

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2025**

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- p. 32 10. Correspondence from the Ministry of Rural Affairs dated June 24, 2025, re: Rural Ontario Development Program is Now Accepting Applications.
- p. 37 11. Correspondence from the Ministry of Energy and Mines dated June 25, 2025, re: Ontario's First Ever Integrated Energy Plan: Energy for Generations: Ontario's Integrated Plan to Build the Strongest Economy in the G7.

- p. 38 12. Correspondence from the Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. Dated June 26, 2025, re: Regulatory Registry Proposal 25-MMAH011 Comments – Assessment of Proposed Regulatory Changes to Ontario Regulation 82/98 under the Development Charges Act, 1997.

B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

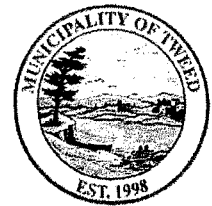
None.

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

None.

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**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No. 274
Title: Notices of Motion
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Moved by D. DeGenova
Seconded by J. Palmateer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the cost which amounts to yet another provincial municipal download;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed Council hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling product from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ric Bresse, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack and all Ontario Municipalities.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Area partners provide update on HART Hub initiative

Midhurst/June 16, 2025 – Media are invited to attend a special announcement to update the public about *The HART of Simcoe County* project. Barrie and area's new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment program as part of the Provincial HART Hub initiative.

Since funding was announced by the Provincial government in January 2025, area partners and service providers have been working to confirm program and location details.

This information, as well as other important details about the initiative, will be shared as *The HART of Simcoe County* starts to beat this summer.

EVENT: The HART of Simcoe County Media Announcement

Where County of Simcoe Administration Centre - Atrium
1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario

When Thursday, June 26, 2025 – 11:30 a.m.

Note: Media are asked to contact the County of Simcoe Communications and Events Team to confirm attendance. Please arrive at least 10-15 minutes before the start of the event.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe receives prestigious Age-Friendly designation from World Health Organization

Midhurst/June 16, 2025 - The World Health Organization (WHO) has officially recognized the County of Simcoe as an Age-Friendly Community, honouring our commitment to fostering healthy and active communities for residents of all ages.

In achieving this designation, the County joins a growing global network of cities and communities that have demonstrated excellence in age-friendly planning and implementation.

Quotes

"According to the most recent census, nearly 20 percent of the County's population is aged 60 and older, which is why we are committed to fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for older adults. By building up programs, services, and infrastructure, we are ensuring our residents can remain active, engaged, and independent at every stage of life. This designation reflects our dedication to building a community where all our residents can thrive." ~ Warden Basil Clarke

"Being recognized as an age-friendly community recognizes the efforts that have been made to showcase the County of Simcoe as a great place for older adults. Positive aging depends on strong connections, and accessible resources. We are proud to stand alongside municipalities from across the world in championing inclusivity and the well-being for our aging population." ~ Jane Sinclair, General Manager, Health and Emergency Services

About the WHO Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program

The World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program supports communities worldwide in becoming more age-friendly to tap into the potential that older people represent for humanity. The program encourages cities and communities to adapt their structures and services to be accessible to and inclusive of older people with varying needs and capacities. Full details can be found on the [WHO website](https://www.who.int/agefriendly).

About Age-Friendly Simcoe County

The Age-Friendly Simcoe County initiative was established in 2016 to increase awareness of the County's aging population and help businesses and organizations evaluate their environment and service delivery. The County continues to provide resources and assessment tools to help organizations implement age-friendly goals and strategies and adapt to our aging population. For more information the Age-Friendly program, along with the Business and Individual Recognition Awards, visit www.simcoe.ca/age-friendly, email agefriendly@simcoe.ca or call 705-726-9300 ext. 3127.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Reminder: County seeking public and partner input through Transit Review

Public Open Houses taking place on June 18, 19, 25

Midhurst/June 17, 2025 – The County of Simcoe has launched a County-wide Transit Review, inviting residents, businesses, stakeholders, and partners to help shape the future of public transit across Simcoe County.

Endorsed by County Council, the goal of the Transit Review is to explore opportunities to improve access to public transit across the County, identify potential service integration, and better understand the needs and priorities of the region.

As a reminder, the process will involve extensive consultation with the public, stakeholders, and partners. Phase one includes:

Public survey:

- Available online from June 11 to July 4 at www.simcoe.ca/transitreview.

Public Open Houses:

June 18:

North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre (Bill Thompson Room)
527 Len Self Blvd, Midland ON
4:30-6:30 p.m.

June 19:

Wasaga Beach RecPlex (Meeting Room)
1724 Moseley St., Wasaga Beach ON
5:30-7:30 p.m.

June 25:

New Tecumseth Recreation Centre (Meeting Room)
7300 Industrial Parkway, Alliston ON
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Open House information is also available on www.simcoe.ca/transitreview

County Council Workshop:

- A workshop was held on June 17 from 1-3 p.m. which can be watched back on the [County's YouTube Channel](#).

Please note that the Transit systems for the cities of Orillia and Barrie are not included in the review; however, information about how other services connect and integrate with these systems will be considered.

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About Public Transit in Simcoe County:

Currently, only some of the County's 16 member municipalities, along with the cities of Barrie and Orillia, operate local municipal transit services. Several other local municipalities do not have local transit systems. The County also operates LINX Transit, an inter-community service with six routes that connect local communities and major service and employment hubs, including hospitals, educational institutions, GO Transit, Ontario Northland, and employment centres. LINX currently serves seven of the 16 County municipalities, as well as Barrie and Orillia.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Electric Vehicle Show returns to Simcoe County

Midhurst/June 18, 2025 – The County of Simcoe is once again partnering with regional experts to bring the Electric Vehicle Show back to this region. On June 24, interested partners and residents are invited to learn about the benefits of transitioning to EVs from experienced EV owners and businesses who will be on-site with information and EV vehicles.

The event is supported by Plug'n Drive and the EV Society – Barrie-Orillia Chapter. Electric Vehicles will be available for attendees to see, with their owners standing by to provide their opinions based on firsthand experiences. Vehicles will also be provided by Plug'n Drive, allowing attendees to experience what it's like to drive an EV.

EVENT:	Electric Vehicle Show
Date	Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Time	10 a.m. to 6 p.m. <i>Suggested media availability: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.</i>
Location	County of Simcoe Administration Centre – Parking Lot 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON
Registration	This free event does not require pre-registration

About Plug'n Drive

Plug'n Drive is a non-profit organization committed to accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles in order to maximize their environmental and economic benefits. Since 2011, Plug'n Drive has established itself as a Canadian leader in the electric vehicle industry, a trusted and unbiased source of information about electric cars, charging stations and the electricity sector.

About Electric Vehicle Society

The EV Society is a not-for-profit organisation comprised of electric vehicle owners and enthusiasts who advocate for electric mobility. EV Society was founded in 1994, when all electric cars were hand-crafted one-off conversions. Now we help to increase EV adoption through education, advocacy, meetings, events and partnerships.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County creates new Assertive Street Outreach Program for adults and youth living unhoused

Midhurst/June 19, 2025 – The County of Simcoe is once again creating new opportunities for adults and youth living unhoused in the region to find secure and stable housing. The County's new Assertive Street Outreach Program engages and supports individuals and families who are living without stable housing, including those in encampments and those at imminent risk of homelessness with the goal of securing long-term, sustainable housing.

After initiating a Request for Proposals, a consortium led by Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care has been selected to oversee and operate Regional Assertive Street Outreach Program for The County of Simcoe. The consortium includes valuable community partners who have a deep understanding of the issues surrounding homelessness and knowledge and experience in working in the field including:

- Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care
- Busby
- Lighthouse
- Home Horizon
- Youth Haven
- S.H.I.F.T. (Support and Hope for Individuals and Families Today)

The Assertive Street Outreach Program will deliver services year-round, seven (7) days per week (morning, afternoon and evening), and will be flexible to meet changing community needs including encampment support outreach across the County of Simcoe, including in the Cities of Barrie and Orillia. Specific coverage areas are listed below:

- Busby Centre - Barrie/Springwater and area, and South Georgian Bay region; including Collingwood, Stayner, Wasaga Beach and Midland area (Adult and Youth)
- Lighthouse - Orillia and area (Adult and Youth)
- Home Horizon - Georgian Bay area (Youth)
- Youth Haven - Barrie, Orillia, Midland, southern Georgian Bay and south Simcoe (Youth)
- S.H.I.F.T. - South Simcoe: Innisfil, Essa, Adjala-Tosorontio, Bradford/West Gwillimbury and New Tecumseth (Adult and Youth)

Quotes

"Our new Assertive Street Outreach Program represents a bold step forward in connecting with our most vulnerable residents. This flexible approach allows us to meet people where they are, building trust and creating pathways to stable housing. By expanding how we reach those in need, we're opening doors for everyone in our community."

~ Basil Clarke, Warden, County of Simcoe

"Addressing homelessness is not the work of one organization. This program reflects what's possible when a community comes together with compassion and purpose. By building trust with those who are often hardest to reach, we're not just offering services – we're offering hope, connection and the belief that everyone deserves a place to call home."

~ Dr. Kevin Young, Vice-President, Medical Affairs, and Chief of Staff Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

About the Assertive Street Outreach Program

This new Assertive Street Outreach Program will engage individuals who are experiencing homelessness but not currently connected to services or are reluctant to access traditional services, such as shelters or warming centres. It looks to minimize the harmful effects of sleeping rough while working with individuals to prepare for, and ultimately find, long-term housing solutions. It will be fully integrated into Simcoe County's Coordinated Access System and will serve as an access point to engage unsheltered persons.

The Assertive Street Outreach Program works to minimize the harmful effects of sleeping rough with the goal of finding and securing long-term housing. Assertive Street Outreach works with the household and/or individual to shorten the length of time that they experience homelessness by finding available housing as space allows.

The program is low-barrier and targets vulnerable persons across Simcoe County's sixteen member municipalities and in the cities of Barrie and Orillia. Assertive Street Outreach continues to engage and build rapport with unsheltered individuals even if they decline housing and other services.

About the County's 10-point homelessness prevention strategy

The County of Simcoe's 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy provides a strong, data-driven plan to help vulnerable residents and our communities. The strategy includes a considerable added investment toward the goal of preventing and ending chronic homelessness. For further details and ongoing updates to the homelessness prevention plan, visit simcoe.ca/HomelessnessSystem.

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County Unveils Revitalized Positive Aging Strategy Launches Age-Friendly Calendar

Midhurst/June 24, 2025 – Committed to fostering *age-friendly communities*, the County of Simcoe is proud to unveil the *2025-2030 Age-Friendly Positive Aging Strategy*. This revitalized strategy builds on years of research, engagement, and community-driven priorities that enhance the lives of older adults across the region.

As Simcoe County's older adult population continues to grow, the County remains a leader in innovative approaches to aging, ensuring seniors have access to inclusive, healthy, and sustainable community programs, services, and infrastructure.

"Our older adults play a vital role in our communities, and we recognize the need for forward-thinking planning to support their well-being," said Warden Basil Clarke. "This updated strategy directly responds to feedback from residents and focuses on key priorities that will help to make Simcoe County a model for age-friendly living."

Since receiving provincial funding in 2015 for its Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant Program, Simcoe County has remained committed to strengthening age-friendly infrastructure, planning, and services. The [Simcoe County Positive Aging Strategy](#) has evolved over the years, with the initial document incorporating more than 140 recommendations to enhance the well-being of older adults in the community, nearly 90% of which were addressed between 2018 and 2023.

More recently, the County conducted an extensive Age-Friendly Simcoe County Community Survey, which garnered 2,587 responses. Findings underscored three key priorities: Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, Transportation, and Communication and Information.

County Launches Age-Friendly Calendar

In direct response to community feedback, the County, in partnership with [211 Community Connection](#), has launched the [Age-Friendly Activity Calendar](#). This initiative provides older adults with easy access to information on local programs, events, and activities that support healthy aging and social engagement.

"The Age-Friendly Calendar helps bridge the communication gap identified in our community survey by empowering older adults to stay active, informed, and connected," said Jane Sinclair, General Manager, Health and Emergency Services. "With the support of 211 Community Connection, we've created a resource that enhances accessibility and fosters engagement among seniors in our region."

The Age-Friendly Activity Calendar features activities across five distinct regions: South Georgian Bay, South Simcoe, North Simcoe, Barrie, and Orillia. Events and programs will be submitted online, vetted by dedicated volunteers, and regularly updated to ensure the most current information is available.

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The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge

June 16, 2025

Re: Item for Discussion – Road Salt Usage

At its meeting of June 11, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-068, regarding Road Salt Usage, as follows:

"WHEREAS chloride concentrations have increased by at least 0.5 mg/L in 80 of 274 (29%) of the lakes sampled by the District of Muskoka between 2018 and 2022, and by 15-fold in Lake Muskoka since 1970;

AND WHEREAS Queen's University scientist, Dr. Shelley Arnott, a leader in global research on the effects of road salt on lakes, has demonstrated that in Muskoka lakes, some important aquatic organisms are negatively affected at chloride exposure levels as low as 10 mg/L, far below the 120 mg/L long term or chronic exposure guideline;

AND WHEREAS roughly one quarter of lakes sampled by the District Municipality of Muskoka now have chloride levels above 10 mg/L;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge:

1. Commits to ongoing efforts toward the reduction of road salt as much as possible, while maintaining safety on roads, including public reporting on annual use, supporting local efforts to research the ongoing impacts of road salt, and assisting education efforts.
2. Urges the Province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially-endorsed standard Best Management Practices for snow and ice management on private lands; and to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the Province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems, drinking water and infrastructure from the impacts of salt pollution.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Attorney General of Ontario; the Muskoka-Parry Sound MPP; Conservation Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the District Municipality of Muskoka; and other lower-tier municipalities in Muskoka."

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



Loyal Orange Lodge 450 Lake View



June 16, 2025

Henry Sander
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Township of Essa
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Henry:

Thanks for meeting with us to discuss the potential of an AED station at the Ivy Orange Hall & Community Centre.

The Ivy Hall is a very busy community centre.

The Hall is the preferred location by local residents for Family reunions, Celebrations of Life, Wedding and Baby showers, Seniors cards and coffee, Minor sports including Special needs baseball, Church and Service Club fundraising events, and much more.

It's been suggested that we should have a Defib (AED) available 24/7 for emergency use.

The Ivy Hall would like to install an AED station on the Exterior of the hall that would make the lifesaving capability of a Defib unit available to the general public 24 hours a day.

We feel there is little risk of vandalism as the unit will be well lit and visible from the road.

We have been quoted a cost of \$2,700 plus installation for an all-weather AED station that would be illuminated and climate controlled to ensure the equipment will function properly in extreme heat or cold weather.

The Ivy Orange Hall would like to partner with the Township of Essa to establish this life saving station.

We are requesting a onetime grant of \$2,500 to offset the cost of the equipment.

The Ivy Hall would be responsible for the installation, signage, electrical supply, training, and ongoing maintenance including replacement parts and inspection.

Please consider this request in helping us serve our community.

Regards,
Earl Elliott
Secretary Ivy Orange Hall & Community Centre

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God Save The King

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June 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council ratified the following motion:

Resolution 2025-185

Moved by: Councillor Harper

Seconded by: Councillor Scott

WHEREAS the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

WHEREAS the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

WHEREAS Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

WHEREAS the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019—set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household—fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

WHEREAS such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

THAT Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
- Scot Davidson, Member of Parliament for New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be published on the Town's official website and communicated through the Town's official channels to raise awareness and gather public support.

Regards,



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CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs
Hon. Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury
All Ontario Municipalities
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
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Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NVCA and BILD Establish Working Group to Support Ontario's Housing and Economic Development Goals

UTOPIA, Ontario (June 17, 2025) – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) and the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) have launched a new working group to strengthen collaboration between the conservation authority and the development industry, with a shared focus on supporting Ontario's home-building targets and local economic development in a safe, sustainable manner.

In the development review process, NVCA's focus is on ensuring that development moves forward in a safe manner and avoids the loss of life and damage to property due to flooding, erosion, and other natural hazards.

The initiative reflects NVCA's ongoing work to ensure modern, timely, and coordinated review processes. The new working group will focus on improving service timelines, clarifying technical expectations, and ensuring a consistent and efficient approach to development applications.

"BILD appreciates NVCA's leadership in establishing this new forum," said Paula Tenuta, Senior Vice President of Policy and Advocacy of BILD. "We are encouraged by the NVCA's commitment to work directly with our industry to help get more housing and employment lands built, faster and more predictably. We all have a role to play in reaching Ontario's housing goals while protecting our natural environment. This partnership is a strong step in that direction."

The NVCA-BILD Working Group will meet regularly, bringing together NVCA staff, BILD members, and municipal leaders to proactively identify and resolve issues, modernize internal systems, and ensure that review processes keep pace with the growth pressures facing communities across the watershed.

"This is about getting things done in a positive way," said Councillor Jonathan Scott, Chair of NVCA's Board. "We're focused on working constructively with the development industry to meet the challenges before us. That means improving timelines, reducing red tape, and being clear and consistent in our technical reviews, all while ensuring we protect people, property, and the planet."

The working group aligns with broader efforts to modernize NVCA operations and reflects a growing culture of outcome-focused service delivery.

"This partnership reinforces our commitment to working alongside industry, municipalities, and stakeholders to help communities grow responsibly," said Jennifer Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer of the NVCA. "We know that home building and economic development depend on timely approvals. Our goal is to help projects move forward efficiently and without compromising public safety."

The initiative supports the province's broader housing and economic priorities while demonstrating how conservation authorities and the development sector can work together in good faith to get things done.

"Ontarians want housing, jobs and livable communities — and they want systems that work," said Scott. "This is about coming together to deliver that in a safe, sustainable way."

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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.

Media contact: Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist at 705-424-1479 ext.254, mleung@nvca.on.ca



Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: May 20, 2025 No: RESOLUTION - 269-2025
 Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Disposition: CARRIED
 Seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien Item No: 13.2

Description: Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

RESOLUTION:

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of "Special Economic Zones" that may override local planning authority;

And Whereas the Township of McNab/Braeside supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes;

And Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario's natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council for the Township of McNab/Braeside:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Urges the Province to support municipalities through ensuring responsible growth through infrastructure projects designed to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife and natural resources;

And Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
- The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,
- Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
- All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration,
- All Conservation Authorities in Ontario,
- Conservation Ontario


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Recorded Vote Requested by:

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

	Yea	Nay	
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	_____	_____	Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	_____	_____	he/her/their seat(s),
Councillor Kevin Rosien	_____	_____	abstained from discussion and did not vote
Councillor Robert Campbell	_____	_____	
Councillor Jill Campbell	_____	_____	

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242-2025-4

June 19, 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to provide clarity regarding the authority of municipalities in setting building standards, particularly in light of the recently passed legislative changes under the *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025* (Bill 17).

As part of the government's commitment to accelerating housing development and ensuring consistency across Ontario, the amendment to the *Building Code Act, 1992*, in Schedule 1 of Bill 17 now provides greater clarification that municipalities do not have, and have never had, the authority to pass by-laws that establish construction or demolition standards. Municipalities cannot use provisions in the *Municipal Act*, *City of Toronto Act*, and *Planning Act*, including site plan control, to create and require construction or demolition standards for buildings. This includes, but is not limited to, local green building standards or green development standards as they pertain to the construction of a building, including any energy efficiency requirements for buildings.

The intent of this clarification is to:

- Ensure predictability and consistency for builders and developers across the province.
- Avoid duplication and any differences between municipal by-laws and provincial regulations.
- Support the timely delivery of housing and other buildings.
- Avoid the need for developers and designers to redesign their products for use in different municipal jurisdictions.

Municipalities play an important role in community planning and development, however, it is essential that all jurisdictions operate within the framework established by provincial legislation to ensure a streamlined and effective approach to building across Ontario.

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As this clarification is reflected in municipal processes, the ministry has been directed to monitor outcomes to ensure actions are not taken to bypass this, which would erode efforts to ensure standardization of mandatory requirements across the province. If necessary, and considering economic conditions, the government is prepared to take additional legislative action to ensure municipalities are adhering to the provincial framework and reducing red tape in this space.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact David McLean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Policy and Planning Division, MMAH.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martha', followed by a horizontal line with a small loop at the end.

Martha Greenberg
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Cc: David McLean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Policy and Planning Division,
MMAH

Shloka Shah

Subject: FW: Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter

From: Robin Brown <robin@nottawasaga.com>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 11:14 AM
To: Sarah Corbett <scorbett@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter



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economic development agency serving the
South Simcoe Area.**

Nottawasaga Futures Business Loans

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Learn more or participate: <https://lnkd.in/gdH9vxQs>

Request a survey link: employsimcoe@simcoe.ca

South Simcoe Streams Network



The South Simcoe Streams Network would like to send out a **Treemendous Thank You** to all the wonderful volunteers who joined us for our 2025 Spring Tree Planting Events.

Together we **planted over 4,000 native trees & shrubs** along over 1.7km of streams, helping to reforest over 4ha of riparian area!

389 community, corporate, and student volunteers contributed over 1,000 hours at 13 events across South Simcoe, planting 16 different species of trees and shrubs.

Thank you for helping to improve water quality, increase biodiversity, wildlife and aquatic habitats in South Simcoe communities.

We could not have done all this fantastic work without your help!

Community Events were made possible through the support and generosity of: The County of Simcoe, Municipalities of Adjala-Tosorontio, Bradford West– Gwillimbury, Essa, Innisfil, and New Tecumseth; Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, The Pestrin Group, Fairstone Financial, St. John's United Church, F&P Manufacturing, Weeping Willow Tree, Scoutrees, and private landowners.

If you would like to join our mailing list or learn more about the South Simcoe Streams Network, please contact:

Theresa@nottawasaga.com

The South Simcoe Streams Network is a nonprofit program that relies on grants, donations, and sponsorships to fund environmental projects. If you would like to become a sponsor or donate to the program, please send an email to Theresa@nottawasaga.com

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Donations can also be made through our new Go Fund Me page at
<https://gofund.me/767c440a>

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Community News and Events



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Vendor info:
seasonalwrapsody25@gmail.com
www.nottguild.ca/seasonal-wrapsody

Hosted by: Nottawasaga Handweavers and Spinners Guild
General info: seasonalwrapsody@gmail.com

Financial Support and Resources

- [Nottawasaga Futures Community Investment Fund](#)
- [Steps to Consider Before Starting a Business](#)
- [Canada - Ontario Job Grant](#)
- [Ontario Business Registry](#)

Shloka Shah

Subject: FW: Letter from the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs / Lettre de l'honorable Lisa Thompson, ministre des Affaires rurales

From: noreply@salesforce.com <noreply@salesforce.com> on behalf of Minister MRA <minister.mra@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 3:45:07 PM
To: Michael Mikael <mmikael@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Letter from the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs / Lettre de l'honorable Lisa Thompson, ministre des Affaires rurales

You don't often get email from minister.mra@ontario.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

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Ontario

Tuesday, March 24, 2025

Michael Mikael
 CAO
 Township of Essa
mmikael@essatownship.on.ca

<Voir version française ci-après>

Dear Michael Mikael:

As the Minister of Rural Affairs, I am pleased to announce that the newly expanded [Rural Ontario Development \(ROD\)](#) program is now accepting applications.

This enhanced program is part of [Enabling Opportunity: Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy](#), our government's blueprint for protecting rural Ontario and helping rural communities and businesses to grow and thrive.

Ontario is investing \$20 million, doubling the funding over two years, to support rural municipalities, not-for-profits, Indigenous communities, local

service boards and rural small businesses to attract investment and create new jobs and opportunities for rural workers.

The ROD program introduces four new enhanced funding streams and expands program eligibility to include more rural communities and rural small businesses:

Economic Diversification, Competitiveness and Capacity Building

Projects that support communities with building economic development capacity and implementing strategies to increase competitiveness and retain businesses, attract investment and enhance growth. There are three sub-streams for applicants to explore:

- Strategies and plans – Up to \$50,000 (50 per cent cost share)
- Economic diversification and competitiveness – Up to \$150,000 (50 per cent cost share)
- Capacity building events – Up to \$10,000 (35 per cent cost share)

Workforce Development, Attraction and Retention

Projects that support communities to implement strategies and/or undertake initiatives for attracting and retaining workers. Applicants can apply for up to \$150,000 (50 per cent in cost share).

Community Infrastructure Enhancements

Projects that update or transform community assets that have been identified as important to the community's economy. Applicants can apply for up to \$25,000 (35 per cent cost share) for small projects or up to \$250,000 (35 per cent cost share) for large projects.

Business Development

Projects that support small brick-and-mortar businesses in rural Ontario with between one to 20 employees. Applicants can apply for up to \$10,000 (35 per cent cost share).

Whether you're an applicant or a connector in your community, we hope you will help us spread the word about this program and its expanded eligibility. Applicants can find full program details, instructions and applications at www.ontario.ca/RODprogram.

Applications will be accepted until September 24, 2025, at 5 p.m. On the ROD program homepage, applicants can register for a free information session, stay up to date on future program intakes and learn more about opportunities for applicant support. To learn more about Ministry of Rural Affairs programs and to stay connected, please visit this page and follow the Ministry of Rural Affairs on LinkedIn, Facebook or X.

Our government is committed to protecting Ontario's rural communities, enabling them to take advantage of economic development opportunities, address workforce challenges and encourage business attraction and investment.

Please accept my best wishes as you explore the opportunities that are possible through the Rural Ontario Development program.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Rural Affairs

c:
Hannah Anderson, Chief of Staff
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Rural Affairs Division

Bonjour,

En tant que ministre des Affaires rurales, j'ai le plaisir d'annoncer que le nouveau [Programme de développement des collectivités rurales de l'Ontario](#) accepte maintenant les demandes.

Ce programme amélioré fait partie des [Meilleures perspectives : Stratégie ontarienne de développement économique des collectivités rurales](#), le plan directeur de notre gouvernement pour protéger les régions rurales de l'Ontario, et aider les entreprises et les collectivités rurales à croître et à prospérer.

L'Ontario investit 20 millions de dollars, soit le double du financement sur deux ans, pour soutenir les municipalités rurales, les organismes sans but lucratif, les communautés autochtones, les régies locales des services publics et les petites entreprises rurales en vue d'attirer des investissements et de créer de nouveaux emplois et de nouvelles occasions pour les travailleurs ruraux.

Le Programme de développement des collectivités rurales de l'Ontario met en place quatre volets de financement améliorés et étend l'admissibilité au programme pour inclure un plus grand nombre de collectivités rurales et de petites entreprises rurales.

Diversification économique, compétitivité et renforcement des capacités

Des projets qui aident les collectivités à renforcer leur capacité de développement économique et à mettre en œuvre des stratégies visant à accroître la compétitivité et à retenir les entreprises, à attirer des investissements et à stimuler la croissance. Les demandeurs peuvent explorer trois sous-volets :

- Stratégies et plans – Jusqu'à 50 000 \$ (50 % de partage des coûts)
- Diversification économique et compétitivité – Jusqu'à 150 000 \$ (50 % de partage des coûts)
- Activités de renforcement des capacités – Jusqu'à 10 000 \$ (35 % de partage des coûts)

Perfectionnement, attraction et rétention de la main-d'œuvre

Des projets qui aident les collectivités à mettre en œuvre des stratégies ou à entreprendre des initiatives visant à attirer les travailleurs et à les maintenir en poste. Les demandeurs peuvent demander jusqu'à 150 000 \$ (50 % de partage des coûts).

Amélioration de l'infrastructure communautaire

Des projets qui mettent à jour ou transforment les actifs communautaires qui ont été désignés comme importants pour l'économie de la collectivité. Les demandeurs peuvent demander jusqu'à 25 000 \$ (35 % de partage des coûts) pour les petits projets ou jusqu'à 250 000 \$ (35 % de partage des coûts) pour les grands projets.

Développement des affaires

Des projets qui soutiennent les petites entreprises physiques dans les régions rurales de l'Ontario comptant entre un et 20 employés. Les demandeurs peuvent demander jusqu'à 10 000 \$ (35 % de partage des coûts).

Que vous soyez un demandeur ou un connecteur dans votre communauté, nous espérons que vous nous aiderez à faire connaître ce programme et son admissibilité élargie. Les demandeurs peuvent trouver tous les détails du programme, les directives et les demandes à l'adresse suivante : www.ontario.ca/RODprogram.

L'organisme acceptera les demandes jusqu'au 24 septembre 2025 à 17 h. Sur la page d'accueil du Programme de développement des collectivités rurales de l'Ontario, les candidats peuvent s'inscrire à une séance d'information gratuite, se tenir au courant des futures admissions et en apprendre davantage sur les possibilités de soutien aux candidats.

Pour en savoir plus sur les programmes du ministère des Affaires rurales et pour rester connecté, veuillez consulter cette page et suivre le ministère des Affaires rurales sur LinkedIn, Facebook ou X.

Notre gouvernement s'est engagé à protéger les collectivités rurales de l'Ontario, leur permettant ainsi de tirer parti des possibilités de développement économique, de relever les défis liés à la main-d'œuvre et

d'encourager l'attraction d'entreprises et l'investissement.

Je vous prie d'accepter mes meilleurs vœux en explorant les possibilités offertes par le Programme de développement des collectivités rurales de l'Ontario.

Sincèrement,

Original signé par

Lisa M. Thompson
Ministre des Affaires rurales

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MC-994-2025-921S

June 2025

To Ontario's Energy Community:

I'm proud to share that our government has released Ontario's first-ever Integrated Energy Plan: [*Energy for Generations: Ontario's Integrated Plan to Build the Strongest Economy in the G7.*](#)

This Plan lays out a clear path to ensure Ontario families, businesses and communities have the affordable, secure, reliable and clean energy they need – not just today, but for decades to come.

Ontario is growing fast. People are coming here to build their lives, invest in growing industries and create good jobs. That growth is driving record demand for electricity and continued demand for fuels – from homes and transit, to factories, farms and data centres.

This Plan responds with action. It advances the largest expansion of nuclear generation on the continent, accelerates transmission development, maintains access to natural gas and other fuels, and embraces new solutions like distributed energy resources, hydrogen, battery storage and carbon capture. It ends siloed planning by bringing electricity, fuels and natural gas under one co-ordinated vision.

At every step, the focus is on building a more competitive, self-reliant and affordable energy future – while keeping costs down.

Thank you for the role you play in shaping Ontario's energy future. Together, we're building an energy system that will power our economy, support our communities, and provide for our children and grandchildren for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Stephen Lecce
Minister

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June 26, 2025

To our Municipal Clients:

Re: Regulatory Registry Proposal 25-MMAH011 Comments – Assessment of Proposed Regulatory Changes to Ontario Regulation 82/98 under the Development Charges Act, 1997

In our continued efforts to keep our clients up to date on legislative changes that may impact them, we are writing to inform you of proposed regulatory changes to Ontario Regulation 82/98 under the *Development Charges Act, 1997* (D.C.A.). This letter provides a summary of the proposed changes and commentary on potential impacts to municipalities.

The Province is seeking comments via the Regulatory Registry at the following link: <https://www.regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca/proposal/50953>. We will be submitting our comments prior to the deadline of July 23, 2025.

1. Overview

There are two proposed changes to Ontario Regulation 82/98:

1. Enable Use of the Statistics Canada Non-Residential Building Construction Price Index for London; and
2. Expand the Requirement for Municipalities to Spend or Allocate 60% of Development Charge Reserve Funds to all Eligible Services.

The proposal only provides a summary of the proposed changes and not the exact wording to be included in the regulation. As such, the following commentary is based on the summary provided by the Province and will be further reviewed upon release of the actual amendment to the regulation.

Furthermore, no implementation dates for the proposed regulatory changes have been provided.

2. Enable Use of the Statistics Canada Non-Residential Building Construction Price Index for London

Currently, municipalities with development charge (D.C.) by-laws may include provisions in the by-law to index the charge to reflect changes in construction costs. Section 7 of Ontario Regulation 82/98 provides the prescribed index to be used for indexing a D.C. The Ottawa-Gatineau or Toronto series of the Statistics Canada Non-



Residential Building Construction Price Index is to be used by municipalities as appropriate.

The proposed changes would allow for the London series (recently added by Statistics Canada) to be utilized as an index for municipalities in Southwestern Ontario who elect to index their D.C. by-laws. This series would also be available for use by municipalities whose D.C. by-law does not specify a series (i.e., Ottawa-Gatineau vs. Toronto series). A D.C. by-law amendment, however, would be required to facilitate the use of the London series for municipalities in Southwestern Ontario whose D.C. by-laws currently specify the use of the Ottawa-Gatineau or Toronto series. Alternatively, the municipality could continue to use the Ottawa-Gatineau or Toronto series until a new D.C. by-law is adopted.

This appears to be a reasonable addition to the legislation as it will better align the D.C. with the underlying changes in capital costs within the area.

3. Expand the Requirement for Municipalities to Spend or Allocate 60% of Development Charge Reserve Funds to all Eligible Services

Section 35 of the D.C.A. requires municipalities to annually spend or allocate at least 60% of the balance in the D.C. reserve fund for water services, wastewater services, and services related to a highway. The proposed regulatory change would impose the same requirements for all D.C.-eligible services. This change would increase reporting transparency, better aligning reserve fund balances with specific capital projects in the D.C. background study and capital budget. The additional reporting, however, will impose an administrative burden on municipal staff to ensure adherence to this requirement for all D.C. services.

Although this change appears to simply include all D.C. services in the current practice of spending or allocating 60% of the reserve fund balances, the exact wording of the regulations will need to be reviewed to ensure no variation in current processes will be required.

4. Concluding Remarks

The proposed changes to Ontario Regulation 82/98 appear to be minimal; however, they do provide for improved alignment of charges with underlying capital costs and increased transparency regarding the planned use of D.C. funds collected. There will be an additional administrative burden for municipalities, however, due to the increased reserve fund reporting. As noted, we will be submitting our comments on the proposed regulation to the Province via the Regulatory Registry.



We anticipate further regulatory changes to the D.C.A., as noted by the Province's release of Bill 17, *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*. We will continue to monitor any changes and inform you of the potential impacts to municipalities.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned or send an email to info@watsonecon.ca.

Yours very truly,

WATSON & ASSOCIATES ECONOMISTS LTD.

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