

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021**

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f) September 27, 2021 – Bi-weekly Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Starts October 3.
- p.51 7. Resolution from the Township of Scugog dated September 27, 2021, re: Structure Inventory and Inspections.

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.

IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

Outcomes

In a Zoom Outreach Event with Grade 2 students, we read "Pigeon needs a bath" to support Mo Willems Week. They also drew pigeon cartoons.



"I feel so fortunate to have access to your wonderful library - many thanks."

"I would really love to go in the library again, it is a place where I feel very good."

"I love the books you chose for me."



Peter Rabbit in his teacup in the Community Tea Garden

Appreciation from our patrons

"You have all done such a wonderful job with the Book Bundles. My kids and I looked forward to our bundles as if they were Christmas gifts. Each one was put together with such love and care, which was so wonderful to see. Please know how much they meant to us. We wanted to say thank you for all your dedication during this crazy pandemic. We look forward to coming into the library and chatting to you about great book suggestions"

"Thanks for the Kanopy service...have been catching up with some great classics like 'The Wanderers', which I've not be able to find on other streaming services. Thanks again!"

As the final Trivia Night wrapped up, there was lots of praise for Glenda...

"Thank you for all your hard work. Our family has always looked forward to these nights and it brightened up our lives during lockdowns!"

"Will be so sad to not spend our Saturday nights with Glenda anymore."

"Glenda, Thank you so much for keeping us all entertained during these difficult times. You helped people escape and laugh together. The best medicine we all needed and we really appreciate you. You deserve a medal!"

"I enjoyed the sketching class and host, Len McCloud, had it perfectly curated. I learned practical tips for sketching and I feel like it opened my eyes a little more on noticing the shape of subjects all around us. I can't wait to practice what I've learned. I thank Essa Public Library, and all the wonderful people who work there, for making this lengthy pandemic more bearable for us."

"Your Angus branch is an outstanding one! My standards are high since my wife is a librarian, at one point being the Chief Librarian at the Faculty of Library Science Library at U of T. Cheers"

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Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Trivia Night:90

Zoom Cookbook Club: 4

Zoom Cercel de Conversation Virtuel: 20

Zoom Bookclubs/both branches: 10

Tech Learning - Angus (phone/email): 5

Tech Learning - Thornton (phone/email): offered

Tech Assistance 30-min Appointments: on hiatus

Outreach - Angus Geocache location accesses: 6

Outreach - Thornton Geocache location accesses: 5

Artists' Display: 1

Beanstack's "Read Woke" Active Readers: 1
Books read: 0
Badges earned: 4

Seniors Connect

Pen Pal Program letters: 23

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future: Grant

Building your future with Carla Cuglietta: 44

Pen Pal Program letters: see statistics in Seniors Connect

Digital Programs

YouTube Channel

Storytime/Preschoolers: 0
Misc. Videos: 6

Zoom Online

Library Storytimes: 2
Wiggles & Giggles: on hiatus
Book Clubs: 2
Cookbook Club: 1
Adult Trivia: 2
Cercle de Conversation Virtuel: 4
Grade 2 Storytime Outreach: 1
Simcoe Author Talk Series: 1

Social Media

Facebook: 16 posts
Reactions: 257
Followers: 1,204

Twitter: 10 tweets
Reactions: 73
Followers: 1,014

Instagram: 6 posts
Reactions: 108
Followers: 385

Youtube Views: 296
Reactions: 2
Subscribers: 4,867

Beanstack

Beanstack Challenges offered: 71

Kids

Zoom Online

Zoom Library Storytime: 26
Zoom Wiggles & Giggles: on hiatus

Outreach

Book bundle requests - All ages: 86
Grade 2 Storytime: 18

Beanstack

1,000 Books before Kindergarten
Active readers: 4
Books read: 179
Badges earned: 4

Beanstack's 2021 Reading Challenge
Active readers: 18
Books read: 319
Badges earned: 58

Outside activities

Storywalk - Angus: 17
Storywalk - Thornton: 9

More

Library Zest blog posts/videos/email campaigns: 6
Library Zest blog traffic: 71
Library Zest unique visitors: 35

Community Partners

Simcoe Author Talk Series offered: Michelle Good

Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	June 2020	June 2021	YTD 2021
Angus Branch	3,625	3,510	21,296
Thornton Branch	1,232	1,299	7,735
Angus Branch Computer Use	59	0	35
Thornton Branch Computer Use	5	0	0
Angus Branch Wireless Use	367	n/a	2,103
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	217	n/a	833
eAudio & eBooks	928	1,224	6,716
TOTALS:	6,433	6,033	38,718

Circulation Analysis	June 2020	June 2021	YTD 2021
Print	3,419	3,389	19,342
Non-Print	1,421	1,302	9,169
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	648	n/a	2,971
eAudio Books	244	290	1,345
eBooks	684	934	5,371
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	12	102	357
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	5	16	163

Materials Used In-Library	June 2021	YTD 2021
Angus Branch	0	0
Thornton Branch	0	0

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Online Resources & New Members

Library website visits	YTD 2021	BlueCloud Mobile visits	YTD 2021
3,762	22,394	130	1,193

Digital Library visits	YTD 2021
3,041	20,884

New Members		YTD 2021
Angus Branch	24	113
Thornton Branch	4	15

Library Highlights



Storywalks at both branches were enjoyed by everyone, even puppies.



Thornton's Storywalk was "Bear sees colors" by Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman.



Katherine Pryor
What a fun storywalk!



"Thank you for setting this up! My little one loved it, and was searching for bees the whole time."

The Angus Branch Storywalk featured "Bea's Bees" by Katherine Pryor. She sent us her stamp of approval on Instagram.



Essa Public Library Report: July 2021

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IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	July 2020	July 2021	YTD 2021
Angus Branch	5,100	6,326	27,622
Thornton Branch	1,290	1,643	9,378
Angus Branch Computer Use	78	95	130
Thornton Branch Computer Use	4	40	40
Angus Branch Wireless Use	550	n/a	2,103
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	209	n/a	833
eAudio & eBooks	1,094	911	7,627
TOTALS:	8,325	9,015	47,733

Circulation Analysis	July 2020	July 2021	YTD 2021
Print	3,932	5,376	24,718
Non-Print	2,429	2,544	11,713
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	841	135	3,106
eAudio Books	284	216	1,561
eBooks	810	695	6,066
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	5	30	387
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	24	19	182

Materials Used In-Library	July 2021	YTD 2021
Angus Branch	353	353
Thornton Branch	25	25

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Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Cercel de Conversation
Virtuel: 13

Zoom Bookclub - Thornton: 5

Tech Learning - Angus
(phone/email): 12

Tech Learning - Thornton
(phone/email): offered

Tech Assistance 30-min
Appointments: on hiatus

Outreach - Angus Geocache
location accesses: 9
Outreach - Thornton Geocache
location accesses: 0

Artists' Display: 1

Seniors Connect

Pen Pal Program letters: 7

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future: Grant

Book reviews: 41

Pen Pal Program letters: see
statistics in Seniors Connect

Digital Programs

YouTube Channel

Kids Videos: 5 Views: 138

Misc. Videos: 6 Views: 118

Virtual Online

Book Clubs: 1

Cookbook Club: on summer break

Cercle de Conversation Virtuel: 4

Simcoe Author Talk Series: offered

Social Media

Facebook: 14 posts

Reactions: 144

Followers: 1,217

Twitter: 8 tweets

Reactions: 109

Followers: 1,018

Instagram: 4 posts

Reactions: 196

Followers: 402

Youtube Views: 2,968

Reactions: 2

Subscribers: 307

Beanstack

Beanstack Challenges offered: 91

Outside activities & Summer Fun Club

Storytimes: 5

More

Library Zest blog
posts/videos/email campaigns:
6

Library Zest blog traffic: 116

Library Zest unique visitors: 28

Makerspace: 4

Kids

Virtual Online

Storytime: 22

Summer Fun Kids' Trivia: 16

Summer Fun Club

Scavenger Hunt - offered

Weekly contests: 38

Weekly activities: 14

Craft day - Angus: 10

Craft day - Thornton: offered

Beanstack

1,000 Books before
Kindergarten

Active readers: 11

Books read: 277

Badges earned: 15

Beanstack's 2021 Reading
Challenge

Active readers: 38

Books read: 885

Badges earned: 183

TD Summer Reading Club
(School aged)

Active readers: 30

Books read: 784

Badges earned: 287

TD Summer Reading Club
(Preschool)

Active readers: 10

Books read: 285

Badges earned: 92

Outside activities

Storywalk - Angus: 17

Storywalk - Thornton: 9

Storytime - Angus: 45

Storytime - Thornton: 59

Baby Group - Angus: 59

Online Resources & New Members

Library website visits	YTD 2021
4,573	26,967

BlueCloud Mobile visits	YTD 2021
120	1,313

Digital Library visits	YTD 2021
2,170	23,054

New Members		YTD 2021
Angus Branch	72	185
Thornton Branch	7	22

Library Highlights

July 15th was World Youth Skills Day, celebrating the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. With thanks to the RBC Foundation and the RBC Future Launch Program, Essa Public Library has provided youth facing multiple barriers access to skills as part of our **Unleash Your Future** program.



Marjolaine Hudon (She/Her) • 1st
Regional President, Ontario North & East at
Royal Bank of Canada
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It's been a tough year for #youth – disconnected from school, friends, community programs and social activities. Early on in the pandemic, organizations like Essa Public Library near Barrie shifted youth programs online to stay connected with young people in the community. In fact, their virtual Unleash Your Future program supported by RBC Foundation had more participants – it was easier, more accessible, and fun!



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Essa Public Library Report: August 2021

IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	Aug. 2020	Aug. 2021	YTD 2021
Angus Branch	6,006	7,070	34,692
Thornton Branch	1,508	1,882	11,260
Angus Branch Computer Use	135	122	252
Thornton Branch Computer Use	18	41	81
Angus Branch Wireless Use	607	n/a	2,103
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	222	n/a	833
eAudio & eBooks	784	874	8,501
TOTALS:	9,280	9,989	57,722

Circulation Analysis	Aug. 2020	Aug. 2021	YTD 2021
Print	4,808	5,693	30,411
Non-Print	2,656	3,188	14,901
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	982	163	3,269
eAudio Books	214	193	1,754
eBooks	570	681	6,747
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	23	48	435
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	27	23	205

Materials Used In-Library	Aug. 2021	YTD 2021
Angus Branch	298	651
Thornton Branch	26	51

Programming Events & Attendance

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Adults

Zoom Cercel de Conversation
Virtuel: 7

Zoom Bookclub - Angus: 3
Zoom Bookclub - Thornton: 3

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

Tech Learning - Thornton (in
person/phone/email): 1

Tech Assistance 30-min
Appointments: on hiatus

Outreach - Angus Geocache
location accesses: 3
Outreach - Thornton Geocache
location accesses: 0

Artists' Display: 1

Simcoe Reads 2021: 46

Seniors Connect

Pen Pal Program letters: 6

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future: Grant

Book reviews: 37

Pen Pal Program letters: see
statistics in Seniors Connect

Community Partners

Township Awareness Day; 135

Angus Farmers' Market Booth:
157

Digital Programs

YouTube Channel

Kids Videos: 4 Views: 31
Misc. Videos: 3 Views: 64

Virtual Online

Book Clubs: 2
Cookbook Club: on summer break
Cercle de Conversation Virtuel: 3
Simcoe Author Talk Series: offered
Simcoe Reads 2021: 3

Social Media

Facebook: 12 posts
Reactions: 227
Followers: 1,334

Twitter: 5 tweets
Reactions: 90
Followers: 1,023

Instagram: 9 posts
Reactions: 259
Followers: 416

Youtube Views: 2,363
Reactions: 0
Subscribers: 315

Beanstack

Beanstack Challenges offered: 91

Outside activities & Summer Fun Club

Storytimes: 24

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Library Zest blog traffic: 80

Library Zest unique visitors: 29
Makerspace: 4

Kids

Virtual Online

Storytime: 12
Summer Fun Kids' Trivia: 15
Growing Together Storytime:
16

Summer Fun Club

Scavenger Hunt - 49
Weekly contests: 3
Weekly activities: 26
Short Stories Contest: 7

Beanstack

1,000 Books before
Kindergarten
Active readers: 13
Books read: 348
Badges earned: 17

Beanstack's 2021 Reading
Challenge
Active readers: 33
Books read: 752
Badges earned: 77

TD Summer Reading Club
(School aged)
Active readers: 20
Books read: 540
Badges earned: 123

TD Summer Reading Club
(Preschool)
Active readers: 13
Books read: 367
Badges earned: 100

Outside activities

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Storytime - Angus: 32
Storytime - Thornton: 70
Baby Group - Angus: 39

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Online Resources & New Members

Library website visits	YTD 2021
3,427	30,394

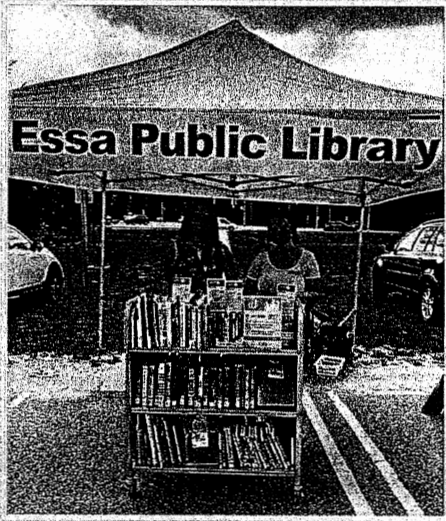
BlueCloud Mobile visits	YTD 2021
96	1,409

Digital Library visits	YTD 2021
1,152	24,206

New Members		YTD 2021
Angus Branch	94	279
Thornton Branch	1	23

Library Highlights

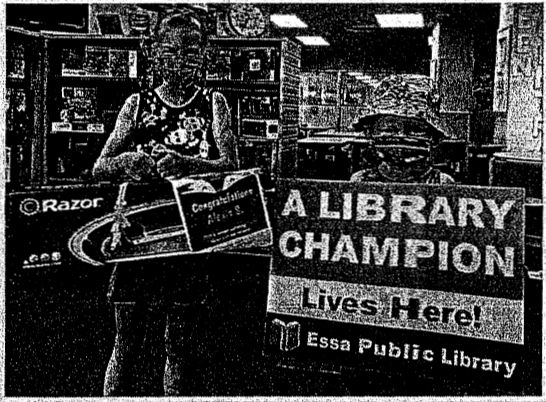
August was such a busy month. The Summer Reading Club was in high gear. Here are some of our "Library Champions"



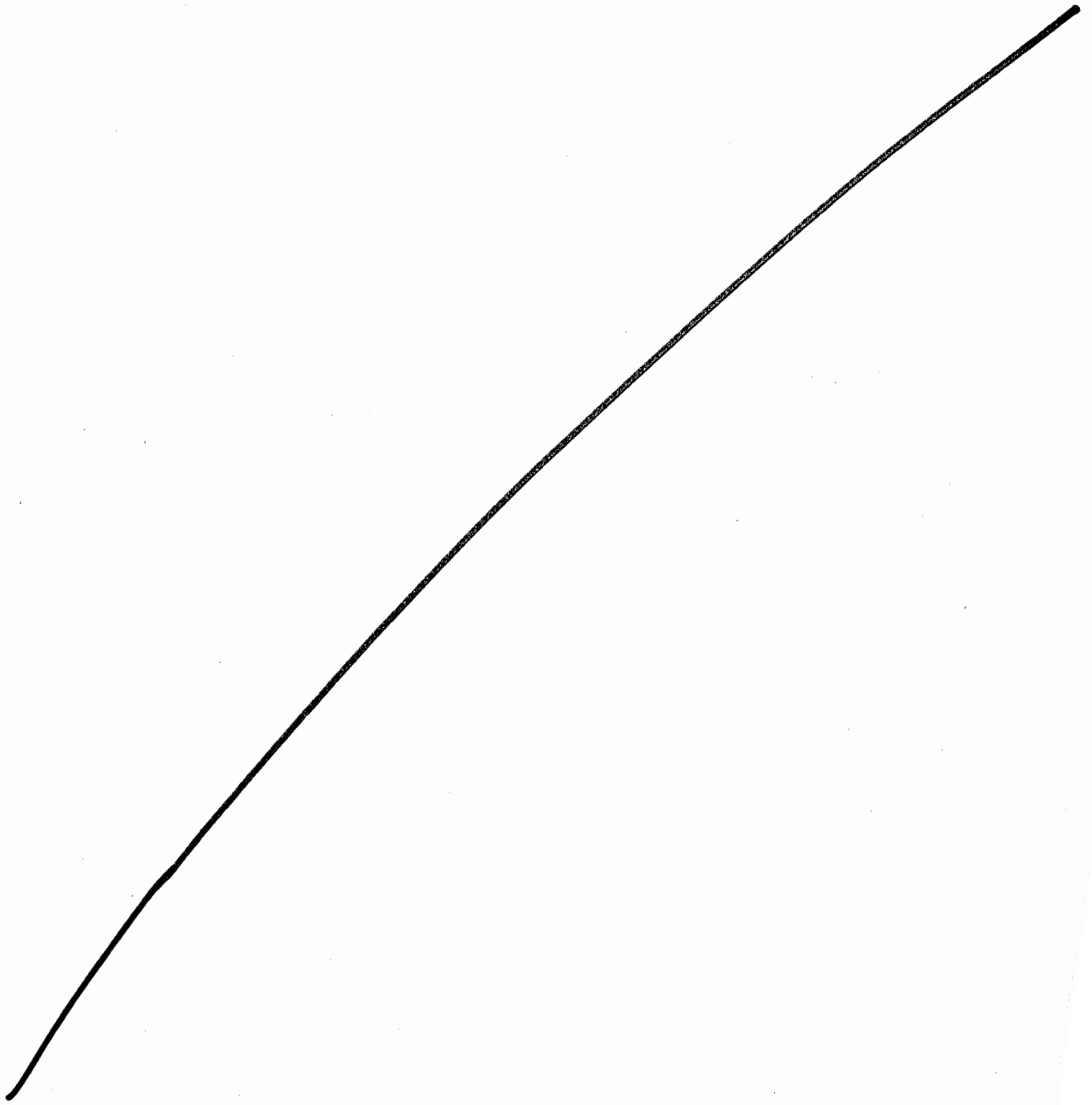
The Angus Farmers' Market started. Hannah & Maisie staffed the EPL booth.



New Library member, Landon came prepared with his library card.



The Community Tea Garden herbs were plentiful.



Building Department Stats

Aug-21						
Current						
Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	36	252	\$785,155.00	\$23,735,983.00	\$11,557.00	\$227,854.78
Commercial	3	14	\$475.00	\$6,636,145.00	\$225.00	\$15,696.96
Industrial	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Institutional	0	2	\$0.00	\$10,060.00	\$0.00	\$665.00
Public Utilities	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agricultural	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$373.07
TOTAL	39	270	\$785,630.00	\$ 30,382,188.00	\$11,782.00	\$ 244,639.81

Y.O.Y.	45	265	\$2,945,836.00	\$ 22,439,628.00	\$41,226.57	\$ 271,798.73	-9.99%
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION				
Dwelling Units Created				
Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW		49	\$0.00	\$16,504,750.00
Mult Res Bldgs	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg	0	0	\$ -	\$0.00
TOTAL	0	49	\$0.00	\$16,504,750.00

Y.O.Y	11	79	\$ 1,968,000.00	\$ 16,538,000.00
	-100.00%	-37.97%	-100.00%	-0.20%

Ryan Winder

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From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: September 14, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Colleen Healey <chealey@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Vaccine Certification

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September 14, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Vaccine Certification

The provincial government has now released [the regulations](#) and [guidance](#) for businesses and organizations, including municipalities, to support them in implementing [proof of vaccination requirements](#) which take effect on **September 22, 2021**. This new requirement is expected to help increase vaccination rates, protect individuals in higher-risk indoor settings, and keep businesses open.

Ontario is currently developing an enhanced vaccine certificate with a unique QR code to make it safer, more secure, and convenient to show that an individual has been vaccinated, when required to do so. The enhanced vaccine certificate and verification app will be available by October 22, 2021. Ontario's proof of vaccination guidance will be updated to reflect the new processes.

On [July 9, 2021](#), the province [moved into Step Three](#) of the [Roadmap to Reopen](#). Face coverings in indoor public settings and physical distancing requirements remain in place throughout Step Three. Ontario remains in Step Three and today's announcement does not change or amend the current capacity limits and public health measure requirements.

At the provincial technical briefing a number of questions of municipal interest were asked and verbal answers were provided by provincial officials. They included:

Are municipal council chambers considered to be meeting space under this regulation?

No, council chambers are considered work space.

If a person enters a community centre to access the library within the facility, do they need to show proof of vaccination?

No, only need to show proof of vaccination for those designated areas under the regulation.

Are records to be kept on proof of vaccination?

No, keeping records of personal health information is actually prohibited. Facilities are to have a consistent verification process. That said, the contact tracing requirements remain in place.

Are all youth (17-12 years) exempted from the vaccine certification process if they are going into a community/recreational facility?

Youth (17-12 years) are exempted from the vaccine certification process if they are going into a recreational facility only if they are entering for the purpose of actively participating in an organized sport. If they are going into a community/recreational facility to be a spectator or to go to work out in the recreational fitness area, they are not exempt from the vaccine certification process.

We understand that there are many clarification questions that municipal elected officials and staff have on the implementation of the vaccine certification process that will come into effect next Monday. Many of those municipal operational questions have already been shared directly with the province. As provincial answers of municipal interest are received, we will share through further updates or on our COVID-19 resource page at [COVID-19 Resources](#).

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

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From: AMO Events <events@amo.on.ca>
Sent: September 21, 2021 10:02 AM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Officials

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ONLINE TRAINING

September 21, 2021

AMO Training Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official

New Date added - November 9/10, 2021

This training is an opportunity to gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official.

Elected officials run for municipal office for a variety of reasons which include providing leadership, stewardship and improving their local communities.

However municipal life is very much a people-oriented business, meaning elected representatives must engage in and build a wide variety of relationships with constituents, municipal staff, other elected officials, other orders of government and community organizations to name a few.

Not all relationships are smooth sailing and conflicts are inevitable. Sometimes the waters become choppy especially when navigating challenging relationships and conflict situations.

Having conflict-free and collaborative relationships can play a significant role in helping locally elected officials carry out their collective responsibilities as decision-makers of their communities.

During this 2-part virtual, interactive workshop, we will explore the constructs, traps and pitfalls of conflict relationships, why relationships may go wrong and how to approach, plan and execute relationships successfully using practical tips, tools and real-world examples.

Who Should Attend?

Locally elected municipal representatives.

Learning Objectives:

- The typical patterns of behaviour that give rise to creating “conflict traps” and how to escape from them.
- The secrets of neuroscience and how this knowledge can give us a heads-up on what we should do in the moment.
- Understanding conflict styles and how these can create obstacles or pave the way toward collaboration.
- The importance of moving from a position-based to an interest-based approach in order to create a win-win, value-add relationship.
- The roles of empathy and assertiveness in relationship formation.
- Learning effective and practical communication tools which include:
 - o Avoiding communication blockers,
 - o First words to use,
 - o The difference between Acknowledging vs. Agreeing,
 - o A simple yet powerful 4-step technique to assist in having better and more collaborative conversations.

Date:

- Part 1: November 9, 2021-10am-12:00pm
- Part 2: November 10, 2021 – 10am-1:00pm

Registration:

- \$200.00 + HST
- Limited to 20 participants (first come first served)

**** A \$50.00 cancellation fee applies****

[Register here.](#)



Session Facilitator: Sharad Kerur

Sharad Kerur created and leads Resolution Pathways as its CEO which assists people and organizations to resolve conflicts.

Sharad has a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) and Master of Industrial Relations from Queen's University, with a focus on negotiation theory and alternative dispute resolution methods.

For over 30 years, Sharad held senior level positions in the union and association sectors. His most recent positions was Executive Director of the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA), Canada's largest non-profit housing association. As a result, he has a strong grasp on the "business" of non-profit organizations and associations, and real-world experience in negotiation and mediation.

He is Harvard-trained having obtained a Certificate in Mediating Disputes and a Certificate in Negotiating Difficult Conversations from the Harvard Negotiation Institute (Harvard Law School) and also holds a Certificate in Dispute Resolution and an Advanced Certificate in Dispute Resolution, both from the University of York located in Toronto.

Sharad holds a Q.Med (Qualified Mediator) designation from the ADR Institute of Ontario, is an accredited C.C.Med (Chartered Community Mediator) from the Ontario Community Mediation Coalition, is a CINERGY® Certified Conflict Management Coach, and is a Certified Workplace Fairness Analyst accredited by the Workplace Fairness Institute of Canada.

He has also obtained a Certificate in Civil Procedures for Non-Lawyer Mediators from the ADR institute of Ontario.

Currently he is on the Community Mediation Roster and Associate Mediation Roster with St. Stephen's Community House (Conflict Resolution & Training), where he has also served as an instructor in their mediation and conflict resolution training programs and the mediation roster for the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD).

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Lisa Lehr

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: September 27, 2021 5:01 PM
To: Lisa Lehr
Subject: AMO/LAS Digital Services and Municipal Modernization Program/Audit and Accountability Fund

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DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

September 27, 2021

AMO/LAS Digital Services and Municipal Modernization Program/Audit and Accountability Fund

At this year's AMO Conference, Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark announced a third intake of the Municipal Modernization Program (MMP) and for the Audit and Accountability Fund (AAF). Municipalities can benefit from this provincial funding for digital modernization and other projects that will help deliver services more efficiently. In mid-August, Heads of Council received a letter and the program guidelines for Intake 3 of the MMP/AAF from Minister Clark.

Since 2017, AMO and LAS have partnered with several providers of digital technologies to help members unlock administrative efficiencies and save money while continuing to engage and provide support for residents. These Digital Service offerings are eligible technologies for MMF/AAF funding under the Ministry's priority of Digital Modernization. Many of these service offerings were procured through a competitive RFP process so that AMO/LAS could acquire the best possible service offering for members, scaled to municipalities of all sizes in Ontario, at preferred pricing.

Our Digital Service offerings include:

- Electronic Occupational Health and Safety Compliance and Training
- Digital Risk Management and Information System
- Electronic Meeting Management and Livestreaming solutions
- Accessible/Barrier-free Website Builder
- Digital Citizen Relationship Management/311 technology
- Digital Mental Health Therapy
- Digital and Electronic Signature solutions

ABC

To apply for MMP or AAF funding, you must submit a completed Expression of Interest form with attached supporting documents via the Transfer Payment Ontario system by October 19, 2021. To get started, visit www.Ontario.ca/getfunding to access program guidelines and the Expression of Interest form.

If your municipality is interested in any of the AMO/LAS service offerings or you require further information, please contact Nicholas Ruder, Research Advisor, AMO/LAS at nruder@amo.on.ca or at (416) 971-9856 x411.

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Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

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NVCA looking for landowners and volunteers interested in tree planting projects

Want to get involved in greening the Nottawasaga Watershed this spring by planting trees?

UTOPIA, Ontario (September 15, 2021) – Every year, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) provides grants to help landowners plant between 100,000 to 250,000 trees to help restore the Nottawasaga Watershed.

NVCA is now looking for interested landowners and volunteers to help plant trees for Spring 2022. To be eligible, projects must include over 100 trees planted three to five metres apart. Grants range between 50% -100% up to \$1,000 for eligible plantings. Special funding is available for areas along streams and wetlands and windbreaks. For properties over 2.5 acres, NVCA's forestry staff offers large-scale tree planting services.

The best time to plant trees is in the Spring. To ensure a good selection of species, NVCA recommends reserving trees early in the fall before the year they are planted. Depending on the size of the project, trees can be planted by the landowner, or NVCA staff can help arrange a volunteer group to help for a great day of planting.

"I can't say how much we've been missing our amazing volunteers!" said Shannon Stephens, NVCA's Healthy Waters Coordinator. "Typically, we have over 2,000 volunteers and landowners help on habitat and water quality projects, but the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly reduced the volunteer restoration days. We're hoping to have a great green Spring in 2022 and welcome all our volunteers back."

Interested landowners and volunteers can contact Shannon Stephens at 705-424-1479 ext. 239 or sstephens@nvca.on.ca for further details.

Tree planting and other watershed restoration projects are made possible by the support of the Nottawasaga Valley's 18 member municipalities, and the generous support of Environment Canada, Trillium Foundation, TD Friends of the Environment, World Wildlife Federation, volunteer groups, and many other wonderful donors.

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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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NVCA September 2021 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: October 22, 2021, held virtually.

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

Achieving Net Gains through Ecological Offsetting

Chris Hibberd, NVCA's Director, Watershed Planning Services gave a presentation on achieving net gains through ecological offsetting.

The Nottawasaga Valley watershed contains a diverse and interconnected system of natural features. Within this system, wetlands play an important role in terms of the services they offer to both humans and the natural environment. Some examples include:

- maintaining healthy drinking water
- providing flood and climate change mitigation functions
- providing diverse recreational opportunities
- ensuring that native plants and wildlife have the necessary space to thrive.

Population growth, and resulting urbanization, presents a challenge for the protection and enhancement of wetlands throughout the watershed.

NVCA has formalized an approach to ecological offsetting through the guidelines for Achieving Net Gains through Ecological Offsetting. This guideline aims to ensure that further losses of regulated natural heritage features within the Nottawasaga Valley watershed are highly limited and, where appropriate, met with equal or greater gains in area, value, and function.

It's important to note that by instituting a formal offsetting policy, NVCA is not promoting or supporting an increase in removal of wetlands and associated natural features throughout the watershed. The intention of this formal offsetting policy is to ensure that, moving forward, wetland offsetting is conducted using standardized criteria and metrics. To

accomplish this, natural features must be assigned a standardized value, and natural feature losses must be quantified on a project-specific basis.

The NVCA Board of Directors approved the guidelines in this board meeting. [The approved guidelines can be found on the NVCA website.](#)

NVCA Property Use Update

In early 2009 NVCA took possession of 73 acres of land within Town of New Tecumseth close to the village of Beeton. This land was donated to NVCA in hopes that it remains development free and provide eventual use by general public as a green space.

A local cash crop company has been leasing 36 acres of this land for agricultural purposes, with the lease ending in 2022. NVCA has determined the field would be best as a permanent greenspace through the planting of trees.

A total cost to plant was prepared by our forestry program of which realized ~ \$38,000. In late August a grant for a portion of the plant was approved by Tree Canada for \$24,000. The \$14,000 balance of the plant costs would come from available development offsetting funds.

NVCA 2022 Draft Budget

Sheryl Flannagan, NVCA's Director, Corporate Services gave a presentation on [NVCA's Draft 2022 Budget](#) in this board meeting.

This year's budget is accompanied by a [program overview](#), which highlights the work that each program area does for the watershed.

The NVCA Board of Directors has approved the draft budget and program overview for circulation to municipalities for a 30-day review period. The final budget vote will be on December 10, 2021.

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In the August 2021 board meeting, staff was directed to develop a draft budget with a \$90,000 increase to municipal levy. Through looking at three-year trends, eliminating one full-time position through attrition/retirement, finding savings through expenditures, and increasing potential revenues, staff are pleased to present a budget with an increase of \$89,768 to the general levy, below the approved guideline.



**NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
2022 DRAFT BUDGET

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OUR VISION

A sustainable watershed that is resilient to the effects of climate change, urban growth and other stressors and provides for safe, healthy and prosperous people and communities.

OUR MISSION

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Working together to deliver innovative, integrated watershed management that is responsive to the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the Nottawasaga Valley watershed.



EMBRACING CHANGE

In 2021, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority worked closely with our municipal and funding partners to comply, adapt and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and other relevant changes to operations.

One significant change is the update of the Conservation Authorities Act, the Planning Act and relevant regulations. The 2022 budget is organized the same way as last year's budget as the changes will not come into effect until fiscal year 2023.

The 2022 Program Overview, the companion to this budget, reflects all associated direct and measurable costs and revenues. Our Asset Management Strategy will continue to invest in aging infrastructure across NVCA's Conservation Areas and public spaces to provide safe, accessible, and functional facilities to the public. This directly aligns with conservation authority initiatives and our partner municipality priorities.

In 2022, we look forward to continue to protect, conserve, and restore natural resources and develop resilient communities through education, the application of science, community engagement, service excellence and collaboration with our partners.

OUR WATERSHED

The Nottawasaga Valley Watershed is approximately 3,700 km², with jurisdiction in 18 municipalities in the counties of Simcoe, Dufferin and Grey. The watershed is the source of watercourses that flow into Georgian Bay at Wasaga Beach, Collingwood and Severn Sound.

NVCA's Board of Directors is comprised of one representative appointed from each of our member municipalities.

Board members have a very important role and responsibility to represent the interests of their municipalities, consider the interests and needs of the conservation authority, and establish an effective reporting relationship with their municipal council and staff.

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Budget Process

In September 2021, Board members approved a staff report on the budget pressures projected for 2022 and directed staff to prepare a 2022 budget for consideration based on a \$90,000 increase to general levy.

Staff have developed a draft budget based on a \$89,768 increase. The draft budget is reviewed at the September 24, 2021 Board of Directors meeting and subsequently circulated to NVCA watershed municipalities for comments of which a minimum of 30 days is given as per the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The Board of Directors will vote on the budget at the December Board meeting.

Budget Vote

The Board of Directors will vote on the budget and levy using a weighted vote. The weighting formula is based on the Current Value Assessment (CVA) levy apportionment found on the next page.



2022 Draft Budget

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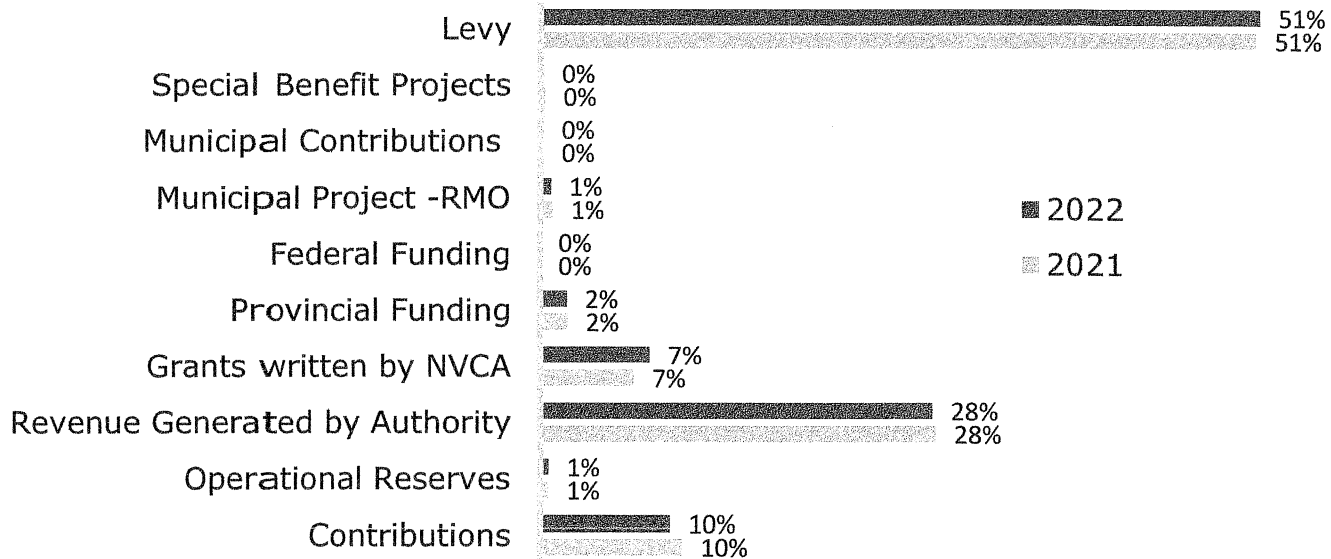
The 2022 operational budget is organized into business units and departments and is intended to reflect all associated costs. Operating programs have been maintained at the previous years' service levels.

A \$89,768 increase in municipal levy, is needed to support the operating expenditures. The operating levy is shared by NVCA member municipalities based on the CVA apportionment percentages provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Summary of Municipal Levy Contribution

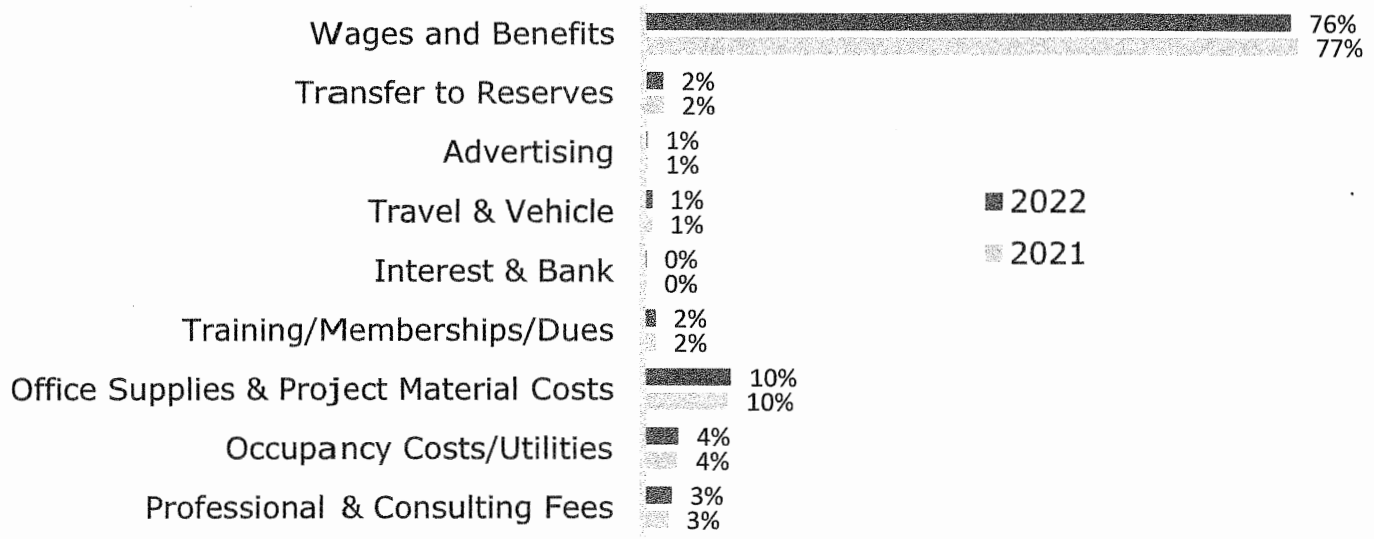
Municipality	2021 CVA Apportionment Percentage	2022 CVA Apportionment Percentage	2021 Operating Levy	2022 Draft Operating Levy	\$ Increase
			\$2,564,825.14	\$2,654,593.30	\$89,768.15
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio	4.13%	4.06%	\$105,929.84	\$107,856.13	\$1,926.28
Township of Amaranth	0.22%	0.22%	\$5,611.84	\$5,787.01	\$175.18
City of Barrie	15.25%	15.06%	\$391,240.99	\$399,869.35	\$8,628.36
Town of The Blue Mountains	1.38%	1.41%	\$35,445.88	\$37,445.69	\$1,999.81
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	4.26%	4.27%	\$109,284.63	\$113,295.39	\$4,010.75
Clearview Township	4.89%	4.88%	\$125,440.47	\$129,557.43	\$4,116.96
Town of Collingwood	9.99%	10.20%	\$256,313.24	\$270,695.25	\$14,382.01
Township of Essa	7.02%	6.94%	\$179,955.83	\$184,082.77	\$4,126.95
Municipality of Grey Highlands	0.34%	0.34%	\$8,707.58	\$8,991.11	\$283.53
Town of Innisfil	7.15%	7.29%	\$183,474.77	\$193,514.54	\$10,039.78
Township of Melancthon	0.47%	0.47%	\$12,129.06	\$12,569.50	\$440.44
Town of Mono	3.74%	3.71%	\$95,850.08	\$98,408.43	\$2,558.35
Mulmur Township	1.64%	1.62%	\$41,993.88	\$43,062.81	\$1,068.93
Town of New Tecumseth	13.66%	13.60%	\$350,370.50	\$360,921.16	\$10,550.66
Township of Oro-Medonte	7.43%	7.39%	\$190,499.82	\$196,118.70	\$5,618.88
Town of Shelburne	2.00%	2.02%	\$51,250.34	\$53,617.48	\$2,367.14
Township of Springwater	7.48%	7.49%	\$191,877.13	\$198,749.40	\$6,872.27
Town of Wasaga Beach	8.95%	9.04%	\$229,451.82	\$240,049.56	\$10,597.74

Revenues





Expenses



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Asset Management

The capital asset levy, which funds the asset management plan (AMP), is shared by the municipal partners based on their apportionment percentage.

The AMP is based on the annual approval of the asset management plan by the Board of Directors. The AMP for 2022 was approved by the Board of Directors at the August 2021 Board meeting.

Below are the contributions for 2022 based on the approved Asset Management Plan:

Capital Asset Levy

Municipality	2022 CVA Apportionment %	2021 Capital Levy Contribution	2022 Capital Levy
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio	4.06%	\$5,802.89	\$5,605.56
Township of Amaranth	0.22%	\$307.42	\$300.76
City of Barrie	15.06%	\$21,432.38	\$20,782.26
Town of The Blue Mountains	1.41%	\$1,941.74	\$1,946.18
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	4.27%	\$5,986.67	\$5,888.28
Clearview Township	4.88%	\$6,871.69	\$6,733.48
Town of Collingwood	10.20%	\$14,040.97	\$14,068.68
Township of Essa	6.93%	\$9,858.07	\$9,567.28
Municipality of Grey Highlands	0.34%	\$477.01	\$467.34
Town of Innisfil	7.29%	\$10,050.84	\$10,057.54
Melancthon Township	0.47%	\$664.44	\$653.30
Town of Mono	3.71%	\$5,250.72	\$5,114.55
Mulmur Township	1.62%	\$2,300.45	\$2,238.15
Town of New Tecumseth	13.60%	\$19,193.47	\$18,758.01
Township of Oro-Medonte	7.39%	\$10,435.68	\$10,192.81
Town of Shelburne	2.02%	\$2,807.52	\$2,786.66
Township of Springwater	7.49%	\$10,511.13	\$10,329.52
Town of Wasaga Beach	9.04%	\$12,569.49	\$12,476.04

Reserves

These amounts will be put into reserves to pay for the repair maintenance and replacement of the assets as identified in the AMP.

Some of the 2022 expenditures as per the AMP:

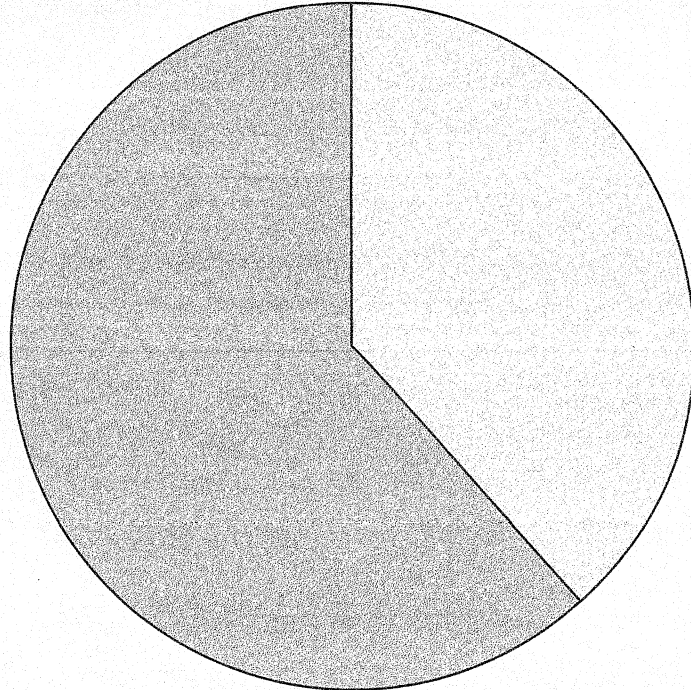
1. Dam Safety review for the Utopia Dam as well as repairs at New Lowell and Pretty River Dam/Dyke
2. Parts replacement on lands, flood and monitoring equipment to extend life as well as replacement of some end of life equipment including a tractor
3. Computers and server upgrades and network hardware

Funding for Asset Management Plan

2022 Total Cost:
\$224,125

Capital Reserves:
\$86,158.60
38%

Asset Levy:
\$137,966.40
62%



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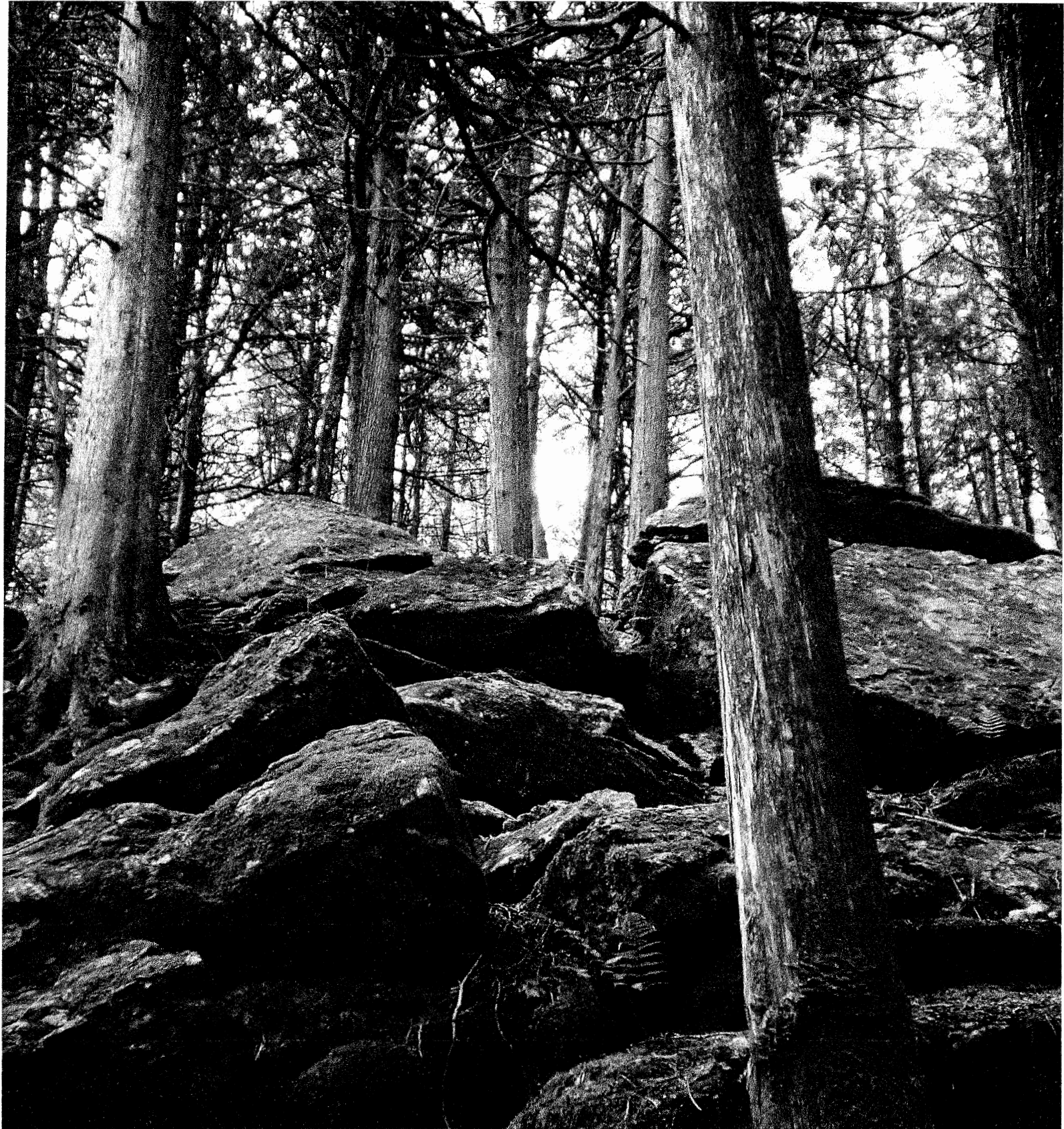
	BUDGET 2021	BUDGET 2022	\$ CHANGE
REVENUE:			
Municipal Levy	2,564,825.15	2,654,593.30	89,768.15
Special Benefit Projects	16,000.00	11,000.00	(5,000.00)
Oro-Medonte MOU	(38,478.73)	(39,825.49)	(1,346.76)
Municipal Contributions	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Municipal Project - RMO	45,000.00	39,000.00	(6,000.00)
Total Municipal Revenue	2,597,346.42	2,674,767.81	77,421.39
MNR Transfer Payment-Flood	97,307.00	97,307.00	-
Other Provincial Sources	215,500.00	272,500.00	57,000.00
Federal Sources	114,510.00	125,100.00	10,590.00
Total Government Grants	427,317.00	494,907.00	67,590.00
Contributions	501,040.00	470,940.00	(30,100.00)
User Fees			
Reforestation	46,000.00	71,000.00	25,000.00
Healthy Waters	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
Conservation Lands	21,600.00	29,600.00	8,000.00
Planning	989,600.00	978,000.00	(11,600.00)
Environmental Monitoring	13,000.00	1,000.00	(12,000.00)
Environmental Education	148,950.00	148,950.00	-
Tiffin Operations	117,300.00	119,500.00	2,200.00
Conservation Land Leases	33,590.00	31,440.00	(2,150.00)
Investment Income	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
Total Contributions and User Fees	1,896,080.00	1,895,430.00	(650.00)
Operational Reserves	28,678.73	30,025.49	1,346.76
TOTAL REVENUE	4,949,422.15	5,095,130.30	145,708.15
EXPENSES:			
Wages and Interprogram Charges	3,791,892.14	3,853,600.30	61,708.16
	3,791,892.14	3,853,600.30	61,708.16
Other Expenses			
Staff Cost	10,600.00	10,600.00	-
Memberships/Professional Dues	47,350.00	47,350.00	-
Educations and Training	29,500.00	29,500.00	-
Materials & Supplies - General	358,120.00	359,000.00	880.00
Materials & Supplies - Cost of Trees	90,000.00	124,000.00	34,000.00
Vehicles & Large Equipment Costs	42,450.00	42,450.00	-
Office Expenses	16,000.00	16,000.00	-
Equipment Costs	9,000.00	9,000.00	-
Transportation Costs	13,000.00	13,000.00	-
Legal	22,000.00	22,000.00	-
Consultants	109,500.00	132,500.00	23,000.00
Insurance	92,700.00	117,350.00	24,650.00
Taxes	23,890.00	21,460.00	(2,430.00)
Heat and Hydro	32,000.00	32,000.00	-

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	BUDGET 2021	BUDGET 2022	\$ CHANGE
Telephones and Internet Access	23,000.00	23,000.00	-
Audit Fees	18,000.00	20,000.00	2,000.00
Interest and Bank Charges	21,200.00	22,500.00	1,300.00
Maintenance Expense	31,700.00	32,300.00	600.00
Uniform Expense	6,500.00	6,500.00	-
Leases	14,000.00	14,000.00	-
Advertisement and Communications	26,520.00	26,520.00	-
Bad Debt Expense	500.00	500.00	-
Transfer to Reserves	120,000.00	120,000.00	-
	<u>1,157,530.00</u>	<u>1,241,530.00</u>	<u>84,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>4,949,422.14</u>	<u>5,095,130.30</u>	<u>145,708.16</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>(0.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00</u>



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September 17, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks

SUBJECT: Ontario Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations

As the province continues to respond to the fourth wave of the pandemic driven by the highly transmissible Delta variant, the government is further protecting Ontarians through continued actions that encourage every eligible person to get vaccinated and help stop the spread of COVID-19.

On September 14, 2021 the government released the regulations under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act (ROA)* and guidance for businesses and organizations to support them in implementing proof of vaccination requirements, which take effect on September 22, 2021. Requiring proof of vaccination will help increase vaccination rates, protect individuals in higher-risk indoor settings, and keep businesses open.

This requirement focuses on higher-risk indoor (unless otherwise stated) public settings:

- Indoor areas of restaurants, bars, and other food and drink establishments without dance facilities
- Indoor and outdoor areas of food or drink establishments with dance facilities, including nightclubs and restaurants, clubs and other similar establishments
- Indoor areas of meeting and event spaces
- Indoor areas of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities, including waterparks, and personal physical fitness training with limited exemptions
 - Includes gyms, fitness/sporting/recreational facilities, pools, leagues, sporting events, waterparks, and indoor areas of facilities where spectators watch events
- Indoor areas of casinos, bingo halls, and other gaming establishments
- Indoor areas of concert venues, theatres, and cinemas
- Indoor areas of bathhouses, sex clubs and strip clubs
- Indoor areas of horse racing tracks, car racing tracks and other similar venues
- Indoor areas where commercial film and TV productions take place with studio audiences

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In addition to the guidance, there is a questions and answers document to help clarify the requirements for businesses and organizations.

Businesses can contact Stop the Spread information line at 1-888-444-3659 if they have any questions about the guidance.

Compliance and Enforcement

Businesses and organizations are responsible for ensuring they meet the requirements regarding proof of vaccination outlined in in the ROA, O. Reg. 364/20 (Step 3).

Patrons are required to ensure that any information provided to the business or organization to demonstrate proof of vaccination or proof of identification is complete and accurate.

Failure of a business or organization or a patron to comply with the requirements in O. Reg. 364/20 is an offence under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020.

As a reminder, for offences under the ROA, police and other provincial offences officers, including First Nation Constables, special constables, and municipal by-law officers, have discretion to either issue tickets to individuals for set fine amounts or issue a summons under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act (POA) or to proceed under Part III of the POA by laying an information.

The 1-800 Enforcement Support Line (1-866-389-7638) and dedicated enforcement email address (EssentialWorkplacesSupport.SolGen@ontario.ca) are intended to provide guidance to policing personnel and other enforcement personnel in relation to the enforcement of provincial orders.

I strongly encourage our municipal partners to work closely with provincial enforcement officers and public health officers to coordinate compliance activities in your communities. To identify opportunities for and to plan coordinated compliance activities in your community, please email Stephen Wilson at: Stephen.J.Wilson@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your support and for joining our shared commitment to work together to protect the health and well-being of Ontarians.

Sincerely,



Kate Manson-Smith
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September 29, 2021

**SUBJECT: Expiry of Temporary Regulations (130/20 and 131/20) Limiting
Municipal Authority to Regulate Construction Noise**

Dear Head of Council:

As you may know, as part of the Province's measures to respond to COVID-19, in April 2020, our government introduced temporary limits on municipal authority to regulate noise from construction to help support expedited construction of healthcare and other projects. I am writing to update you that **these changes are scheduled to expire on October 7, 2021.**

The temporary measures have supported construction of critical healthcare-related infrastructure, while helping to protect the health and safety of construction workers throughout the pandemic.

From October 7 onwards, municipalities will again have the authority to regulate construction noise in their communities at all times of day and night. Should there be priority projects that a municipality wishes to help expedite, as before, municipalities can explore addressing those projects through their local noise bylaws. If your municipality has any questions on these changes, I would encourage you to contact your local Municipal Services Office.

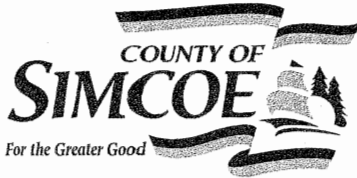
Thank you for your continued support and collaboration throughout the COVID-19 emergency. I look forward to continuing to work together to support Ontario's communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Clark".

Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c: The Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills
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Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New waste collection days and a new cart system: Changes roll out November 1

Midhurst/September 13, 2021 – On November 1, the County will implement automated cart collection and move to a new four-day curbside waste collection schedule. The change will mean that the majority of residents will have a new collection day and time when they roll their two carts to the curb for the first time this November.

Helpful resources to confirm your new waste collection day as of November 1:

1. Visit carts.simcoe.ca and click on the *New Collection Schedule* tab
2. Download our **free Simcoe County Collects app** on your mobile device to receive reminders and alerts
3. A printable **map** that shows the collection days for residents as of November 1
4. Collection day change details and the map will be included in your new **Solid Waste Management Calendar** arriving to all County households in mid-September and will also be included in our fall edition of our **Managing Your Waste mailer**
5. **Our interactive map** allows you to zoom in and search by your address to find your new collection day
6. **Our interactive waste collection widget** is available on our website and allows you to search by your address to generate a personalized collection calendar

Residents are reminded to have their materials at the road/curb by 7 a.m. of their new collection day, according to the instructions provided on the carts and available on carts.simcoe.ca. Collection times may continue to change for some time while new routes are optimized.

After November 1, Fridays will be reserved for any missed areas due to weather or service impacts to support with customer service and provide greater predictability to weekly waste collection services. The frequency of weekly collection of organics and alternating collection weeks for recycling and garbage will continue. The week of November 1-5 will be organics and recycling (green and blue lid carts).

The needs of our diverse and growing communities have been taken into consideration, with many seasonal areas being prioritized for collection early in the week, and many larger downtown business districts scheduled for Wednesdays and Thursdays to avoid extended set-out periods.

We know you're spinning your wheels to begin the new program, but please remember to continue with your current scheduled collection day until November and that waste in carts cannot be collected by the existing collection vehicles until that time.

Delivery of carts continues...

The delivery of a trio of carts to all eligible County of Simcoe households continues to ramp up in preparation for the roll-out of the new automated cart collection system starting November 1. Approximately 170,000 carts have already been delivered in our region. Once received, residents should store their new carts and continue to use current containers or bags until the launch of the new collection system in November. Delivery of carts will continue until late October. If you have not received a trio of carts by October 22, please email service@simcoe.ca or call 1-800-263-3199.

- Residents who have downloaded the free Simcoe County Collects app will receive a notification when delivery is occurring in their area
- For the majority of residents, carts will be left at the end of your driveway. For our rural residents, where possible, carts will be delivered to the end of individual driveways, but some seasonal locations or other areas that have common neighbourhood collection points may have their carts dropped at their designated pick-up locations if crews are unable to access roads
- Carts have serial numbers and are assigned to the location where they are dropped off. Residents are reminded not to exchange carts with others. They are encouraged to write their address in the space provided and if they move, carts must stay with the property
- Delivered carts will include information on how to properly set out for collection. Watch for additional information, including upcoming changes to collection days, in the waste management calendar coming to your mailbox in September
- If you believe extra carts have been dropped off in error or your location has been missed by October 22, please contact our Service Simcoe Contact Centre at service@simcoe.ca or 1-800-263-3199.

Benefits of Cart Collection

Carts are commonly used across North America and bring many benefits to residents, including:

- Carts provide added vertical storage
- Consolidate a variety of smaller bins, bags and containers into three carts
- Good for the environment with more room for organics
- Lids on all carts protect against windblown litter and impacts from critters
- Cut down on lifting and trips to the curb! With wheels and ergonomic handles, just roll out two carts each week
- Safer for everyone with touchless automated collection
- Carts will also ensure continuity of collection service and help to reduce potential for widespread collection impacts previously experienced

For further information on our new cart program, including videos, cart delivery information, storage suggestions and answers to frequently asked questions, visit carts.simcoe.ca.

Quote

“Our new automated cart system will provide residents with a reliable and sustainable collection service for years to come. We are confident that the automated system will address labour shortages previously experienced under the manual collection program, but weather impacts in the winter and during periods of extreme heat do occur in Simcoe County. Our new four-day collection schedule is another way that we can help ensure a more consistent service, with the flexibility for our vehicles to return to any missed areas on Fridays so residents no longer have to store their materials for an extra week if missed on their regular collection day.” ~ County of Simcoe Warden George Cornell.

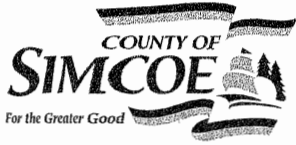
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Simcoe County named Forest Capital of Canada 2022

Midhurst/September 20, 2021 – As we kick off #NationalForestWeek in Canada, running September 19-25, the County of Simcoe is pleased to announce that it has received national honours by being recognized as the Forest Capital of Canada for 2022 by the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF). The County is the first ever two-time winner of this prestigious national award, which acknowledges leadership in forestry and environmental stewardship.

Representatives from the CIF's National Executive, Richard Dominy, President, Brad Epp, Vice President and Doug Reid, 2nd Vice President, joined Warden George Cornell, Deputy Warden Lynn Dollin and County of Simcoe Forestry staff to receive the official Forest Capital of Canada Plaque which will be on display at the Simcoe County Museum and the *Red Pine House Forestry Interpretive Building* throughout 2022.

The County of Simcoe is committed to maintaining and growing its vast forest network, which is owned and managed by the County. This award also coincides with the Simcoe County Forests' 100th anniversary celebrations, which will occur in 2022. The County was the first jurisdiction in Ontario to enter into the 'Agreement Forest' program in 1922 and has invested in tree planting, management practices and property acquisitions to become Ontario's largest municipally-owned forest, now spanning more than 33,000 acres across more than 150 properties. Throughout 2022, the County will celebrate the growth of the Simcoe County Forest over the past century, and will proudly share this national honour of being the Forest Capital of Canada with our residents and partners.

For more information on the County's Forestry program, visit simcoe.ca/dpt/fbl.

Established in 1979, the Forest Capital of Canada designation focuses on the valuable role forests play in the socio-economic and environmental health of our communities – past, present and future, while also recognizing and celebrating the rich forest heritage and commitment to sustainable forest management practices across Canada. Each year, the CIF designates a community or region to host a celebration of its forest resources.

Quotes

"We thank the CIF for recognizing our commitment to forestry and declaring our region as the Forest Capital of Canada for the second time. The CIF plays an important role in promoting and helping to preserve our forest habitats in Canada, and this is a tremendous honour for the County and our residents. From walking, hiking and biking trails, to the ecological advantages of these protected, diverse habitats, our significant forest network is a valuable environmental and economic asset to our region. A century after planting our first tree, the County continues to invest in our green and growing forests, and we look forward to celebrating our 100th Anniversary of forestry management throughout 2022." – County of Simcoe Warden George Cornell

"We were impressed by the County of Simcoe's robust and detailed proposal highlighting the rich history of the Simcoe County Forest, and the County's continued commitment to forestry, stewardship, and conservation. Recognizing the tremendous value of Ontario's largest and oldest municipally managed forest network, we were pleased to select the County of Simcoe as the 2022 Forest Capital of Canada. This designation is equally as special as it marks the second time the County has received the designation, with the first time being in 1982. The County is very deserving

of this award, and we look forward to seeing their celebrations and activities unfold over the next year showcasing their connectivity to the forest.” – CIF President Richard Dominy

About the CIF

Formed in 1908, the CIF is the national voice of forest practitioners and many others with an interest in forestry and forests. The Institute strives to provide national leadership, promote competence, and foster public awareness of Canadian and international forestry/forest issues. Visit our website at cif-ifc.org.

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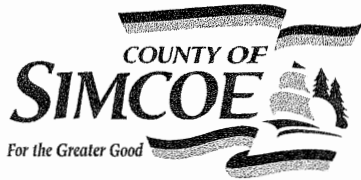
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Photo caption: (From left to right) Brad Epp, Vice President, CIF; County of Simcoe Deputy Warden Lynn Dollin; Doug Reid, 2nd Vice President, CIF; Richard Dominy, President, CIF; Graeme Davis, Forester, County of Simcoe; County of Simcoe Warden George Cornell



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Lake Simcoe Regional Airport continues to “widen” its horizon

Midhurst/September 20, 2021 – The County continues to invest in the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport (LSRA) and recently completed phase one of a multi-phase runway expansion project. The widening of the runway from 100 to 150 feet, combined with other airport service upgrades, including LED high intensity runway lighting, machinery and infrastructure enhancements, are the latest steps in an extensive \$60-million Strategic Plan designed to enhance the LSRA as a key economic asset for the region.

The County’s Airport Development Strategy focusses on making improvements to attract and sustain growth in corporate services, while supporting growing demand from our area businesses to utilize the airport for shipments of goods and services around the world. The County’s early completion of its runway-widening project allowed for early reinstatement of Canada Border Services. Construction was completed approximately four months ahead of schedule, just as the LSRA was chosen by Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to be one of a select few airports to have its CBSA clearance status reinstated, allowing international flights to resume in and out of the LSRA following all COVID safety protocols.

Since becoming the majority shareholder in 2019, the County’s financial investment and future commitment has propelled LSRA’s competitive position and secured new opportunities in advanced manufacturing and aerospace, including strategic collaboration with Volatus Aerospace, MediCA Park and the Oro Station Sports Development group. The runway expansion will open up new markets for business, specifically corporate aviation (passenger and freight), and will encourage new cluster development and innovation to occur at LSRA. In addition to the business partnerships highlighted above, since the County’s purchase of additional shares, a new flight school (Ontario Flight Centre), a new airport restaurant/catering business (Da Vinci’s Gate by Cravings) and additional corporate aircraft have made LSRA their home.

The widening of the runway provides an additional margin of safety for larger aircraft, especially during periods when the runway is wet or contaminated with snow. As the 90 per cent shareholder in LSRA, the County has committed to phase two of the expansion project, extending the runway from 6,001 feet to 7,000 feet to permit larger sized intercontinental corporate aircrafts to operate out of LSRA. Phase two of the runway project is currently going through approvals.

Quotes

“We’re pleased that the runway widening project was completed ahead of schedule and in time for CBSA’s most recent announcement, which supports businesses and corporate partners at the LSRA. Our Council is committed to continuing to develop the airport as one of our most important regional economic assets. From investors to current businesses, many of our industry partners are already recognizing the opportunities that exist due to the airport’s premier location, convenient transit links and our growing workforce in Simcoe County.” – County of Simcoe Warden George Cornell

“Given our proximity to the GTA and Simcoe County’s world-class manufacturing business, the LSRA is a huge economic asset for our region and will become even more critical as our economy and manufacturing sectors continue to grow. The County is investing in the airport, making the right

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enhancements to support the needs of our business partners for generations to come.” – Richard Norcross, County Councillor and LSRA Board Chair

About LSRA

Located halfway between Barrie and Orillia in the Township of Oro-Medonte, the 595-acre LSRA is among the newest regional airport facilities in Canada. It's located in one the fastest-growing regions of Ontario and just an hour's drive north of Toronto, the country's largest city. LSRA's location provides a unique opportunity for corporate aviation, a crucial component for some businesses during the site selection process.

The LSRA is fully serviced by the Canada Border Services Agency and accommodates both international passengers and freight. It is adjacent to Highway 11, a major provincial highway. The airport currently possesses 58 hectares (142 acres) of serviced and un-serviced land available for airside commercial development opportunities, accommodating both small and large scale developments in three distinct commercial areas.

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Photo caption: Lake Simcoe Regional Airport (2021)

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Simcoe County receives designation as a Bee City

Midhurst/September 21, 2021 – Bee City Canada has given official designation to the County of Simcoe as a “Bee City”. With this designation, the County of Simcoe is committed to raise awareness and support pollinator protection. Communities with pollinator habitats, including native pollinator-friendly plants, enhance the physical and mental health of residents by connecting people with nature and encouraging healthy food habits.

“We are proud of our innovation and leadership shown by Tourism Simcoe County, in conjunction with Economic Development Officers from the region, through the development of a pilot tourism trail in 2018 related to bees and honey production,” said Warden George Cornell. “With agri-tourism on the rise across the province, the work of D.A. Jones in Beeton is a great place to begin looking further into the region’s rich history of bees and honey. I encourage everyone to come and see what Simcoe County has to offer as a designated Bee City.”

Following the launch of the Simcoe County Honey Trail, Tourism Simcoe County is starting to expand from the smaller Simcoe County Honey Trail to a County-wide *Bees and Honey* program, which draws attention to how important pollinator health is to the whole of Simcoe County.

Tourism Simcoe County is currently developing a *Bees and Honey* themed video and written materials that will be used to promote local operators. These promotions are intended to educate the public on the importance of supporting local farms as a means of protecting pollinator populations and will tell the story of how shopping local can help support bee populations. The story and a number of suggested itineraries to encourage people to engage with local retailers and beekeepers will be shared in 2022 as a way of supporting fragile pollinator populations.

What is a Bee City?

A Bee City is part of a North American movement to support pollinator protection. With this designation, the County of Simcoe is committed to creating and supporting activities related to the health and sustainability of pollinators in the region. Within the County of Simcoe, the municipalities of Barrie, Collingwood, Midland, New Tecumseth, Orillia, and Severn have also received Bee City Designation. For more information about Bee City Canada, visit beecitycanada.org.

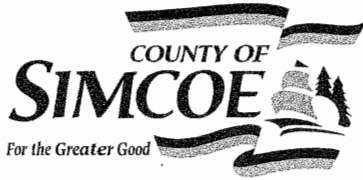
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Regional partners launch 11-week Farm to Retail Workshop to support local growers

Midhurst/September 24, 2021 – Starting October 28, the counties of Simcoe, Grey, and Bruce, along with the Henry Bernick Entrepreneurship Centre of Georgian College, are partnering on an 11-week Farm to Retail Workshop. Delivered by the Food Venture Program, this workshop will help farmers turn business ideas into finished products, and new or small agri-food businesses to grow.

The Workshop looks at all aspects of the food development process, including:

- Week 1 – Oct. 28 – Food Trends for 2021, Idea Feasibility
- Week 2 – Nov. 4 – Competitive Analysis, Constraints and Channels
- Week 3 – Nov. 11 – Value Proposition and Business Plan
- Week 4 – Nov. 18 – Food Science, Recipe Development
- Week 5 – Nov. 25 – Sanitation and Food Safety
- Week 6 – Dec. 2 – Circularity and Sustainability in Food
- Week 7 – Dec. 9 – Food Packaging and Nutrition Labeling
- Week 8 – Dec. 16 – Branding and Marketing Your Food Product
- Week 9 – Jan. 6 – Financial Feasibility and Profitability
- Week 10 – Jan. 13 – Food Product Sales and the Art of Pitching
- Week 11 – Jan. 20 – Food Labeling Software

The program, which will be conducted virtually using Zoom, starts October 28 and runs until January 20 every Thursday between 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. There are two weeks off for Christmas and New Year. For more information, visit <https://edo.simcoe.ca/agricultural-resources>.

Sector experts from the Food Venture Program will lead each of the 11-week sessions. Participants will receive more information closer to the program start date.

Space is limited for this program and those interested in participating will need to submit an application **by October 11, 2021**. Successful participants will be notified by October 19 if they have been selected to participate in the program. Applications are available at <https://hbec.wufoo.com/forms/kg4vxrl145hdq/>.

Quotes

“The County has a large agricultural sector and many innovative farming and food entrepreneurs. We are pleased to work with our local industry partners to provide this extensive course to help more emerging producers get their products to market. Through our Economic Development and Tourism offices, we are committed to helping our business owners grow our economy, enhance our sustainable local food network and sell more Made in Simcoe County products to the world.” – George Cornell, County of Simcoe Warden

“Food production is and always has been at the heart of innovation and a key economic driver in Grey County. We are pleased to support our agri-food entrepreneurs to develop, refine, and scale their businesses for success with the Food Venture Program, which will offer all the tools a food business

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needs to thrive through access to leading industry experts.” – Selwyn “Buck” Hicks, Grey County Warden

“Supporting our agri-food entrepreneurs in developing, expanding and growing their businesses plays a key role in the economic prosperity of our communities. The Food Venture Program connects businesses with the right tools, skills and connections needed for agri-food entrepreneurs to thrive.” – Janice Jackson, Bruce County Warden

“The Henry Bernick Entrepreneurship Centre is proud to support this vital program for farmers to sell their products in a retail space. The Agri-Food businesses within Simcoe County will have access to the resources and mentorship they need to broaden their marketing channels, increase sales and bring new food products to consumers.” – Sara Bentham, Director, Henry Bernick Entrepreneurship Centre, Georgian College

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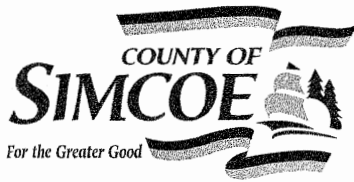
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Bi-weekly Leaf and Yard Waste Collection starts October 3

Midhurst/ September 27, 2021 – The County of Simcoe’s popular curbside Leaf and Yard Waste Collection program is set to start on October 3 in Zone One and October 10 in Zone Two, running bi-weekly into December. These bi-weekly collections include leaves, grass, branches (sized and bundled appropriately), and garden waste. Residents are reminded to use kraft paper yard waste bags, compostable bags, cardboard boxes, or open-ended rigid containers when placing leaf and yard waste at the curb.

Materials for collection should be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your collection weeks. Collection will occur during the week, not necessarily on residents’ regular collection day. To determine your collection zone and collection weeks, please refer to the 2021-2022 Waste Management Calendar, which was mailed to households in September. The schedule is also available on the Simcoe County Collects App, which is free to download from the App Store or Google Play.

The County asks residents to keep the safety of collection workers in mind when setting out materials.

Fall 2021 leaf and yard waste will be collected throughout the week in each zone as follows:

Zone One

- Week of October 3, 2021
- Week of October 17, 2021
- Week of October 31, 2021
- Week of November 14, 2021
- Week of November 28, 2021

Zone Two

- Week of October 10, 2021
- Week of October 24, 2021
- Week of November 7, 2021
- Week of November 21, 2021
- Week of December 5, 2021

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September 17, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Re: Structure Inventory and Inspections

Dear Premier:

At the last regular General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting held September 13, 2021 the above captioned matter was discussed.

I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed which will be going forward for ratification at the September 27, 2021 Township of Scugog Council meeting:

THAT Report PWIS-2021-027, 2021 Structure Inventory and Inspections, be received;

THAT the Township of Scugog 2021 Ontario Structure Inspection Manual Inventory and Inspection Summary Report, prepared by Planmac Engineering Inc., be received;

THAT as part of the annual budget process, the Township continue to increase the amount of funding available for bridges and culverts through the continuation of Roads and Other Infrastructure Levy;

THAT as part of the annual budget process, the Township continue to increase the investment in bridge and culvert maintenance and repair through other means including identifying efficiencies and cost savings and applying for grants through other levels of government for major bridge and culvert replacements;

THAT the Township follow the principles of Asset Management and prioritize preventative maintenance such as waterproofing decks, repaving decks, repair concrete soffits, parapet walls, abutments and wingwalls, etc.

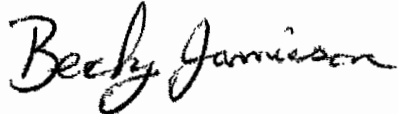
THAT the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada be encouraged to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements; and

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THAT a copy of the staff report and resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance, Federal Finance Minister, MP Erin O'Toole, MPP Lindsey Park, AMO, Durham Region and all Ontario municipalities."

Should you require anything further in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Arsenault, Capital Projects Technologist at 905-985-7346 ext. 138.

Yours truly,



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