organization.

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Mandatory certification in Ontario will validate the training that firefighters receive and, in turn, will create safer communities.

Many of the comments received with respect to implementation have also been or will be addressed in the coming months. For instance, to address capacity pressures within the OFM, we are already increasing the staff complement for both the Ontario Fire College (OFC) and our Academic Standards and Evaluation Unit. This will ensure that we can respond to the current and ongoing demand for training and certification across Ontario.

We also continue to refine and enhance both our Adjunct Instructor and Regional Training Centre models to meet provincial demand. Learning Contract accessibility has been expanded allowing fire departments that already train together to continue to do so in order to achieve certification. The OFC will also be working with fire departments to increase their own internal training capacity and will be exploring opportunities to provide additional training for senior officers through upcoming seminars, conferences and webinars.

At the same time, we heard from many departments that purchasing textbooks and other training essentials is challenging. We have therefore explored options with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) to look at supports that they can provide on the procurement of textbooks and other materials. The FMPFSC is supportive of the certification file and will be finalizing options that will be communicated to fire departments shortly.

I am pleased that we have been able to work so collaboratively with municipalities, fire departments, and other partners to have this regulation finalized. With a long implementation window, we are confident that certification is achievable and look forward to working with firefighters across Ontario as this regulation is operationalized.

Sincerely,

Tim Beckett
Acting Fire Marshal

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

April 20, 2022

Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Via Email

Re: Build it Right the First Time

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, April 11, 2022, adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2022-0077

WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills made a commitment through its Climate Change Emergency Resolution adopted in May 2019 to reach net-zero GHG emissions by the year 2030, which is consistent with the current scientific data indicating that this is required by all jurisdictions if we are to avoid catastrophic climate-related events;

AND WHEREAS Residential and commercial buildings account for 33% of the GHG emissions in Halton Hills;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills is actively implementing its Low Carbon Transition Strategy and has committed millions of dollars in the current budget to upgrade energy efficiency in its corporate building stock;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills has adopted its third upgraded iteration of its Green Development Standards to ensure that all new buildings are built above the current Ontario Building Code mandatory requirements;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is consulting on changes for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code (ERO #019-4974) that generally aligns with the draft National Model Building Code except it does not propose adopting energy performance tiers, it does not propose timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier, and according to Efficiency Canada and The Atmospheric Fund, it proposes adopting minimum energy performance standards that do not materially improve on the requirements in the current Ontario Building Code;

AND WHEREAS The greenhouse gas reduction targets set out in municipal climate Change strategies across the province will not be achievable without a commitment by the Provincial government to use this opportunity with respect to updates to Ontario Building Code to upgrade the energy efficiency of all new builds in line with other Provinces and the National Standards;

AND WHEREAS ensuring that all new buildings in the Province of Ontario are built to the highest energy efficiency means that they will not need expensive retrofits in the future and the cost of heating and cooling these buildings will be reduced from the moment they are first occupied;

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AND WHEREAS the lack of strong energy efficiency standards in the current and proposed OBC have resulted in the costly development of local green development standards as individual municipalities are forced to negotiate energy upgrades as they strive to meet their GHG reduction goals (Halton Hills, Toronto, Whitby, Pickering, City of Waterloo);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to include energy performance tiers and timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code, consistent with the intent of the draft National Model Building code and the necessity of bold and immediate provincial action on climate change;

AND FURTHER THAT if the OBC is not upgraded to the National Model Building Code that municipalities be given the authority to adopt a higher level of energy efficiency consistent with the National Building Code;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to Halton MPP's to the leaders of all Provincial political parties and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2022-0077.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at valeriep@haltonhills.ca.

Sincerely,

Melissa Lawr
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Halton MPP's
leaders of all Provincial political parties
all Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2022-0077

Title: Build it Right the First Time

Date: April 11, 2022

Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Item No. 15.3

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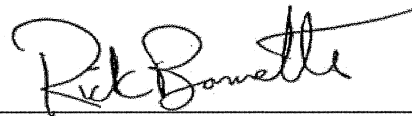
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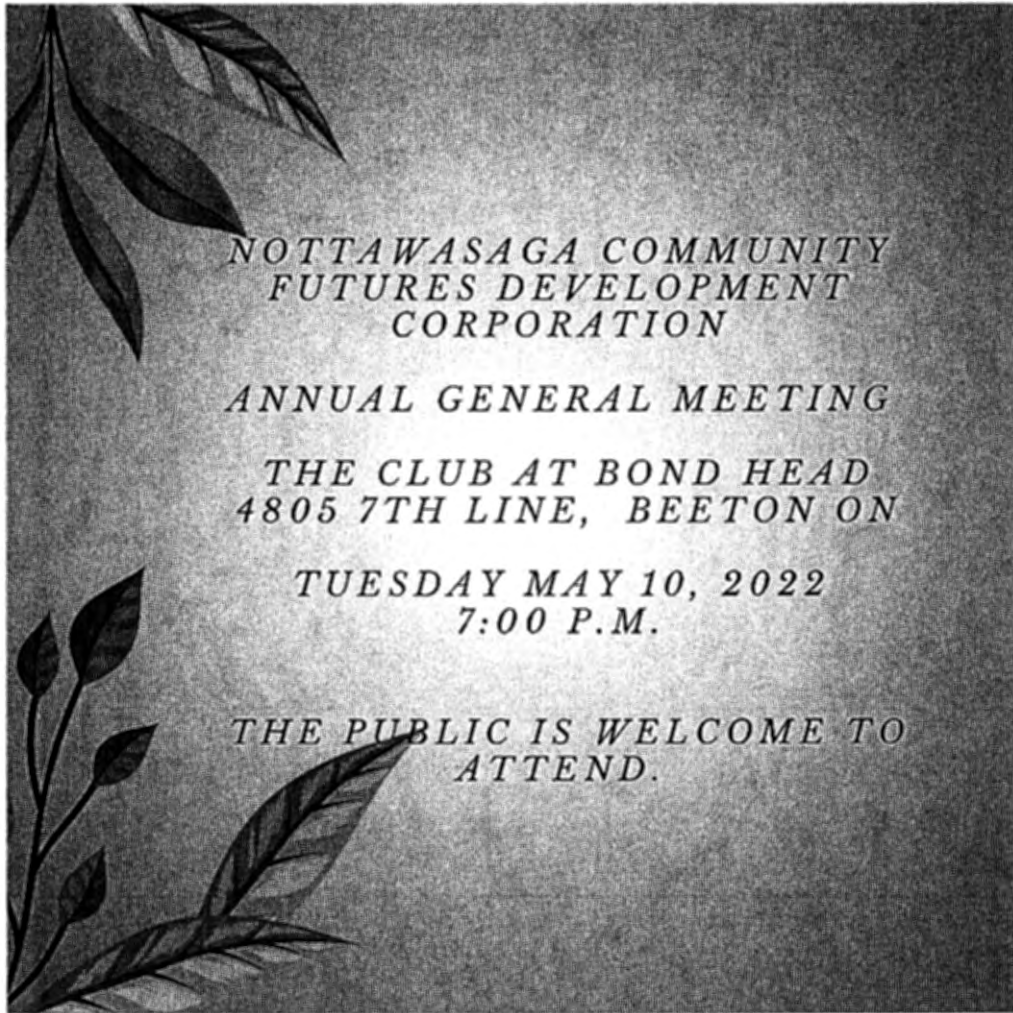


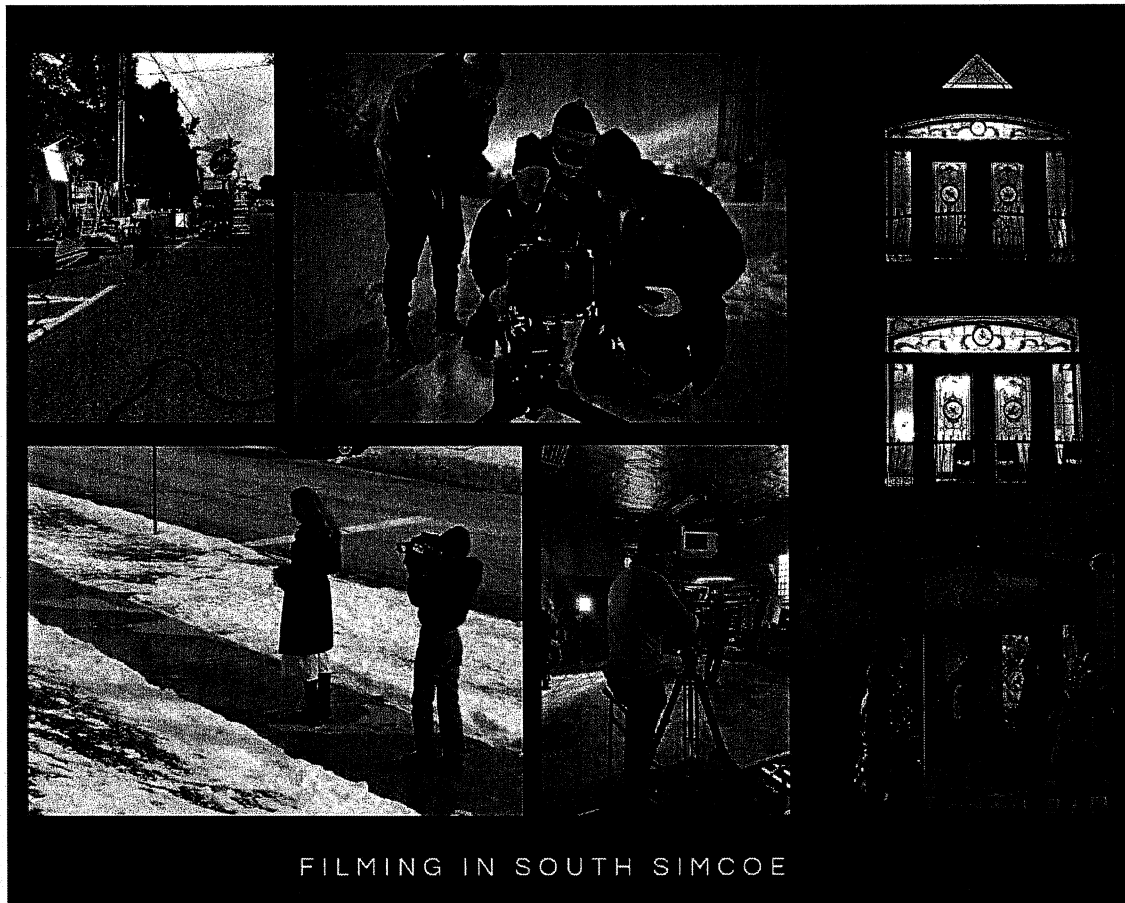
Mayor Rick Bonnette

From: Robin <robin@nottawasaga.com>
Sent: April 21, 2022 9:23 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.**



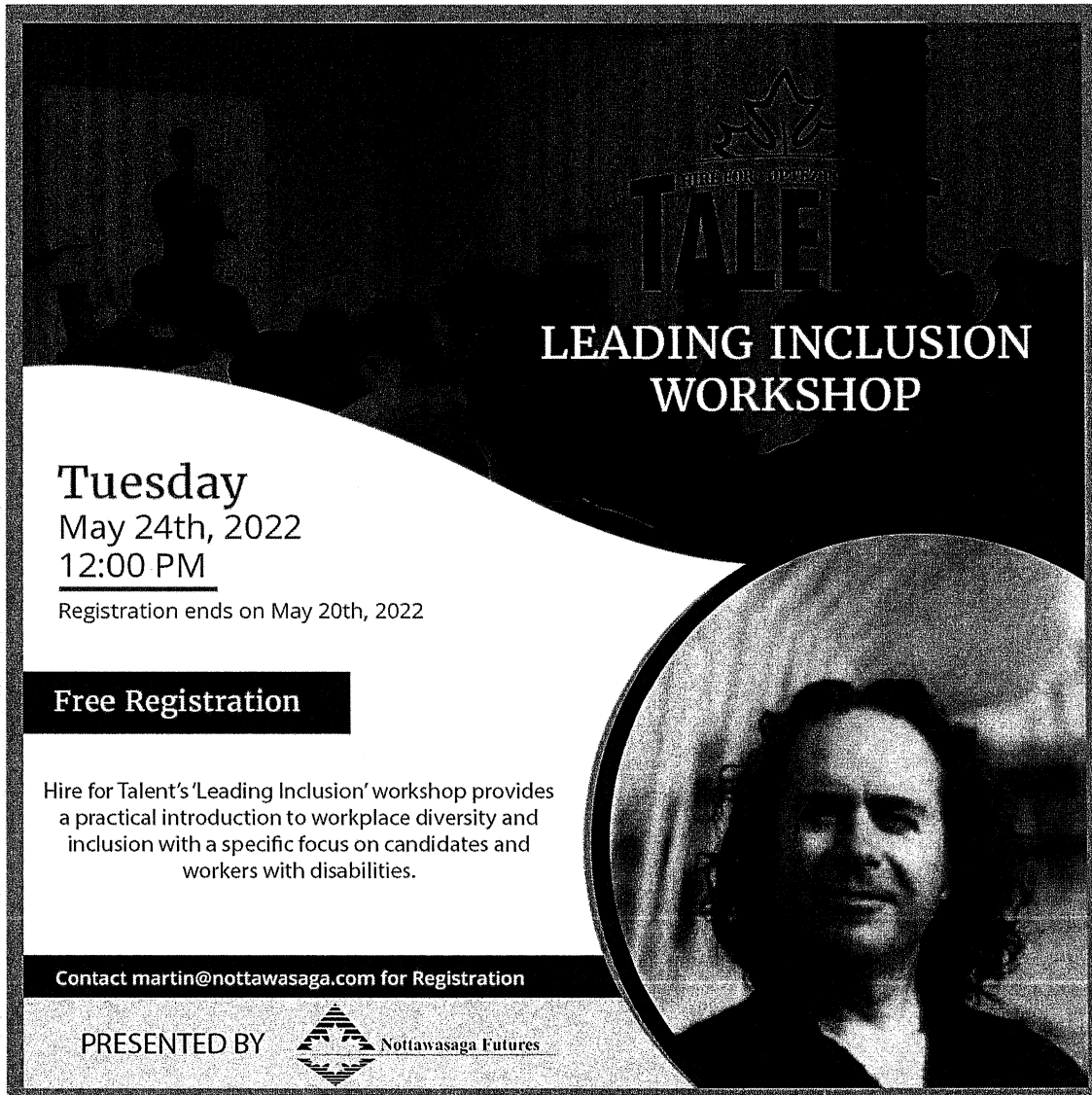


Nottawasaga Futures coordinates and facilitates filming in South Simcoe on behalf of the municipalities of Adjala-Tosorontio, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Essa, Innisfil, New Tecumseth and the county of Simcoe. The goal of the program is to liaise between local host communities, residents, film production companies and other stakeholders to ensure a positive streamlined experience for all.

Results for April 1, 2021—March 31, 2022:

• 15 film shoots,

- 34 film days, and
- Over \$98,000 worth of community impact



TALENT

LEADING INCLUSION WORKSHOP


Tuesday
May 24th, 2022
12:00 PM

Registration ends on May 20th, 2022

Free Registration

Hire for Talent's 'Leading Inclusion' workshop provides a practical introduction to workplace diversity and inclusion with a specific focus on candidates and workers with disabilities.

Contact martin@nottawasaga.com for Registration

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2022 Trees for Streams Bulletin

Shout-Out for Volunteers—Recruiting for Spring Planting Events

WEEKEND EVENTS — 9:00 TO NOON
Saturday, April 23rd: Fraser Creek Tributary at Henderson Park in Bradford W. Gwillimbury
Saturday, April 30: Sheldon Creek southwest of Alliston in Adjala-Tosoronto
Sunday, May 1: Beeton Creek at the north end of Beeton in New Tecumseth
Saturday, May 7: Leonard's Creek in Innisfil—Alcona
Saturday, May 14: Nottawasaga River northwest of Loreto in Adjala-Tosoronto
Sunday, May 15: Nottawasaga River near Hockley Valley in Mono
Saturday, May 28: Nottawasaga River at Gold Park Gate in Essa—Angus

Come join one of our South Simcoe Streams weekend planting events! To register follow the link below. Make sure you indicate which event you are volunteering for. The package includes a waiver form and volunteer check-list. Masking is encouraged especially during orientation.

Help us plant native trees and shrubs to add forest cover along our streams and ENJOY the outdoors!

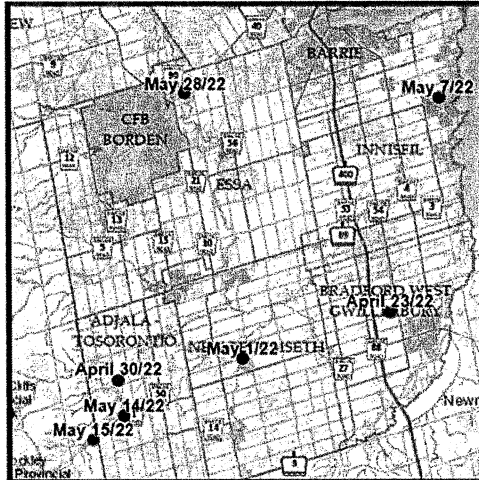
- Friendly Atmosphere
- Environmental Engagement
- Site & Safety Orientation
- Activity Demo
- Community Service Hours

TO REGISTER GO TO:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NNR2B2X>
INQUIRIES: alvia@nottawasaga.com
 Phone/Text 705 440-9129



Raise a Cheer for Trees Along Our Streams!

Map of General Area of Community Planting Events



Community Events are made possible in part with funding from Ontario Trillium Foundation, Dufferin-Simcoe Land Stewardship Network-County of Simcoe Tree Program and support from conservation authorities, landowners, industry/business, municipalities, schools, service/outdoor clubs and volunteers like you!

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[Click here to register](#)

Canada Business App

New features to make it even easier to find government programs and services!

- Easy navigation to government programs and services
- Recommendations tailored to your business
- Personalized notifications straight to your phone
- Easy access to COVID-19 support and other programs and services
- Answers to help you start up, scale up and access new markets



Liaison Officer service

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting everyone, including small businesses and self-employed individuals. While we have temporarily suspended all in-person visits and seminars for safety reasons, liaison officers (LOs) are currently available by phone or videoconference. LOs can also discuss current COVID-19 related benefits that may help you.

Please click the “Request a Liaison Officer service” button below if you would like a liaison officer to call you to schedule a phone or online visit or book a webinar.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) offers a free Liaison Officer service to **owners of small businesses and self-employed individuals** to help them understand their business tax obligations. A visit from a Liaison Officer is 100% confidential; the information you choose to discuss with a Liaison Officer will not be shared with other areas of the CRA, or anyone else.

[Request a Liaison Officer service](#)

Financial Support and Resources

Federal and provincial government financial supports:

- [Canada - Ontario Job Grant](#)
- [Ontario Business Registry](#)
- [Canada Business App](#)

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From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: April 21, 2022 10:01 AM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: AMO Watchfile - April 21, 2022

AMO Watchfile not displaying correctly? [View the online version](#)
Add Communicate@amo.on.ca to your safe list

The logo for AMO Watchfile, featuring the letters 'AMO' in a large, bold, black font above the word 'Watchfile' in a smaller, bold, black font. The background of the logo area is a dark, textured gradient.

April 21, 2022

In This Issue

- Minister's Order issued in response to avian influence in Ontario.
- AMO Conference registration - early bird available until May 13.
- Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities for AMO 2022 - Live and in-person.
- Jump-start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
- It's time to report your annual energy consumption.
- Canoe vendor spotlight: Yokohama and Fountain Tire.
- Road & Sidewalk Assessment info session.
- 2022 is the Year of the Garden.
- Careers: Greater Sudbury and Brampton.

Provincial Matters

To limit the spread of avian influenza (H5N1), a Minister's Order under the *Animal Health Act*, 2009 has been issued to prohibit events where birds co-mingle, including fair exhibitions.

Eye on Events

The AMO Conference registration is officially open! Register here before May 13 for your early bird rates. Haven't booked your room yet? The AMO conference website contains all the hotel information you need. Questions: contact events@amo.on.ca.

AMO 2022 is a premier educational event for Ontario's municipal sector. Become a conference sponsor or exhibitor and make face-to-face communications with over 3000 delegates, promoting your products or services. View unparalleled opportunities to support municipalities [here](#).

As municipalities move from paper to electronic filing, authentication of these files is a critical challenge. On April 27 at 12 pm ET, join AMO's partner, Notarius, and learn how ConsignO Cloud can greatly reduce the signing time of documents and allow

anyone to sign legally reliable documents electronically with a phone, a tablet, or a computer. [Register today.](#)

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The Ministry of Energy is now accepting annual energy reports under [O. Reg. 507/18](#). Reporting is for energy used in 2020 and due by July 1, 2022. Ministry hosted reporting webinars will be from 11 am - 12 pm on [June 7](#) and [21](#). For questions, email BPSsupport@ontario.ca.

We are excited to welcome Yokohama and Fountain Tire as new vendors under the Tire Category! They join Michelin, Goodyear, and Kal Tire to offer high quality on and off-road tires to those using the [Canoe Procurement Group](#). Need new tires for your fleet? Contact your local retailer to take advantage of special Canoe pricing or [contact Simon](#) to learn more.

Our popular [Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) helps your municipality manage some of their most expensive assets. Combine the right data with a cutting-edge software to not only save money but improve the quality of these networks. Join LAS and StreetScan on April 21 at 10 am to learn more - [Register here.](#)

Municipal Wire*

2022 has been unanimously proclaimed by the House of Commons as the Year of the Garden. [The Canadian Garden Council](#) is inviting municipalities to celebrate their garden culture and the benefits it provides to the quality of life of their communities.

Careers

[Supervisor of Payroll - City of Greater Sudbury](#). Supervise and coordinate the payroll functions and develop policies, procedures and training tools as required. Apply by email at hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca by April 29.

[Director, Human Resources - City of Brampton](#). The role has oversight and accountability over employee and labour relations, health, safety and wellness, compensation and benefits, talent acquisition, integrated disability management. Apply online in confidence to arthur@wmc.on.ca by May 22.

[Director, Purchasing - City of Brampton](#). Responsible for building the Purchasing team into a strategic sourcing operation that provides outcome-based, effective and efficient services to acquire goods and services for the City. [Apply online](#) by May 22.

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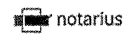
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From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 10:00:59 AM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Call for Nominations: 2022- 2024 AMO Board of Directors

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April 26, 2022

Call for Nominations: 2022-2024 AMO Board of Directors

Please be advised that in accordance with the Association's governing by-law, the Secretary-Treasurer is requesting nominations to the 2022 – 2024 AMO Board of Directors.

The 2022 – 2024 AMO Board of Directors nomination package includes:

- A summary of the qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors;
- A summary of the offices for which elections will be held at the 2022 Annual Meeting;
- An estimate of the annual time commitment required to serve on the AMO Board of Directors and for those who will then serve on the AMO Executive Committee; and
- Nomination Form

Qualifications

The names of all qualified individuals who are duly nominated will appear on the ballot for election to the Board. From the AMO By-Law No. 2 Part 3, Directors shall:

- be an individual of eighteen (18) or more years of age;
- be an elected official of a Member Municipality or an employee of a Member Municipality of the Corporation;
- not be an undischarged bankrupt; and

- not be declared incapable.

Qualified Nominees must obtain a Council resolution of support which must specify the Caucus or position for which the individual is being nominated. To provide the broadest representation possible, AMO By-law No. 2 stipulates that a member municipality can only have one representative on the Board unless another representative is on the Board as an appointed official from a municipal group. See AMO By-Law No.2 Section 3.4(e).

Candidates reflecting Ontario's diversity are encouraged to seek election to the AMO Board. The names of all qualified individuals who are duly nominated will appear on the ballot for election to the Board.

Submission

A completed Nomination Form and supporting material (i.e., Council resolution of support) must be received no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, June 27, 2022. Nominations will not be accepted beyond that date. AMO's Chief Returning Officer, Peter Fay, will certify the nomination. A Nominations Report will be issued to the membership no later than Friday, July 22, 2022.

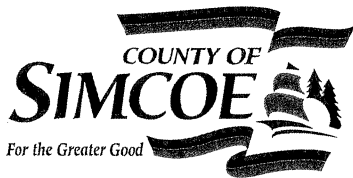
Please forward a completed Nomination Form to the Association via email amoelections@amo.on.ca or fax at (416) 971-6191 or mail to the attention of Brian Rosborough, Executive Director. Scans and photographic images of documents are acceptable.

All candidates will be contacted to confirm receipt of their nominations and at that time will receive further information on the election process.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Brian Rosborough, Executive Director at (416) 971-9856, ext. 362, e-mail brosborough@amo.on.ca or Adam Garcia, Manager, Executive Office, ext. 356, email agarcia@amo.on.ca.

Gary Dyke, Secretary-Treasurer
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County awards 2022 Tourism, Culture and Sport Enhancement Funding

Midhurst/April 21, 2022 – The County of Simcoe has approved 87 successful applications totalling more than \$485,000 through the 2022 Tourism, Culture and Sport Enhancement Fund. The program aims to enhance existing tourism, culture and sport projects throughout the County.

“In spite of the challenges that it faced during COVID, Simcoe County has a strong tourism, culture and sports sector that plays a huge role in our local economy and labour market,” said Warden George Cornell. “As we build towards our recovery, County Council was very supportive of boosting this year’s Tourism, Culture and Sport Enhancement Fund to support 87 local businesses with almost half a million dollars in total funding.”

In 2022, the County received 106 applications requesting more than \$1.1 million in financial support. The original funding envelope was \$300,000; however, unspent funds from 2021 due to COVID-19 were pulled from reserves and utilized to cover the additional amount. 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 initiatives that promote awareness, access, participation and appreciation of the diverse tourism, culture and sport offerings within the County of Simcoe
- Encouraging industry collaboration and partnerships
- Enhancing the visitor experience by supporting innovative and accessible programming
- Building organizational capacity in tourism, culture and sport organizations
- Contributing to the County of Simcoe’s overall economic health and sense of place

About the Tourism, Culture and Sport Enhancement Fund

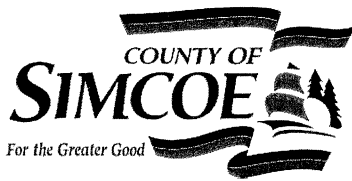
The Tourism, Culture and Sport Enhancement Fund is the result of a merger between the Simcoe County Tourism Development Fund (SCTDF) and the Arts, Culture and Heritage (Built, Natural and Environmental) Grant, and is accessible to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations within Simcoe County.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

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County of Simcoe Paramedic Services launches virtual Paramedic for a Day contest

Midhurst/April 22, 2022 – In honour of Paramedic Services week, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services is once again hosting the virtual Paramedic for a Day contest. Grade 5 and 6 students, residing in Simcoe County, are asked to create a short (maximum two minutes) video that best showcases what to do when the first responder is you.

The deadline to enter is May 17, 2022 at 8 p.m. The winning entry will be announced at County of Simcoe Council on May 24, and they will receive a visit to their home from a paramedic crew, along with an ambulance tour. The crew will also present the winner with a First-Aid Kit and take part in a photo opportunity.

To enter, please transfer video files to paramedic4aday@simcoe.ca using the free WeTransfer platform at www.wetransfer.com. Be sure to include the student's name, name of parent/guardian, home phone number, and what school the student attends.

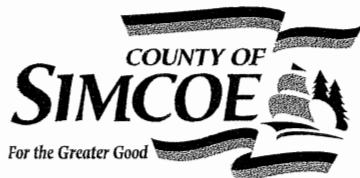
Full contest details can be found at <https://www.simcoe.ca/paramedicforaday>.

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Investments take root County continues to support reforestation efforts

Midhurst/April 25, 2022 – Spring is a time of renewal, rebirth and rejuvenation. It is also the ideal time to plant trees across our region. As we celebrate 100 years of the Simcoe County Forest, the County remains committed to maintaining, protecting, and growing our Simcoe County Forest, while also encouraging private landowners in their reforestation efforts.

Driven by the commitment of County Council and our forestry program, in 2007, the County established the Simcoe County Tree Program, which directly funds the planting of trees in Simcoe County. The program provides local organizations including the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Severn Sound Environmental Association, and Dufferin Simcoe Land Stewardship Network, with vital funds to support tree planting initiatives across the region. Over the past 15 years, the County's investment, combined with contributions from other organizations and landowners, has culminated in more than 853,000 trees being planted on 530 hectares of land.

In 2022, an additional \$30,000 has been committed to continue with these important efforts. These funds are supporting upcoming sustainability efforts, including volunteer tree plantings at the following locations in late April and early May:

- Township of Adjala-Tosorontio – facilitated by Dufferin Simcoe Land Stewardship Network
- Township of Oro-Medonte – facilitated by Severn Sound Environmental Association in partnership with Scouts Canada
- Township of Springwater – Coughlin Tract – facilitated by the Simcoe County Forest

As part of the 100th Anniversary of the Simcoe County Forest, the County will be supporting our partner organizations with plantings through the spring and fall seasons. For details on this program visit findyourforest.simcoe.ca.

"Simcoe County is proud of our nationally leading forest management practices, which has enabled us to continue to operate and grow the largest municipally-owned forest network in Ontario," said Warden George Cornell. "In 2021 alone, 28,500 tree seedlings were planted in the Simcoe County Forest. We also continue to invest in programs that support our partners with their efforts to expand reforestation initiatives on private lands, helping to maintain the health of our forests and greenspaces for future generations."

About the Simcoe County Forest

Spanning more than 33,000 acres, the Simcoe County Forest is the largest and one of the most productive municipal forests in Ontario. In September 2021, the County of Simcoe received national honours by being recognized as the Forest Capital of Canada for 2022 by the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF), which acknowledges leadership in forestry and environmental stewardship.

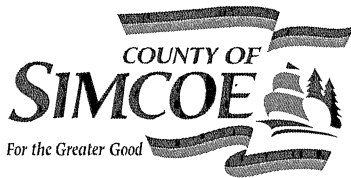
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County of Simcoe Statement: County identifies efficiencies and modernization to regional library structure

Midhurst/April 26, 2022 – In 2019, the Government of Ontario initiated the Regional Government Review (RGR), an exercise to identify efficiencies in municipal service delivery and governance across the Province. The County of Simcoe struck the RGR Task Force and moved items to the Governance Committee to review and provide recommendations.

While numerous services have been considered by County Council, Councillors agreed that there were opportunities to streamline service delivery options for residents by modernizing supports currently provided through the Simcoe County Library Co-operative, which is managed by the County of Simcoe. As a result, after consultation with the local libraries and recommendations from an external consultant, County Council approved moving to a new Information Library Service (ILS) structure.

Under the ILS, taxpayers will see annual savings of \$295,000 moving forward.

There will be no downloading to the local libraries, and benefits to the local library branches include:

- Upgraded, cloud-based e-services IT platform
- Upgraded library computers software to Microsoft365 (which will allow for greater IT support and security)
- Speed and direct control over technical challenges by library CEOs through immediate resolution with IT HelpDesk and vendor
- State-of-the-art government grade cyber security threat protection
- Single electronic library card, opening resources for all patrons regardless of municipality supported through reciprocal borrowing agreements
- Continued support with regional procurement efforts
- Elimination of over \$50,000 in licencing fees paid by municipal library branches to the County
- Existing collections of materials owned by the County of Simcoe will be donated to library branches for public access at no cost to the individual municipal branches; this includes multilingual collections

It is important to note that the Library Co-operative does not provide library services directly to the public (it is not a public facing branch). Rather, it provides supplemental services to member municipal library branches through a largely administrative role, including circulation of videos and books, and helps to oversee the licensing process and functionality of some library software.

It is also important to note that the Library Co-operative was the last remaining Library Co-op in Ontario. Upon review, the circulation support was a duplication of services, as the Ontario Library Service provides the same circulation functionality to participating libraries across Ontario. Library branches may choose to utilize savings as they deem appropriate through the reduction of software licencing costs under the new ILS structure as the County will absorb these licencing costs moving forward.

Residents want to see responsible, efficient, innovative and modern service structures from their governments. The new ILS structure will provide benefits to residents, the County and our local library branches at a reduced cost.

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County Council also endorsed a motion to proceed with an investigation into the sharing of confidential information prior to it being discussed at County Council. Furthermore, County Council approved a motion to request that the Province modify the Public Libraries Act to provide greater accountability by libraries to municipalities and taxpayers.

We deeply value the vital role that libraries play in our communities, and collectively look forward to modernizing and enhancing the way our residents access and benefit from library services moving forward.

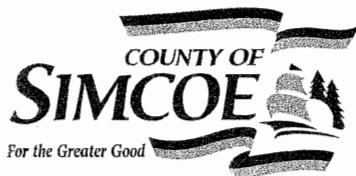
Statement jointly provided by:

George Cornell

Warden of the County of Simcoe

Nina Bifulchi

County Councillor and Chair of the RGR Service Delivery Task Force



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe to break ground on important campus development for seniors

Midhurst/April 27, 2022 – The County of Simcoe will be breaking ground on the Simcoe Village Campus redevelopment project on Wednesday, May 4 at 12 p.m. Media and partners are invited to join Warden George Cornell, CAO Mark Aitken, and General Manager Jane Sinclair to learn more about this important and innovative Seniors Campus project.

EVENT:	Groundbreaking: Simcoe Village Campus Redevelopment
Date	Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Time	12:00 p.m.
Location	Simcoe Village and Manor 5988 8 th Line Beeton, ON L0G 1A0 (Township of New Tecumseth)

Media are asked to reply to communications@simcoe.ca to confirm attendance

About the Simcoe Village Redevelopment

On June 9, 2020, Simcoe County Council approved the first milestone to redevelop Simcoe Manor and Village in Beeton. On June 7, 2021, Council reaffirmed their commitment to proceed with the planned redevelopment into a leading long-term care and seniors services campus, and further meet the needs of seniors in southern Simcoe County. The campus will provide additional long term care beds, supportive seniors housing units and programs, an expanded continuum of care and living options, and a wide range of community services for older adults in one convenient location, allowing residents to age in place and receive the services and support they need as their care requirements change. This innovative seniors campus project will mirror the County's award winning Georgian Village Campus project, which was completed in 2013.

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NVCA April 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: May 27, 2022, held virtually

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

2021 Financial Statement

NVCA receives clean audit for 2021.

Board members received the 2021 NVCA audited financial statements as presented by KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants. The financial statement is available on NVCA's website.

Motion to amend scheduled board meetings

The Board of Directors defeated a motion to amend the current eleven regularly scheduled meetings to seven regularly scheduled meetings.

Employee Handbook Update

The Board of Directors approved the updates to the Employee Handbook. The updates included three changes to the employee handbook all around OMERS and benefits for all non-permanent full-time employees.

2022 First Quarter Budget Report

In the first three months of operations of NVCA, expenditures to date are tracking behind schedule, with 16.25% of the budgeted expenses (25% of budget year completed), partially because expenses are usually low for the first few months of the year.

Revenues are tracking well, with 21.52% of the budgeted revenues recognized. This includes the first 3 months of the general municipal levy of \$651,192.

Currently, NVCA is sitting in a surplus position, primarily due to two reasons:

1. Revenues are tracking higher than expenses currently
2. There was a large payroll accrual in 2021 due to the timing of the last payroll and a larger than normal vacation accrual which when reversed in 2022, causes our payroll expenses to show lower than normal but will be caught up as the year moves forward.



**TOWN OF
SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA**

April 21, 2022

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Re: New Home Tax Rebate Program

At the regular Council meeting held on April 19, 2022, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula discussed the New Home Tax Rebate Program. Our Council is focused on increasing the instances where both attainable and affordable housing are available to more residents of not only South Bruce Peninsula, but all across Canada. Council is pleased that the New Home Tax Rebate Program exists, and they applaud the government's commitment to assisting new home buyers.

Council, in their review of the program, respectfully requests that the Federal Government reconsiders their portion of the program. Council is encouraged by the Province of Ontario's program and would like to see the Federal Government either mirror the rebate program implemented by the Province of Ontario, or alternatively, increase the purchasing threshold to an amount which is greater than the current \$450,000 ceiling. In today's housing market, the instances of new houses being purchased for anything under \$450,000 is extremely rare, making the receipt of Federal rebate money not possible for most new home buyers.

Council adopted resolution R-144-2022 which is attached to this correspondence. We look forward to your consideration of this important issue and receiving a response with regard to same.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

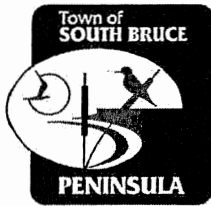
Yours very truly,

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Enclosure

cc: Premier Doug Ford, MP Alex Ruff, MPP Bill Walker, all Ontario municipalities

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Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2022

28. Notice of Motion – Mayor Jackson, New Home Tax Rebate Program

Discussion included the purchasing of homes and the government programs.

R-144-2022

It was **Moved** by J. Jackson, **Seconded** by K. Durst and **Carried**

Whereas attainable housing has been a concern for residents across Canada;

And whereas attainable housing is a priority for all levels of government;

And whereas the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario have implemented HST and GST rebate programs for those purchasing newly constructed and majorly renovated homes;

And whereas the Province of Ontario rebate program applies to the first \$400,000 of the purchase price of the new home and land, as the case may be, with a maximum rebate of \$24,000;

And whereas the Government of Canada rebate program applies only to new home and land purchases, as the case may be, under \$450,000, with an incremental decrease in rebate as the purchase price reaches \$450,000 and the maximum rebate being \$6,000;

And whereas the cost of new home construction has risen exponentially such that the majority of Canadians cannot afford to purchase a newly constructed home;

And whereas the Province of Ontario rebate program goes a long way toward assisting Ontarians purchase newly constructed homes.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requests that the Government of Canada reviews its rebate program and considers implementing their rebate program in the same manner as that of Ontario meaning that there is no incremental decrease applied to the rebate and instead a maximum rebate is established for new home purchases under \$450,000;

And that alternatively, if the Government of Canada does not see fit to mirror the rebate program of the Province of Ontario, that the Government of Canada increases its new home purchasing threshold to an amount significantly higher than \$450,000 which is reflective of today's housing market;

And further that Council's position on this matter is circulated to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, MP Alex Ruff, MPP Bill Walker and all municipalities in Ontario.

From: Act ON Litter (MECP) <ActONLitter@ontario.ca>
Sent: April 25, 2022 4:53 PM
To: Elizabeth Davis <edavis@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: The 2022 Provincial Day of Action on Litter

Good afternoon,

Below please find an email that was sent to your Head of Council.

Ontario is gearing up for the 2022 Provincial Day of Action on Litter, taking place on Tuesday, May 10. We will be encouraging Ontarians to get outside and take part in safe litter cleanups in their local communities.

We hope you will be able to join us in promoting and supporting the 2022 Day of Action!

To help make this year's Day of Action a success, we are seeking your support with the following activities:

1. Leading up to the Day of Action, promoting public participation in a cleanup on Tuesday, May 10 or on the weekends surrounding the Day of Action, and educating on the impact of litter and waste using your communications channels. Please see our [digital toolkit and Partner Guide](#) for sharable content.
2. Hosting a litter cleanup on Tuesday, May 10 or on the weekends surrounding the Day of Action, for the public or your volunteers or employees to participate in.
3. Sharing and promoting use of the [Litter Cleanup Guides](#) and [Litter Cleanup Reporting Form](#).
 - Our Litter Cleanup Guides include information on organizing a safe, successful litter cleanup and a form for participants to track what they collect during their cleanup.

Our cleanup guides webpage now includes a new guide for educators and schools, to help engage students and youth in litter reduction and prevention efforts.

Please note the cleanup guides notify participants of potential municipal requirements, such as: confirming whether a permit is required to cleanup a certain area or seeking a litter disposal method.