

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

1. Correspondence from the Essa Public Library:
 - p.1 a) Essa Public Library Report – September 2021.
 - p. 5 b) October 26, 2021 – Tim Hortons 2021 Smile Cookie Campaign.

- p. 6 2. Correspondence from the Solicitor General dated October 14, 2021, re: Community Safety and Well-Being Plans.

3. Correspondence from the County of Simcoe:
 - p. 8 a) October 15, 2021 – County Council Highlights - Meeting Held on October 12, 2021.
 - p. 15 b) October 18, 2021 – Release - New Waste Collection System Rolls Out November 1.
 - p. 17 c) October 19, 2021 – Advisory - Virtual Export Speaker Series to Broaden Horizons for Local Businesses.
 - p. 19 d) October 26, 2021 – County of Simcoe Statement - Cart Exchange Program.
 - p. 20 e) October 27, 2021 – Scenic Views Abound at Wiidookdaadiwin Lookout.

- p. 22 4. E-mail from the Good Roads Board of Directors dated October 19, 2021, re: Call for Nominations for 2022-2023 Good Roads Board of Directors.

- p. 27 5. Resolution from the City of Vaughan dated October 19, 2021, re: Endorsing National Teen Driver Safety Week and Requesting the Ministry of Transportation to Review Measures Impacting Newly Licensed Drivers.

- p. 29 6. Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated October 19, 2021, re: Enhanced COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate with QR Code and Verify Ontario App Available for Download Starting October 15.

- p. 32 7. Resolution from the City of Sarnia dated September 17, 2021 – Renovictions.

8. Correspondence from Ontario News:
 - p. 33 a) October 20, 2021 – Minister of Finance to Release 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review on November 4.
 - p. 36 b) October 20, 2021 – Governments Investing in Innovative Solutions to Boost Agri-Food Sector.
 - p. 40 c) October 21, 2021 – Ontario Announces Municipalities' 2022 Funding Under the \$500 Million Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.

9. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities (AMO):
 - p. 42 a) October 21, 2021, re: Policy Update - OMPF Allocations and LTC Development Call.
 - p. 44 b) October 26, 2021 – Policy Update - Community Paramedicine Expansion, Broadband Internet Expansion, and Launch of Long-Term Care Inspections Program.
 - p. 46 c) October 26, 2021 – Online Training – Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official – New Date Added – December 8/9, 2021.
 - p. 49 d) October 28, 2021 – AMO Watchfile.

- p. 65 10. E-mail from Support and Hope for Individuals and Families Today (S.H.I.F.T) dated October 26, 2021, re: Homeless Services in South Simcoe.

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- p. 67 11. Letter from resident Janet Geisel dated October 26, 2021, re: Robson Park Bridge.
- p. 68 12. E-mail from Avail Consulting dated October 24, 2021, re: BN-Oct 2021 – Lived and Living Experience and BN-Oct 2021 – Local CSWB Tables.
- p. 73 13. Board Meeting Highlights from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) – October 2021.
- p. 75 14. Notice from the Ontario Energy Board to Customers of Enbridge Inc., re: Increase to Natural Gas Rates Effective April 1, 2022.
- p. 76 15. Correspondence from the City of Barrie, re: Notice of the Passing of a By-law to Regulate Land Use.

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



Holly, Christine & Roberta are all smiles as they enjoy their Smile Cookies. Thornton's Tim Hortons sales of the cookies supported the Essa Public Library.

This group showed up for an impromptu Storytime. They borrowed a few books, a spot outside the library and enjoyed the sun & stories.



A visitor from the Barrie area came in to browse. She mentioned her child is playing hockey at the Angus Arena every week. She was so impressed with the array of offerings and resources for a small community library she inquired about a membership at the library.

Shared by Angus Postmaster, Mark...*"An older gentleman wanted to return an Amazon purchase but didn't have a shipping label. We suggested he visit the Library to use the public computers to print one. He did and when he arrived back at the Post Office, he raved about how helpful Library staff were."*

A note tucked in a returned interlibrary loan book said...
"Thank you for making this precious book available to me - and especially via interlibrary loan."

"It's like Heaven coming back into the Library." exclaimed a patron as she walked in the doors.

A lovely handmade card from a patron shared his sentiment,
"I would like to tell you how much I appreciate your efforts to obtain books of my choice from other public libraries. The service you provide is a boon to all book-lovers in Essa. Thank you very much."

From a long-time patron,
"I just want to express my appreciation for your exceptional service, during the strange times of Covid, providing reading material even when I didn't know what I wanted. I have just moved to Parry Sound, so I am saying farewell. I wish you health, happiness and the continued joy of reading."

EPL received a message from the NPSS Teacher-Librarian thanking library staff for being *"funny, helpful, patient, and kind"* to the students and NPSS staff.

Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Cercel de
Conversation Virtuel: 15

Bookclub - Angus: 3

Bookclub - Thornton: 4

Cookbook Club: 3

Tech Learning - Angus (in person/phone/email): 26

Tech Learning - Thornton (in person/phone/email): 0

Outreach - Angus Geocache location accesses: 2

Outreach - Thornton Geocache location accesses: 0

Artists' Display: no new display

Simcoe Reads 2021: 2

Simcoe Author Talk Series: 4

Social Media

Facebook: 26 posts
Reactions: 191
Followers: 1,234

Twitter: 23 tweets
Reactions: 321
Followers: 1,027

Instagram: 11 posts
Reactions: 277
Followers: 428

Youtube Views: 3,718
Reactions: 0
Subscribers: 323

Kids

Beanstack

1,000 Books before Kindergarten

Active readers: 6
Books read: 116
Badges earned: 5

Beanstack's 2021 Reading Challenge

Active readers: 16
Books read: 165
Badges earned: 28

Beanstack challenges offered: 46

Outside activities

Storytime - Angus: 25

Storytime - Thornton: 34

Baby Group - Angus: 45

Community Partners

Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign: Thornton store, Sept 13-19

Food Drive for Barrie Native Friendship Centre Food Bank started Sept. 27 - Oct. 8

NPSS Truth & Reconciliation Day "Hot Docs": 20+

Angus Farmers' Market Booth: 175

Seniors Connect

Pen Pal Program letters: 7

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future: Grant

Book reviews: 9

Pen Pal Program letters: see statistics in Seniors Connect



More

Library Zest blog posts, videos & email campaigns: 2

Library Zest blog traffic: 127

Library Zest unique visitors: 36

Makerspace: 4

Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	Sept. 2020	Sept. 2021	YTD 2021
Angus Branch	6,894	7,054	41,746
Thornton Branch	1,718	1,383	12,643
Angus Branch Computer Use	196	212	464
Thornton Branch Computer Use	10	15	96
Angus Branch Wireless Use	1,029	n/a	2,103
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	212	n/a	833
eAudio & eBooks	747	772	9,273
TOTALS:	10,806	9,436	67,158

Circulation Analysis	Sept. 2020	Sept. 2021	YTD 2021
Print	5,158	5,308	35,719
Non-Print	3,405	3,044	17,945
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	1,447	227	3,496
eAudio Books	238	168	1,922
eBooks	509	604	7,351
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	23	44	479
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	26	41	246

Materials Used In-Library	Sept 2021	YTD 2021
Angus Branch	183	834
Thornton Branch	55	106

Online Resources & New Members

Library website visits	YTD 2021
3,270	33,664

BlueCloud Mobile visits	YTD 2021
112	1,521

Digital Library visits	YTD 2021
2,081	26,287

New Members		YTD 2021
Angus Branch	237	516
Thornton Branch	8	31

Library Highlights

Orange Shirt Day

September 30th

What can you do?

- Read books by Indigenous authors
- Review the 94 Truth and Reconciliation calls to action and commit to at least one
- Watch online events hosted by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
- Identify and connect with your local Indigenous serving organizations
- Read Phyllis Webstad's book "The Orange Shirt Story"

The Library reflects on the 1st Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th.



Heart Garden Project

SEPT 30 IS A DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Honouring the Indigenous children who endured residential schools in Canada.

A Heart Garden is located at the Angus Branch of Esso Public Library/Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix Secondary School to provide support for Residential School Survivors and to promote a health & safety culture.

First residents, children, fathers, and mothers are invited to make a heart template to colour and return to be incorporated into the garden design.

Drop by the library to get your heart - or ask a staff member to email you a copy to print and colour.

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Food Donation Collection

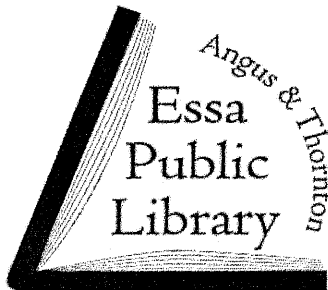
EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Esso Public Library is collecting non-perishable food to share with the Hunger to Hope Indigenous Barrie (food pantry). Collections accepted until Sept 8th.

Visit barrie.ca/hungertohope to donate directly to the Barrie Native Friendship Centre.

High Demand Items:

- Pop-tabs foods
- On-the-go items
- Snack/lunch items
- Meal kits i.e., canned stews, hearty soups, pasta & sauce
- Coffee



October 26, 2021

Tim Hortons 2021 Smile Cookie Campaign

A message arrived this week from the Tim Hortons Manager of Regional Marketing for Canada Central saying, *"I am pleased to share that the Cookstown and Thornton Tim Hortons Restaurants raised over \$9,000 (\$9,587 to be exact) for Essa Public Library - Thornton Branch and Innisfil Public Library - Cookstown Branch through our 2021 Smile Cookie Campaign. Congratulations! This means each library will receive \$4,793.50"*

Essa Public Library, Thornton Branch, has been fortunate to be the recipient of the Smile Cookie campaign for several years now and the Essa Public Library Board has been able to enhance library services at Thornton Branch to a degree that would not otherwise have been possible.

We are very grateful for these generous neighbours.

Respectfully submitted by
Derek McKeever, Chair
Essa Public Library

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By email

October 14, 2021

Dear Head of Council/Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk:

On behalf of the Ministry of the Solicitor General, I want to thank all municipalities, together with their multi-sectoral partners, that have taken steps towards developing, adopting and implementing their local community safety and well-being (CSWB) plans.

As you know, the ministry extended the deadline for the completion and adoption of CSWB plans to July 1, 2021, to provide municipalities with an additional six months from the original deadline of January 1, 2021. Since then, we have received an overwhelming response from municipalities regarding their CSWB planning progress. This includes the submission of completed and interim plans and status updates. To date, of the 372 municipalities required to prepare and adopt a CSWB plan, 95 per cent (356 municipalities) have plans that are completed or in progress.

The development and completion of these plans demonstrates municipal leadership and commitment to proactively addressing crime and complex social issues facing your communities. Municipalities are best positioned to work with local partners to develop effective community strategies and programs and create sustainable communities that respond to local needs and conditions.

At this time, we are encouraging municipalities who have not already done so, to please submit their completed CSWB plan or provide an update on their CSWB planning status to the ministry via the following email address: SOLGEN.Correspondence@ontario.ca. Additionally, as a reminder, municipalities are required to publish their completed plans online within 30 days of adoption.

As you may be aware, under the *Police Services Act*, the Solicitor General has the power to enforce the CSWB planning requirements by appointing a CSWB planner to any municipalities that repeatedly and intentionally fail to complete a plan, at the municipality's expense. However, our government recognizes that municipalities are currently facing unprecedented circumstances in their communities due to the on-going impact of COVID-19. We also understand that some municipalities may experience delays in their planning and engagement processes as a result of the pandemic.

Head of Council/Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk
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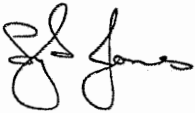
Ministry staff will continue to look for ways to support our municipal partners to ensure they are able to meet their legislative requirements for CSWB planning. Where possible, municipalities are encouraged to explore alternative and innovative approaches to continue on-going planning efforts, such as through virtual engagement (e.g., webinars, teleconferences, online surveys, etc.).

Municipalities are also encouraged to continue to work with respective police services, local multi-sectoral partners, and community members on the development and implementation of local CSWB plans. Localized, community-driven collaboration remains key to the success of CSWB planning, given the focus on creating workable solutions that are grounded in and tailored to individual community needs and features.

If you have any questions about CSWB planning, please contact Shamitha Devakandan, Community Safety Analyst, Public Safety Division, at Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca.

I greatly appreciate your continued efforts as we move forward on this modernized approach to CSWB together. It is by working together that we can truly build safer and stronger communities in Ontario.

Sincerely,



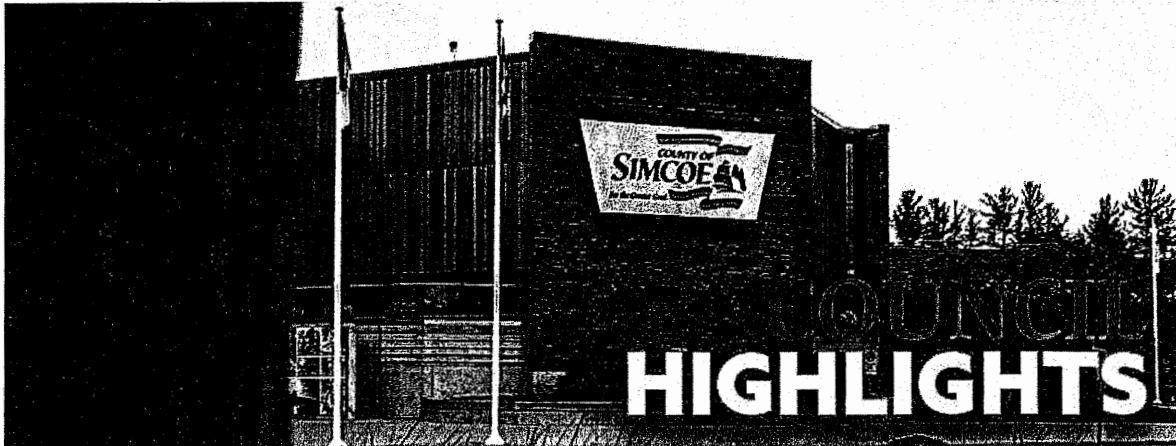
Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General

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

Sent: October 15, 2021 3:40 PM

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

Subject: County Council Highlights - meeting held October 12, 2021



Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. The information contained within the Highlights is based on approved material from within the associated agenda packages, linked at the bottom. These reports were part of the agenda from the **Council Meeting on October 12, 2021** and the **Committee Meeting on September 28, 2021**. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate report, which can be accessed by clicking on the title. Images are also linked to relevant resources.

- Service Simcoe



Click on the image above to learn more about roundabout projects in Simcoe County, including the new roundabout on CR 93.



Paramedic Services Update on Enhanced Cardiac Arrest Response Strategy

Simcoe County's geography and population distribution create challenges for responders to arrive in time to make a difference. The County of Simcoe is geographically the third largest County in Ontario with diverse geography and variations of population densities. Some areas may be more difficult to reach in the short time frame required for emergency responders to undertake effective resuscitation efforts in the event of a cardiac arrest.

With chances of surviving a cardiac arrest dropping by 7-10% with each passing minute without CPR or defibrillation, the County has developed strategies to get responders and defibrillators to cardiac arrest patients to reduce time to start CPR, apply defibrillation and increase chances of survival.

On September 28, 2021, Council received a report outlining the County's strategies to enhance the Cardiac Arrest Response. These strategies include the expansion of current programs of community-based training and distribution; placement of public access defibrillators through the County of Simcoe Paramedic PAD Program; leveraging appropriate willing and able community members into action through a Community Responder (CR) program; and the potential of using drone technology to deliver Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) to remote areas.

MTO – Hwy. 11 and County Road 93 Interchange

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is planning interchange improvements at Highway 11 at the intersection with Simcoe County Road 93 in Crown Hill. The project will include realignment of the on and off ramps as well as replacing the bridge structure carrying Highway 11 over County Road 93.

As part of continued communication with the MTO, County staff have identified a need to provide a wider bridge span to accommodate potential future traffic growth and widening of County Road 93 through the intersection. As the MTO policy is to replace the existing structure with a similar span, they have requested the County fund the increased cost to provide a longer bridge span to accommodate the future County Road. The increased costs have been estimated at \$900K and would need to be included in the construction year projected to begin in 2024.

On September 28, 2021, Council moved that a by-law be presented to authorize staff to enter into a MOU with the Ministry of Transportation for expanded bridge structure interchange improvements at Highway 11 at the intersection with Simcoe County Road 93 in Crown Hill.

Simcoe County Forest 2021 Summer Timber
Sales Results & Forest Stewardship Council
Certification Annual Surveillance Audit



The County recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability and is proud to own and operate the largest municipal forest network in Ontario. The County's Forest Stewardship Council Certification highlights the County's commitment to sustainable practices.

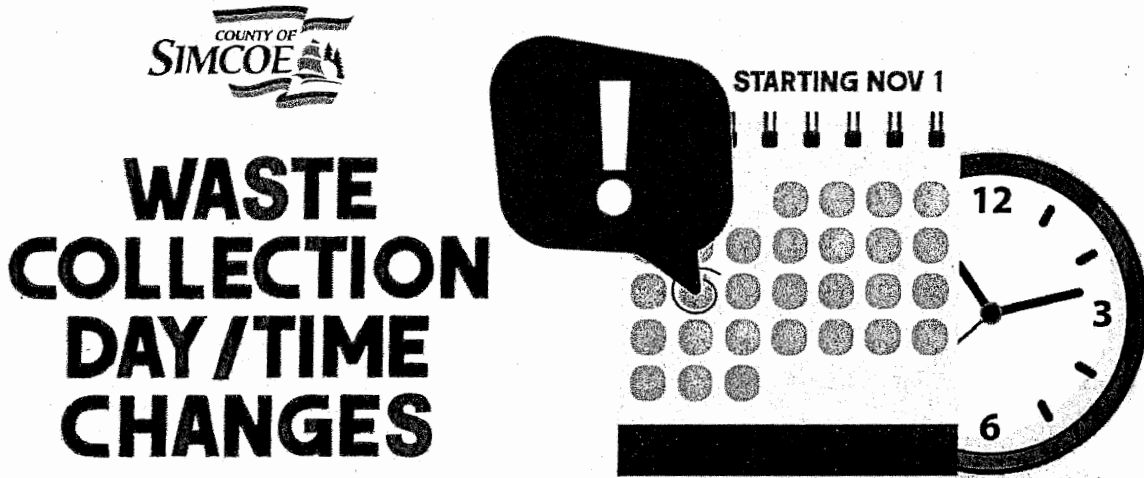
The County first attained FSC Certification in 2010 in order to provide assurance to the public that our forest management operations meet the highest possible standards, and to ensure continued access to all available markets for County timber.

Commercial timber harvesting is just one of the tools used to achieve the objectives identified in the Forest Management Plan to sustainably manage County forests and ensure that the many benefits of our forests are available for generations to come. Revenues result in a positive operating balance which is transferred to the County Forest Reserve Fund to be

reinvested into forestry operations and the acquisition of additional forest lands.

On September 28, 2021 Council received reports on timber sales and the County's FSC Certification. Both reports validated the ecological, economic and social performance of County forests, with the County receiving its FSC Certificate and attaining higher than anticipated softwood sale prices.

The County is a leader in forestry management and in late September shared that it had been recognized as the Forest Capital of Canada for 2022 by the Canadian Institute of Forestry.



Does not apply to Barrie and Orillia

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.

Click on the image above to view our interactive map that allows you to zoom in and search by your address to find your new collection day

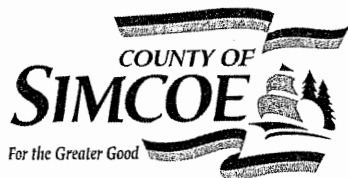
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New waste collection system rolls out November 1

Midhurst/October 18, 2021 – On November 1, waste collection services in Simcoe County change to a new, easy and safe automated cart collection system. To support residents, the County is moving to a new four-day collection schedule allowing crews to return to any missed areas due to inclement weather on Fridays. Under the new four-day schedule, many households will have a new collection day and time.

Approximately 450,000 carts have been distributed in the run-up to November 1. All eligible residences and businesses should have received three new waste carts by October 23. If your household or business has not received your carts by then, please contact our Service Simcoe Contact Centre at 1-800-263-3199 or service@simcoe.ca. Each cart has a serial number and is assigned to the location where it was dropped off. Please remember to write your address in the white space on your carts.

Starting November 1, residents will also see a new waste collection contractor picking up carts in our communities. We welcome Miller Waste Services and their new fleet of over 90 automated collection vehicles and vehicle operators, with many employees joining from our current collection contractor.

Automated cart collection is commonly used across North America and brings many benefits to residents, including:

- 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, visit carts.simcoe.ca.

New Collection Days

The change to automated cart collection will mean that many households will have a new collection day and time when they roll their two carts to the curb starting November 1. The frequency of collection does not change, with weekly organic collection and alternating weeks for garbage and recycling continuing (the week of November 1 will be organics and recycling collection). Residents can confirm their new collection day through the following resources:

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 are included in your new **Solid Waste Management Calendar** and the 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

Cart Set-out Instructions:

The County has a number of resources available to support residents with the change, including FAQs and helpful videos posted on carts.simcoe.ca. Please see the set-out requirements below:

- Have your materials at the road/curb by 7 a.m. of your new collection day. Collection times may continue to change for some time while new routes are optimized
- Place carts on a level surface within eight feet of the traveled portion of the road, avoiding low hanging branches
- Remember the **Rule of 2**: Set out carts **2 feet** apart, with **2 feet** between your cart and any other objects
- Point the arrows on the carts towards the street and handles towards your house
- Do not over-stuff carts, fill loosely, ensure lid is fully closed
- Do not use bungee cords or other items to keep the cart lids closed
- More information on setting out your carts is available at [**carts.simcoe.ca**](http://carts.simcoe.ca)

Quote

"After a significant effort from staff and our contractors, we're ready to roll out our new, easy and safe cart collection program on November 1. We recognize that this is a big change for residents, and we have a number of resources available to support with the switch to carts including tips with storage, set-out instructions and tools to identify new collection days. As seen in other municipalities, we're confident that residents will quickly appreciate the many benefits of cart collection. We are listening to residents regarding your storage concerns, and at the end of October, County Council will consider offering cart size options to residents following the launch of the program." – County of Simcoe Warden George Cornell.

This program does not apply to the cities of Barrie and Orillia.

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Virtual Export Speaker Series to broaden horizons for local businesses

Midhurst/ October 19, 2021 – The County of Simcoe is pleased to introduce a new speaker series to support local businesses considering exporting opportunities. The Virtual Export Speaker Series is being developed based on input from local businesses about their needs and growth opportunities and will provide expert advice on how to undertake exporting of products and navigate the regulatory process.

“This new Virtual Export Speaker Series offers business owners the opportunity to learn from industry experts to grow their business internationally and expand their market,” said Warden George Cornell. “We’re pleased to offer this additional opportunity to our businesses as we work to speed up our economic recovery.”

The program starts with four pilot sessions, beginning on October 26, with three additional sessions scheduled at 2-week intervals. Each session includes a 45-minute presentation and 15-minute Q&A period.

Session 1: Exporting 101 - October 26 at 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

- Led by Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Details what businesses need to know prior to getting into exporting
- Provides examples of how local businesses are using their services

Session 2: Who Are the Canadian Trade Commissioners? - November 9 at 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

- Led by the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service
- Gives an overview of the Trade Commissioners Services in Canada and international markets, and how the Commissioners support local businesses
- Provides examples of how local businesses are using their services

Session 3: What Does Export Development Canada Do? - November 23 at 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

- Led by Export Development Canada
- Offers basic information on Export Development Canada’s services and insurance programs
- Provides examples of how local businesses are using their services

Session 4: The Basics of Exporting to the US and EU - December 7 at 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

- Led by the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Overview of Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) and Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), finding clients and Ministry supports

The Virtual Export Speaker Series is aimed at businesses within the 16 member municipalities of the County of Simcoe and the separated Cities of Barrie and Orillia. Space is limited, so reserve your spot for the first session today! For questions about the series, please contact edo@simcoe.ca.

For small to medium-sized enterprises in Simcoe County who are exploring or preparing for an expansion into international markets, the Sandbox Centre and Toronto Region Board of Trade’s World Trade Centre Toronto have designed a seven-week program to develop and grow export strategies.

The Trade Accelerator Program, which starts on October 26, is an innovative, dynamic workshop that provides companies with access to Canada's top exporting advisors, resources and contacts, giving them the training and support they need to scale up, develop and execute an export plan. Register today at <https://bit.ly/3ngtZ9h>.

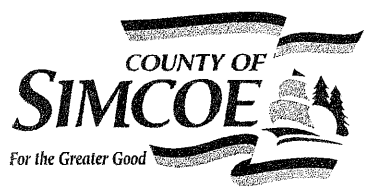
EVENT:	Virtual Export Speaker Series - Exploring Exporting: Exporting 101
Where:	Virtual – details to be provided upon registration
When:	Session One: Tuesday, October 26 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. This is a FREE event, but registration is required. To register, visit
Register:	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/exploring-exporting-exporting-101-tickets-186090320157

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Statement

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County of Simcoe Statement: Cart Exchange Program

Midhurst/October 26, 2021 – County Councillors remain committed to the automated cart collection program and to providing cart size options based on public feedback. Today, a majority of Council voted to expedite the cart exchange program to increase flexibility for residents rather than waiting for the results of a public survey and pilot project to explore potential cart exchange options. We recognize that the move to automated cart collection is a substantial change, and we know that waste collection is a very valuable service to our residents. We want you to know that we’ve listened and responded to your input over the last few months.

Automated cart collection is extremely common, with the County’s cart manufacturer estimating that as many as 60-70% of municipalities in Canada and the United States already use carts. The number of municipalities using carts is growing due to the labour challenges associated with manual waste collection. We’re leveraging the experiences of many other municipalities and making local adaptations to ensure the cart program is successful here in Simcoe County.

While cart exchange was something Council committed to considering in the future, we will now begin accepting cart exchange requests in mid-January 2022, with deliveries anticipated to begin by the end of February. The program will provide residents with an opportunity to exchange their recycling and garbage carts for smaller options (with the smallest being the same size as the existing organics cart).

Full details about exchanges will be communicated in January, and we ask residents to hold exchange requests until the system is in place early next year. As we wait for the exchange program to begin, please use this time to experience the new carts and confirm your household’s waste needs before deciding whether to switch size.

Based on data from other jurisdictions, we expect fewer exchanges after residents have experienced using the carts. With a 20-year life span, any exchanged carts will be repaired and put back into the system as replacements.

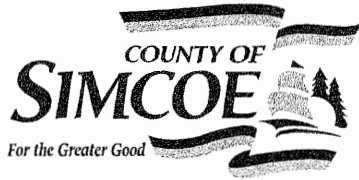
The County of Simcoe appreciates the feedback we have received from our communities, and we look forward to the launch on November 1.

George Cornell
Warden, County of Simcoe

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Scenic Views Abound at Wiidookdaadiwin Lookout
Open to the public spring 2022**

Midhurst/October 27, 2021 – This morning, the Friends of Wiidookdaadiwin, with support from the County of Simcoe, celebrated years of dedication, collaboration and hard work by hosting a small and safe event recognizing several recent project milestones, including the completion of construction at the Lookout. Today’s celebration was an opportunity to showcase the generous donations and say a sincere thank you to these numerous donors for their contributions to the new attraction.

The Lookout will remain closed to the public until spring 2022 to allow for final enhancements to be made to the site.

The Lookout will serve as a regional heritage attraction with scenic vistas, including the Minesing Wetlands, historic Fort Willow, and panoramas from Collingwood to Mount St. Louis Moonstone. The Lookout is also home to the historic bronze Wiidookdaadiwin icon created by world-renowned sculptor Marlene Hilton-Moore, which was relocated from the temporary home of the Simcoe County Museum to its permanent home, fulfilling to the committee’s original vision.

The Wiidookdaadiwin Lookout site is a unique partnership between the Friends of Wiidookdaadiwin, the Chippewa Tri Council made up of Beausoleil First Nation, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and the County of Simcoe. Work on the site, which began in the fall of 2019 and was completed this fall, was supported with significant funding from partners and donors. To learn more about the Wiidookdaadiwin Lookout, or to participate in sponsorship and donor opportunities, please visit <https://wiidookdaadiwin.org/>.

About the site:

The Friends of Wiidookdaadiwin approached the County 20 years ago to repurpose the closed landfill site on George Johnson Road in Springwater Township. The County manages more than 40 landfill sites, which were uploaded from local municipalities in 1991. The majority of these sites are now closed to the public and serve no productive purpose. This closed landfill site, now remediated and with permanent monitoring safety systems, has the ability to be utilized by the public as an attraction due to its scenic overlook. The views from the overlook are captivating and will serve as an attraction to local residents and visitors to our region.

About Friends of the Wiidookdaadiwin Board of Directors:

The Friends of the Wiidookdaadiwin Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer representatives from across the County including representation from the three First Nations in the Chippewa Tri Council. These individuals embrace the essence of Wiidookdaadiwin, which means working together and helping one another, and are committed to equitable relationships with Indigenous communities and to telling the true history of this incredible location. They believe this to be an essential step in the path to Truth and Reconciliation.

Quotes:

“The County recognizes the cultural significance of the Wiidookdaadiwin Lookout site to the heritage of our community. It has truly been an honour to work collaboratively with the Friends of Wiidookdaadiwin, and the communities of the Chippewa Tri Council to bring this project to fruition. We look forward to the gates opening next spring, as the site will serve not only an important heritage purpose, but also support our tourism sector for generations to come.” – George Cornell, County of Simcoe Warden

“Through dedication and hard work, the Wiidookdaadiwin Board of Directors and numerous other volunteers, donors and partners, have created a site for residents and visitors alike to spend time with the beauty of our region and the truth of our history. We will continue our work to ensure generations to come will be able to remember our past, celebrate our present and build our future.” – Tony Guergis, Friends of Wiidookdaadiwin Board Chair

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

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Krista Pascoe

From: Lisa Lehr
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Subject: FW: Call for Nominations for 2022-2023 Good Roads Board of Directors
Attachments: Good Roads BoD - Call for Nominations for 2022-2023.pdf

Please put on next consent agenda.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

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

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

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From: Scott Butler <scott@ogra.org>
Sent: October 19, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Call for Nominations for 2022-2023 Good Roads Board of Directors

Lisa Lehr
 Clerk
 Township of Essa
 5786 County Rd. 21,
 Utopia, Ontario
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Good afternoon Lisa:

Attached is a single PDF containing the call for nominations to join the 2022-2023 Good Roads Board of Directors. Please download the attachment and place it on your next Council agenda for information.

Any member of Council or a permanent full-time staff from a Good Roads member municipality or First Nation who is interested in being considered as a candidate for a position on the Board of Directors must complete the attached Nomination Consent form found below and submit it along with a résumé to the attention of Rick Harms, Chair of the Nominating Committee no later than 1700 h Eastern Time on November 19, 2021. Nominations can be emailed to info@ogra.org or mailed to Good Roads, 1525 Cornwall Road, Unit 22, Oakville, Ontario L6J 0B2.

The Nominating Committee will meet on November 24, 2021, to recommend a slate of directors to the membership.

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Questions regarding the nomination process or serving on the Board of Directors can be directed to Scott Butler at scott@ogra.org or 416-564-4319.

Sincerely,



Scott R. Butler
Executive Director

c: Rick Harms, Chair, Nominating Committee

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Call for Nominations to the 2022-2023 Good Roads Board of Directors

To: Head and Members of Council
Chief and Council

From: Scott Butler, Executive Director

Date: October 14, 2021

Pursuant to Good Roads Policy B-008, the Nominating Committee of the 2021-2022 Good Roads Board of Directors will present a slate of 11 directors to attendees at the Annual Good Roads Conference taking place February 27 – March 02, 2022, at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto, Ontario.

The Good Roads Board of Directors understands the strength that diversity provides and is committed to achieving equity and inclusion on its leadership team. Women and individuals from equity seeking groups are encouraged to apply.

The following directors will automatically serve on the 2022-2023 Board of Directors:

- **President:** Paul Schoppmann – Mayor, Municipality of St.-Charles;
- **First Vice-President:** John Parsons – Division Manager, Roads Operations, City of London;
- **Second Vice-President:** Bryan Lewis – Councillor, Town of Halton Hills; and
- **Immediate Past President:** Dave Burton – Mayor, Municipality of Highlands East.

The Nominating Committee will put forward a slate comprised from Good Roads' municipal and First Nations membership. The slate will satisfy the geographic requirements prescribed in Section 12 of the Constitution as well as the criteria in Policy B-008.

The Constitution can be viewed in its entirety on the Good Roads website.

The following vacancies need to be filled:

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Call for Nominations to the 2022-2023 Good Roads Board of Directors

City of Toronto

1 Vacancy

The City of Toronto Zone consists of the City of Toronto.

Northern Zone

2 Vacancies

The Northern Zone consists of the municipalities within and First Nations adjacent to the Districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Timiskaming; municipalities in and including the District of Muskoka and the City of Greater Sudbury.

South Central Zone

0 Vacancies

The South Central Zone consists of the municipalities within and First Nations adjacent to the Counties of Dufferin, Grey, Simcoe, and Wellington, and municipalities in and including the Regional Municipalities of Durham, Halton, Niagara, Peel and York, and the City of Hamilton.

Southeast Zone

2 Vacancies

The Southeast Zone consists of the municipalities within and First Nations adjacent to the Counties of Frontenac, Haliburton, Hastings, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, Lennox and Addington, Northumberland, Peterborough, Prescott and Russell, Prince Edward, Renfrew, and Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, and the Cities of Kawartha Lakes and Ottawa.

Southwest Zone

1 Vacancies

The Southwest Zone consists of the municipalities within and First Nations adjacent to the Counties of Brant, Bruce, Elgin, Essex, Haldimand, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford, and Perth, the municipality of Chatham-Kent, and municipalities in and including the Regional Municipality of Waterloo.

Those elected shall serve for a two-year term ending on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

Any member of Council or a permanent full-time staff from a Good Roads member municipality or First Nation who is interested in being considered as a candidate for a position on the Board of Directors must complete the attached Nomination Consent form found below and submit it along with a résumé to the attention of Rick Harms, Chair of the Nominating Committee no later than 1700 h Eastern Time on November 19, 2021. Nominations can be emailed to info@ogra.org or mailed to Good Roads, 1525 Cornwall Road, Unit 22, Oakville, Ontario L6J 0B2.

The Nominating Committee will meet on November 24, 2021, to recommend a slate of directors to the membership. The Nominating Committee is comprised of the following directors:

- Chair: Rick Harms, Immediate Past President
- Vice Chair: Rick Kester, Past President
- Members: John Parsons, OGRA Second Vice-President
- Paul Ainslie, OGRA Director
- Cheryl Fort, OGRA Director

Questions regarding the nomination process or serving on the Board of Directors can be directed to Scott Butler at scott@ogra.org or 416-564-4319.

Sincerely,



Scott Butler
Executive Director

c: Rick Harms, Chair, Nominating Committee

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Nomination/Consent Form for the 2022-2023 Good Roads Board of Directors

Nominee Name:

Title:

Municipality:

Nominated by:

Title:

Municipality:

Seconded by:

Title:

Municipality:

Nominee
Signature

Date

This form must be received e-mail (info@ogra.org) to the attention of Rick Harms, Chair of the Nominating Committee, by 1700 h Eastern Time on Friday, November 19, 2021.

Good Roads

From: Clerks@vaughan.ca <Clerks@vaughan.ca>
Sent: October 19, 2021 3:07 PM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Item 32, Committee of the Whole Report No. 39, September 27, 2021

October 19, 2021

Sent on behalf of Todd Coles, City Clerk

Lisa Lehr
 Clerk
 Township of Essa
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Dear Lisa Lehr:

RE: ENDORSING NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK AND REQUESTING THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION TO REVIEW MEASURES IMPACTING NEWLY LICENSED DRIVERS

Linked for your information is **Item 32, Report No. 39**, of the Committee of the Whole regarding the above-noted matter, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan at its meeting of September 27, 2021.

I draw your attention to the Resolution recommendation, as follows:

3. *That the City Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all municipalities in Ontario, the York Regional Police, the Ontario Safety League, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, and Parachute.*

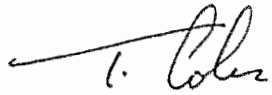
If the above link does not work, please refer to the following [Post-Agenda page](#), and locate the item accordingly.

For your information, the resolution previously submitted by Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco regarding "RAISING THE LEGAL AGE FOR A LICENSED DRIVER FROM 16 TO 18" in June 2021 was deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting in September. At its meeting of September 27, 2021, Council resolved to receive the resolution and no further action be taken.

To assist us in responding to inquiries, please quote the item and report number.

For inquiries, please reply to clerks@vaughan.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Coles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Todd Coles
City Clerk

Attachment:
Extract (linked)

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October 19, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks

SUBJECT: Enhanced COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate with QR Code and Verify Ontario App Available for Download Starting October 15

In advance of October 22, the government is making the enhanced vaccine certificate with official QR code and the free verification app, Verify Ontario, available for download.

Together, these tools will make it easier, more secure and convenient for individuals to provide proof of vaccination where required to do so, and for businesses and organizations to verify vaccine certificates while protecting people's privacy.

Enhanced Vaccine Certificate

Starting October 18 at 6:00 a.m., the portal will be open for any individual to download their enhanced vaccine certificate, regardless of their birth month. Individuals can also call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 to have their enhanced vaccine certificate emailed or mailed to them.

People can save the electronic version of their vaccine certificate with a QR code to their phone or print a paper copy. **Businesses must accept both electronic and paper versions.**

In addition, the current vaccine receipt without a QR code remains valid and must continue to be accepted. Ontarians will need to show a piece of identification that matches their name and date of birth to their proof of vaccination when visiting select businesses and organizations.

Verify Ontario app

Starting on October 15, businesses and organizations can download the free Verify Ontario app from the Apple App and Google Play stores. The made-in-Ontario app has been designed to help businesses by making it quicker and easier to confirm if a person is fully vaccinated against COVID-19, while protecting their privacy. The app can be used without an internet connection and never stores personal information.

The app will read the QR code to verify whether it is a legitimate Ontario government issued code that is free of tampering and notify the business or organization if the patron is verified to enter the premises with proof of full vaccination by displaying one of the three following results.

	<p>Verified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the QR code meets the requirements for entry • please present your ID for confirmation
	<p>Does not meet one of the criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the visitor is partially vaccinated or • 14 days may not have passed since the visitor was fully vaccinated
	<p>Scan failed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the QR code is issued by a province, territory or country that uses different type of QR code or • is issued by a non-government service

Verify Ontario will only scan and read official, government issued QR codes, such as Ontario’s vaccine certificate and those from other provinces including Quebec, British Columbia and Yukon Territory.

Updated Guidance and Posters

Ontario has updated the regulation, Guidance for Businesses and Organizations and Questions and Answers to support the implementation of the enhanced vaccine certificate with a QR code and the Verify Ontario app.

The updated regulation also provides an exemption for people who are currently participating in a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial that is authorized by Health Canada and specified in Guidance for Businesses and Organizations. This will support continued participation in vaccine clinical trials and ensure they can be completed successfully.

There are also updated posters for businesses and organizations to print and display.

Compliance and Enforcement

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.

I strongly encourage our municipal partners to continue their local compliance and enforcement efforts and 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "k. Manson-Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, lowercase style.

Kate Manson-Smith
Deputy Minister



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September 17, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier,

RE: Renovictions

At its meeting held on September 13, 2021, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution with respect to "Renovictions":

That Sarnia City Council request that the Government of Ontario take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever increasing problem of "Renovictions" in The Province of Ontario. Citizens and communities are hurt by these unscrupulous practices which can and does directly impact the affordable housing crisis, as well as inflict damage (both financially and mentally) particularly on our most vulnerable citizens; and

That this correspondence also be sent to other Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and possible endorsement.

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

Cc: The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
Bob Bailey, MPP
All Ontario Municipalities

From: Ontario News <newsroom@ontario.ca>

Sent: October 20, 2021 9:33 AM

To: Colleen Healey <chealey@essatownship.on.ca>

Subject: Minister of Finance to Release 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review on November 4



NEWS RELEASE

Minister of Finance to Release 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review on November 4

October 20, 2021
Ministry of Finance

The Ontario government is furthering its commitment in the Speech from the Throne to protect people's health and the province's economy through the *2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review*, which will be released on Thursday, November 4.

Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, will release the government's plan to protect Ontario's hard-won progress against COVID-19, while building the foundation for economic growth and prosperity by delivering on critical infrastructure, supporting workers, and creating the right environment to attract investment and jobs.

"The job is not done and soon I will release our government's next fiscal update, a plan that will protect the hard work and sacrifice of the people of Ontario in our fight against the COVID-19 pandemic," said Minister Bethlenfalvy. "The plan will also look forward, towards building a strong, prosperous province for everyone."

The *2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review* will build on the *2021 Budget - Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy*, which brought the Province's COVID-19 response to \$51 billion over three years, including:

Ontario



- Making available \$1 billion for a provincewide vaccination plan that has seen Ontario achieve one of the highest rates of vaccination in the world.
- Earmarking \$5.1 billion to support hospitals since the pandemic began, creating more than 3,100 additional hospital beds to ensure every person who requires care in a hospital can access a bed, even during the worst of the pandemic.
- Investing nearly \$5 billion over four years to increase the average direct daily care for long-term care home residents to four hours a day and hiring more than 27,000 new positions, including personal support workers (PSWs) and nurses.
- Delivering nearly \$3 billion in urgent and unprecedented support to over 110,000 small businesses across the province through the Ontario Small Business Support Grant.

“We will remain vigilant as we continue to safely and successfully reopen Ontario together,” said Minister Bethlenfalvy. “Our government is making the necessary investments to protect the progress we’ve made while putting the right conditions in place for growth.”

Quick Facts

- Ontario was the first jurisdiction in Canada to release a fiscal plan that reflected the potential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic through the *March 2020 Economic and Fiscal Update (Ontario’s Action Plan 2020: Responding to COVID-19)*. In November 2020, the government published its multi-year *2020 Ontario Budget (Ontario’s Action Plan: Protect, Support, Recover)*, which included significant additional investments and revised economic forecasts in the face of significant uncertainty about the pandemic. In March 2021, the government released the *2021 Budget - Ontario’s Action Plan: Protecting People’s Health and Our Economy*, which brought the province’s COVID-19 response to \$51 billion over three years.
- The *2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review* will be the Province’s seventh financial update since the pandemic began, highlighting the government’s commitment to provide regular updates on Ontario’s finances, even amid an economic period of unprecedented uncertainty.
- The *Fiscal Sustainability, Transparency and Accountability Act, 2019* (FSTAA) sets out the requirement for the Ontario Minister of Finance



to release a mid-year economic and fiscal update on or before November 15 each year.

Additional Resources

- Read the *2021 Budget, Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy*
- Public Accounts confirms historic investments to support people and jobs

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Subject: Governments Investing in Innovative Solutions to Boost Agri-Food Sector



NEWS RELEASE

Governments Investing in Innovative Solutions to Boost Agri-Food Sector

Funding Will Support Farmers and Make the Sector More Competitive

October 20, 2021

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

TORONTO – The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$10.21 million through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership) to help the agri-food sector adopt on-farm solutions and best practices that will grow their business, create jobs and drive economic growth across Ontario while continuing to provide the safe, high quality food the province is known for.

“We are committed to helping farmers with strategic on-farm investments that improve their bottom line and generate sustainable economic growth,” said the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. “These cost-shared investments will not only build a stronger, more innovative agriculture sector in Ontario but support the prosperity of rural communities across the province.”

This investment provides much needed support to help the farmers who have worked tirelessly to feed millions of Canadians throughout the pandemic become more sustainable and competitive. Farmers and other businesses can use the funding to improve their operations, food safety and animal health, develop new products and processes and access new markets. Farmers and other businesses can apply for the program starting on November 15, 2021 until December 6, 2021.



“Our government is investing in these projects to help farmers and other businesses adopt innovative solutions that help increase their productivity in the agri-food sector,” said the Honourable Lisa Thompson, provincial Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “When we invest in the agri-food sector, we’re supporting the industry in creating good jobs and economic growth, which strengthens Ontario’s economy.”

Today’s announcement builds on the supports available in the past year to help farmers including:

- An investment of \$7.3 million to support farmers and other agri-food businesses through the Partnership which closed in January 2021.
- A \$22 million investment to increase the adoption of technological innovations within the agri-food sector to enhance the health and safety of workers and improve the sector’s efficiency and productivity through the Agri-Tech Innovation Program.
- An investment of up to \$5 million in emergency drought support for livestock farmers in Northwestern Ontario in addition to \$2 million to cover immediate needs like feed, water and fencing.
- An additional investment of up to \$15,000 per eligible farms for permanent water projects in northwestern Ontario.

“The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association is very pleased to be delivering the next intake for the Partnership program. The opportunities under this new intake will support our province’s resilient farmers in innovating and strengthening their operations while supporting the industry’s economic recovery,” said Chad Anderson, President of OSCIA. “The timing of the intake will provide plenty of opportunity for successful participants to get their project planning underway for next Spring.”

Since June 2018, both the federal and provincial governments have committed over \$100 million in support to more than 5,000 projects through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership to help eligible Ontario farmers, processors, businesses and sector organizations innovate and grow.

Quick Facts

- The Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year, \$3 billion investment by Canada’s federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen and grow Canada’s agri-food sector and agri-products sector. This commitment includes \$2 billion for



programs cost-shared on a 60/40 basis by the federal and provincial /territorial governments that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

- Applications will be accepted starting on November 15, 2021 until December 6, 2021.
- In Ontario, cost-share programming to support farmers and other businesses through the Partnership is delivered by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA).
- Approved projects must be completed by September 30, 2022.
- The Ontario agri-food sector supports more than 860,000 jobs in Ontario and contributes more than \$47.3 billion each year to the province's economy.

Additional Resources

[The Canadian Agricultural Partnership in Ontario](#)

[Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada](#)

[Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs](#)

[Ontario Soil and Crop Association](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Announces Municipalities' 2022 Funding Under the \$500 Million Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

Ontario provides early notice and much-needed stability to municipalities for 2022

October 21, 2021
Ministry of Finance

TORONTO — The Ontario government is announcing 2022 funding allocations under the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). This is the Province's main general assistance grant to municipalities.

"Our government recognizes the importance of the OMPF to communities across the province, and we've heard loud and clear what our municipal partners are looking for," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "We are committed to making sure the OMPF continues to meet the needs of local communities, by providing stable financial support that they can count on."

Ontario has been consulting with municipalities on their priorities for the OMPF. Throughout these discussions, municipal partners have stressed the importance of stability and predictability, particularly during these uncertain times. Ontario is responding by maintaining both the structure of the OMPF and the program envelope at \$500 million for 2022, as committed at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) annual conference in August 2021.



“Predictable and timely financial support from the Province is essential for budget planning in small and rural municipalities,” said AMO President Graydon Smith. “The early rollout of stable 2022 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocations sets the stage for effective budget planning for the for year ahead.”

The Ontario government recognizes the unique challenges of northern and rural municipalities, including rural farming communities. The OMPF targets funding to municipalities facing challenging fiscal circumstances and supports areas with limited property assessment, while assisting municipalities that are adjusting to year-over-year funding changes.

Quick Facts

The OMPF supports 389 municipalities across the province. The funding provided through the program is unconditional and can be used to support the local priorities and specific needs of each community.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund](#)

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POLICY UPDATE

October 21, 2021

AMO Policy Update – OMPF Allocations and LTC Development Call

2022 OMPF Allocations Announced

The Ministry of Finance has issued allocation notices for the 2022 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). As previously announced at the AMO Conference in August, the total funding envelope will remain at \$500 million. These dollars are distributed to 389 municipal governments across the province and provide unconditional operating support for local frontline services. This early announcement of the 2022 OMPF allocations is much appreciated.

For 2022, a further \$2 million is being targeting to rural farming municipalities through an enhancement to the Rural Communities Grant. This will provide up to an additional \$5 per household to municipalities with the highest levels of farmland.

Letters to Heads of Council and Treasurers have been sent at this time and the allocation notices may also be viewed on the Ministry's [website](#). The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) provides unconditional operating support from the province to municipal governments. It uses an equalization approach to address fiscal challenges in rural and northern communities, with funding based on various community fiscal health indicators.

Historical OMPF Allocations (in millions of \$):

Component	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Assessment Equalization Grant	149	149	149	149	149	149	149	149
Northern Communities Grant	79	84	84	89	89	89	89	89
Rural Communities Grant	138	143	148	150	150	150	152	154
Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant	55	67	82	89	89	89	92	93
Transitional and Stabilization Grants (incl. Northern & Rural Social Program)	94	61	41	33	28	23	18	16
TOTAL OMPF	515	505	505	510	505	500	500	500*
*Numbers may not add up due to rounding.								

Call for Long-Term Care Development Proposals

The provincial government has opened a new call for applications to develop long-term care homes as part of the commitment to deliver 30,000 net new beds over 10 years. Everyone interested in building and redeveloping long-term care homes is invited to apply, including existing non-profit, for-profit and municipal long-term care operators, as well as organizations new to the long-term care sector.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible, as they will be evaluated in the order in which they are received. Successful applicants will be announced in early 2022. More information is available at <http://ontario.ca/developingltc>.

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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AMO Policy Update – Community Paramedicine Expansion, Broadband Internet Expansion, and Launch of Long-Term Care Inspections Program

Community Paramedicine Long-Term Care Program Expansion

The Ontario government is investing \$82.5 million to expand the existing Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care program to an additional 22 communities, making it available to all eligible seniors across Ontario. This program, which is fully funded by the provincial government, provides additional care for seniors in their own homes before admission into long-term care. The program was piloted across five communities in October 2020 and is currently active in 33 communities. With this expansion, the program will be available to all eligible seniors across Ontario.

AMO is supportive of the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care program, and this needed expansion, as it provides for appropriate primary care by paramedics in peoples' homes across the province and is 100% funded by the province. There are no longer any geographical gaps in this LTC community paramedicine program.

AMO and the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs (OAPC) released a [joint Community Paramedic Policy Framework](#) in July 2021. The paper sets out the immediate and future requirements to successfully develop a community paramedicine system in Ontario. We are looking forward to working with the Ministries of Health and Long-Term Care as valued partners along with Ontario Health to make a community paramedicine system in Ontario a reality.

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Funding for Broadband Internet Expansion

The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, and the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, announced \$1.5 million in funding for high-speed internet expansion. The projects supported by this funding will connect more than 900 homes and businesses in Rideau Lakes, Saugeen Shores, Kincardine, and Lucan-Biddulph. The funding is from Ontario's Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program and is in addition to the \$14.7 million announced in July.

In addition to ICON, Ontario's 2021 Budget announced an additional \$4 billion to expand high-speed internet to all unserved and underserved Ontario communities by 2025. Infrastructure Ontario is currently conducting a Request for Qualification process for firms to participate in the reverse auction process to connect defined geographic areas. The provincial government also passed the Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021 in April. This legislation gives the province authority to set the terms of access to municipal rights of way to build high-speed internet expansion projects if required. It is anticipated that Ontario will release guidelines for municipalities and internet service providers to support these expansion projects.

New Long-Term Care Inspections Program

It was announced today that Ontario is investing \$20 million this year to hire 193 new inspections staff and launch a new annual proactive inspections program in long-term care homes. This is part of the government's commitment of \$72.3 million over three years to increase enforcement capacity, ensure every resident has a safe and best quality of life, and to hold homes accountable for the care they provide. This investment is to double the current number of long-term care inspectors by Fall 2022 with a ratio of one inspector for every two homes.

This proactive inspections program adds to the current risk-based program of responding to complaints and critical incidents and will assist the government and long-term care homes in identifying and resolving problems to improve the quality of care provided to residents. This program will take a resident-centred approach by allowing for direct discussion with residents, to focus on their care needs as well as the home's program and services. The results from these inspections will help the government determine where the sector can benefit from additional resources, including guidance material and best practices.

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ONLINE TRAINING

October 26, 2021

AMO Training Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official

New Date added - December 8/9, 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: December 8, 2021 - 10am-12:30pm
- Part 2: December 9, 2021 – 10am-12:30pm

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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- Canoe vendor spotlight: Deccan International.
- The future looks bright with LAS Facility Lighting.
- Empower your staff to save energy!
- Careers.

AMO Matters

AMO has released five fact sheets to help municipalities navigate changes to their relationship with conservation authorities as a result of the recently proclaimed subsections of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. (Fact Sheets Attached).

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month - a campaign that raises awareness about the importance of cyber security. To assist members, AMO released a Municipal Cyber Security Toolkit of best practices that will help guide and improve your cyber security readiness. Read it today.

Provincial Matters

The Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) is collecting feedback from dam owners

and the dam industry until October 31, 2021 to establish a baseline of information to expand and share knowledge across Ontario's dam community.

The province is hosting webinars throughout October and November on the significant changes to excess soil regulations coming into effect on January 1st, 2022. For information and to register, email mecp.landpolicy@ontario.ca.

Eye on Events

The asset management webinar series will introduce tools and templates piloted with a group of municipalities in partnership with FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program. Last webinar on "Developing Financial Strategy Using Asset Whole Lifecycle Costs" is on November 5 at 1:00 pm EST. [Click here to Register](#).

To request delegation meetings as part of your ROMA 2022 Conference experience please visit the [following link](#) for information on how to submit your request. The deadline is November 15, 2021.

AMO's in demand training on skills for elected officials to navigate conflict relations is available for one more session in 2021. Sign up for the December 8 and 9 session [here](#). Limited seats available.

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Natural Gas Procurement participants will be pleased to know that we have secured a hedge for the new term at 11.7 cents/m3. Read [our commodity blog](#) to help understand how the pandemic is affecting the natural gas market

Is a road needs study part of your 2022 budget? The Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service provides high-quality, objective data to help you make smart decisions about your assets. [Contact Tanner](#) for more information or to receive a no-obligation quote.

John Deere supplies a wide range of equipment through the Canoe Procurement Group under the Agricultural Tractor, Grounds Maintenance Equipment, and Heavy Construction Equipment categories. Join us November 10 at 11 am to hear about products, alternate financing options, and seasonal asset optimization. Don't miss out - [register today](#).

Join municipalities from across the country for the first ever Canoe Public Procurement Summit on November 17, 2021 at 11 am. Hear from experts on the best strategies for public procurement in Canada and how Ontario municipalities can leverage the buying power of over 5000 public entities. [Register now](#) for this exciting event!

The Canoe Procurement Group has over 180 vendors. Deccan Public Safety Software provides the powerful tools Fire and EMS leaders need to make the right

decisions. Use the Canoe contract to save time and money while improving emergency services in your community. Contact Tanner to learn more.

The turn-key LAS Facility Lighting Service recently awarded a new supply contract to Gerrie Electric. This unique program provides choice and value for your municipal lighting projects. Give us a call today for your free budget proposal including a cost and financial return analysis.

Empower your building operators/maintenance staff in skills to identify energy saving opportunities in your buildings. Participate in an Energy Workshop & Treasure Hunt today! Contact Christian Tham to book your session for the fall - dates are still available.

Careers

Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Centre Wellington. Reporting to the Mayor and Council, the CAO is responsible for the strategic leadership and efficient delivery of all the municipality's administrative and operational services. Apply by November 12, 2021 to careers@waterhousesearch.ca quoting project CW-CAO.

Building Plans Examiner - City of Brampton. Reporting to the Supervisor, Plans & Permits this position reviews plans submitted for a building permit to ensure all Ontario Building Code and related standards have been met. Apply online quoting reference # 104131 by November 4, 2021.

Senior Project Manager Solid Waste Management Services - City of Toronto. Reporting to the Project Director, the Manager will be responsible for activities related to planning and implementation of initiatives to transition the City of Toronto's Blue Bin Recycling Program. Apply online, by November 8, 2021.

Public Works Foreman - Town of Kapuskasing. Reporting to the General Manager of Public Works, the role is supervisory in nature and involves planning, coordinating and efficient management of the Public Works Operation. Send your resume, including cover letter to: Administration Office - Town of Kapuskasing, 88 Riverside Dr. P5N 1B3 Fax: 705-337-1741. Deadline is November 10, 2021, 4:30 pm.

Manager of Transportation and Fleet - Municipality of Central Elgin. Reporting to the Director of Infrastructure and Community Services you will manage all aspects of Corporate Fleet and Transportation Services including roads, sidewalks, drainage, bridges and culverts. Apply online by 4:30 pm November 15, 2021.

Associate Lawyer (Municipal) - Cunningham Swan LLP. Varied work on behalf of public and private sector clients on a full range of matters including local governance, by-law enforcement, land use planning, expropriations, and administrative law. Direct inquiries to careers@cswan.com by November 26, 2021.

Program Manager, Housing Stability & Homelessness - Regional Municipality of York. Reporting to the Manager, Community Programs, is responsible for managing and co-ordinating the development, implementation and monitoring of new and ongoing program initiatives. Interested candidates please apply online by November 8, 2021.

Manager, Environmental Services - Town of Georgina. Responsible for managing the operations of the municipal drinking water distribution system, wastewater collection and transmission system, storm water collection and treatment system; and environmental services programs. Apply online by November 12, 2021.

About AMO

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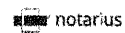
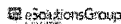
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Overview of Changes to Conservation Authorities

The recently proclaimed Subsections of the *Conservation Authorities Act* have enacted many changes which effect the relationship between municipal governments and conservation authorities (CAs) for the provision of programs and services. By January 1, 2024, four key elements will need to be in place:

1. Transition “Work” Plan – due from CAs by December 31, 2021

The Conservation Authority is to deliver to participating municipal governments a work plan of how they propose to work with municipalities to meet the requirements of the Act and regulations. This plan can come in the form of a table or chart and does not need to be a long text.

2. Inventory of Programs and Services – due from CAs by February 28, 2022

This is an inventory of current services and programs offered by the Conservation Authority which indicates sources of funding. The programs and services will be portrayed in three different categories (see below). This inventory also includes a list of programs that the CA intends to provide into the future and could identify new programs as well.

3. Consultation on Inventory – to be conducted as soon as the inventory is received, until December 31, 2023

The inventory is broken into three categories and will show sources of funding and an average amount of spending that has been used to deliver these programs and services. If an average does not make sense, the CA will use some other methodology with explanation.

- **Category 1:** Mandatory Programs and Services in the *Conservation Authorities Act* (**NOT** subject to a municipal agreement but must meet provincial standards or regulations).
- **Category 2:** Municipal Programs and Services provided through agreement between a municipal government (located in whole or in part in the watershed) and a Conservation Authority. These agreements serve the municipal government. They could be a joint agreement for a group of municipalities where the service covers a part of or the entire watershed, or an agreement could be made at the request of an individual municipality.
- **Category 3:** Other Programs and Services that the Conservation Authority Members find important to deliver in order to best meet the overall direction of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (Subject to a cost apportioning agreement if municipal funding is proposed to be used).

The inventory is subject to consultation with municipalities. This is a municipal Council's opportunity to better understand: i) the requirements and costs to deliver the mandatory services; ii) refine the programs and services received by participating municipalities and municipalities with Category 2 agreements; and iii) any 'special benefiting' requirements.

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4. Service Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding and/or Cost Apportionment Agreements Between CAs/Municipal Government(s) – need to be in place for January 1, 2024

Many municipalities already have agreements for certain services, such as land use planning. These agreements can continue and be updated while this new regime is being implemented. In the new regime, Category 1 (Mandatory Programs and Services) will not be subject to a municipal agreement. Agreements will be needed for all Category 2 and 3 services where municipal tax dollars are required.

Agreements for Categories 2 and 3 must be executed with the intent that they would be implemented in the municipal budget(s) by January 1, 2024.

Programs and services of Conservation Authorities will be refined through discussion of the Inventory during 2022-2023. The current process for agreements and budgets will continue to ensure continuity.

Other Information

- The proposal to require the creation of a Community Advisory Board is **not** moving forward.
- 2022 and 2023 are transition years.
- Details about funding (levy, fees, fee for service, voting, weighted votes) will be brought forward in the future as part of Phase II Regulations of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

AMO Fact Sheets

We encourage municipalities to review the AMO Fact Sheet series. In addition to this Overview (**Fact Sheet #1**), the following expand on the concepts and requirements outlined above:

- Fact Sheet #2: Transition Plan & Timelines
- Fact Sheet #3: Category 1 – Mandatory Programs and Services
- Fact Sheet #4: Category 2 – Municipal Programs and Services
- Fact Sheet #5: Category 3 – Other Program and Services

Additional Resources

- [Conservation Authorities Act](#)
- [Regulation 686/21: Mandatory Programs](#)
- [Regulation 687/21: Transition Plans and Agreements](#)
- [Regulation 688/21: Rules of Conduct in Conservation Areas](#)
- [ERO 019-2986 Explanatory Note](#)

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Changes to Conservation Authorities: Transition Plan & Timelines

Over the past few years, consultations, legislative amendments, and now regulations have been developed to create a more transparent and accountable relationship between conservation authorities (CAs) and municipal governments. The time has now come to implement these changes.

As illustrated below, the timelines are ambitious and will have implications on the municipal budget cycle. As a result, **AMO recommends that municipal governments contact your CA(s) to advise them about the municipal budgeting process goals and timelines as soon as possible.** This will ensure that CAs create a time-sensitive workplan on which to consult.

Key Dates:

1. December 31, 2021 – Transition “Work” Plan (Section 3 of O.Reg 687/21)

The Conservation Authority is to deliver a Transition Plan to participating municipal governments on how they propose to work with municipalities to meet the requirements of the Act and regulations. The plan must include timelines for developing required inventories and agreements. The plan will then be sent to participating municipalities, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and posted on the CA website. This plan can be as simple as creating a table or chart.

2. February 28, 2022 – Inventory of Programs and Services (Section 5-6 of O.Reg 687/21)

Each CA is to develop an inventory of services and programs they currently offer, broken into three categories (see below). The inventory is to show sources of funding and an average amount of spending that has been used to deliver these programs and services. If an average does not make sense, the CA will use some other methodology with explanation.

- **Category 1:** Mandatory Programs and Services provided under section 21.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (These services must comply with provincial regulations or standards. They are **NOT** subject to a municipal agreement).
- **Category 2:** Municipal Programs and Services provided under section 21.1.1 of the Act. These programs and services are provided at the direction of participating municipalities. These services require an agreement between a municipal government (located in whole or in part of the watershed) and a Conservation Authority. Alternatively, an individual municipality may request and agree to a service limited to its municipal boundaries.
- **Category 3:** Other Programs and Services provided under section 21.1.2 of the Act that the Conservation Authority finds important to deliver in order to best meet the overall direction of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. This is subject to an cost apportioning agreement where general municipal levy/funding is proposed to be used.

This inventory also includes a list of programs that the CA intends to provide into the future and could identify new programs as well.

3. As soon as Inventory is Received (deadline is February 28, 2022) to December 31, 2023 – Consultation on Inventory (Section 6-7 of O.Reg 687/21)

Municipalities are to offer feedback, seek clarifications, and refinements on the inventory during this phase. Upon agreement to the inventory, municipal governments will need to enter into formal Cost Appointment Agreements/Service Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding and integrate these into the municipal budget for Category 2 and 3 programs and services where municipal levy/funding is proposed to be used.

Category 1 programs and services are mandatory and will not require an agreement. However, the costs will need to be integrated into the municipal budget as well. Given the collaborative nature of this work, conversations with your local CA(s) should be begin as soon as the inventory is received (e.g. earlier than the deadline of February 28, 2022).

During this two-year transition period, municipal governments and CAs will be working toward a new regime. Some CAs may complete this transition earlier and some later in this timeframe. Within CAs, some aspects may be completed before other aspects of the transition happen. If your municipal Council uses a multi-year budgeting process, please notify your CA that this may impact their timelines.

4. July 1, 2022 to October 1, 2023 – Six Progress Reports due to MECP (Section 7 of O.Reg 687/21)

CAs are required to submit six quarterly progress reports to MECP starting July 1, 2022. As a best practice for transparency, these should be shared with municipalities and publically posted. Each progress report should contain information set out in subsection (3) and (4) of the Regulation. This includes providing an update on the progress of negotiations between CAs and participating municipalities on the inventory and the Cost-Appportioning Agreements for Category 3 programs and services. Although it is not required, it would also be beneficial to include the status of progress on Category 2 agreements.

5. By December 31, 2023 – Negotiations and Agreements to be Signed and Costs Embedded in 2024 Municipal Budgets (Section 8 of O.Reg 687/21)

By the end of 2023, negotiations will need to be concluded, agreements signed, and costs embedded into the 2024 municipal budget cycle. By January 30, 2024 the CA shall submit the final version of the inventory to the participating municipalities and the Ministry. The inventory should confirm that the CA has entered into all necessary agreements with the participating municipalities.

NOTES:

- Section 10 of O.Reg 687/21 stipulates that a CA may be granted an extension of time beyond the transition date under specific circumstances. An extension must be requested on or before October 1, 2023. To help inform the Minister's decision whether to grant an extension, the progress reports should signal where progress is slow and the barriers to progress.
- Section 26 (Review of Apportionment of Capital Costs) and Section 27 (Recovery of Operating Expenses) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* allows for a review of the apportionment of costs by the Ontario Land Tribunal where costs collected as levy are disputed.

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Changes to Conservation Authorities: Mandatory Programs and Services (Category 1)

Context:

Conservation Authorities (CAs) have delivered programs and services because legislation and other agreements with the province directed them to. Many of these programs and services are jointly funded by municipalities, the Province, and in some cases, through funding self-generated by the CAs. Until now, the list of programs and services that are provided has been up to individual CAs and the municipality(ies) within their jurisdiction(s).

The new regulation (O.Reg 686/21) sets out the Category 1 programs and services that are mandatory for a CA to provide. While a service agreement/Memoranda of Understanding is not required for Category 1 programs and services, the inventory needs to include these programs and services, and the required funding needs to be integrated into the 2024 municipal budget.

For the most part, the vast majority these programs and services are not new and municipal levy has already been sharing the costs. In short, the Regulation increases consistency and transparency to what all CAs must provide.

Category 1 (Mandatory) Programs and Services:

CAs must provide programs and services that meet the descriptions laid out in Section 21.1 (1) and (2) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, and that have been prescribed in O.Reg 686/21.

1. Risks of Natural Hazards (Sections 1-8 of O. Reg 686/21)

CAs are required to deliver programs and services that help manage the following hazards: i) dynamic beaches; ii) erosion; iii) flooding; iv) hazardous lands; v) hazardous sites; and vi) low water or drought conditions. All of these have the same meaning as in the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 issued under section 3 of the *Planning Act*.

The objectives of these programs and services are to identify natural hazard areas, undertake risk assessments (including the impacts of climate change, risk mitigation and prevention activities), and promote public awareness.

Section 1.3 of O.Reg 686/21 outlines what components the CA can consider in delivering programs or services around hazard risk. For example, CAs could collect, provide and manage information that would enable them to:

- a. delineate and map hazard areas;
- b. study surface water flows and levels (e.g., low/peak flow, water budget, surface/groundwater interactions, flood hazard);
- c. study stream morphology;

- d. study the potential impact of changing climatic conditions on natural hazards; and
- e. study the management of natural hazards.

CAs could also develop and consult on plans and policies, and deliver public awareness, education and outreach on the risk of natural hazards within their jurisdiction.

For further clarity, Sections 2-8 of O.Reg 686/21 outlines the specific programs to meet the requirements. We encourage municipalities to review these carefully in detail:

- **Flood forecasting and warning** in accordance with and, at a minimum, to the extent described by approved provincial standards.
- **Drought or low water response**, including monitoring and communications in accordance with and, at a minimum, to the extent described by approved provincial standards.
- **Ice management** services (preventative or remedial) as appropriate, and as supported by an authority approved ice management plan.
- **Infrastructure** related to the operation and maintenance of water control and erosion control under CA control, including operational and asset management plans and reports/activities regarding maintenance and repair (e.g., dam safety and emergency preparedness).
- **Comments on applications and proposals** related to Natural Hazards policies arising from proposals under the *Aggregate Resources Act*, *Drainage Act*, *Environmental Assessment Act*, and the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*.
- **Provide input on land-use planning** to ensure that decisions are consistent with the natural hazard policies of policy documents (including the PPS, 2020) issued under the *Planning Act*. When requested, provide support and input on behalf of the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- **Administer and enforce the *Conservation Authorities Act***, including administering permits issued under section 28 and associated enforcement activities.

Municipal Councils are encouraged to review these carefully in detail, as a number of these programs and services are to be completed on or before December 31, 2024 (e.g. ice management, operational and asset management plans).

2. Conservation and management of lands owned or controlled by a CA, including any interests in land registered on title (Sections 9-12 of O. Reg 686/21)

CAs are required to provide programs and services that relate to the conservation and management of lands under subparagraph 1 ii of subsection 21.1 (1) of the Act. This includes developing a conservation area strategy (Section 10) and land inventory (Section 11) on or before December 31, 2024. Additionally, CAs need to administer regulations made under Section 29 of the Act including the setting out of fees, permits and enforcement activities.

Many CAs already have such management plans and policies, but they have been discretionary until now. Updates may be required to meet new provincial requirements.

Conservation lands that provide trails or recreation that does not require direct support/staffing was added to the list of mandatory items. However, it should not lead to any net new costs given that this service is already in place.

3. Other Programs or Services (Section 12 of O. Reg 686/21)

Additional required programs and services include:

- Provincial Water Quality and Groundwater Quantity Monitoring (previously delivered through an agreement with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) to be delivered no later than January 1, 2024; and
- Core Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy to be delivered no later than December 31, 2024

The Provincial Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring programs are highly prescribed, and have been in place for some years. These programs also link to Drinking Water Source Protection.

The Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy broadly covers the entire watershed, which is intended to integrate the various programs and services in a manner that serves the area for the long term. The strategy is to include identifying and analyzing issues and risk that limit the effectiveness of the delivery of these programs and services, and the actions to address the issues and mitigate the risks. A cost estimate for the implementation of those actions is also to be provided.

Again, some CAs have these types of strategies already in place. To accomplish these and other mandatory activities, CAs rely on documents such as a watershed characterization, a watershed report card, sub-watershed studies, and any of the reports required.

In addition, a watershed-based resource management strategy may include work done under the non-mandatory Category 2 (municipal) and Category 3 (other) programs and services provided there is a signed agreement. Examples include stewardship programs, tree planting and forestry, invasive species management, wetland restoration, sub-watershed plans, stormwater management, and natural heritage mapping.

4. Source Protection Authority under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* (Section 13 of O. Reg 686/12).

The responsibilities under the *Clean Water Act* have been articulated in detail over the past number of years and the requirements are generally well known to municipal governments.

Note that in some cases 'specified municipalities' take part in these programs and services although they are not 'participating municipalities'.

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5. CA duties, functions and responsibilities under legislation prescribed by regulation (i.e. *Building Code Act, 1992*) (Section 14 of O. Reg 686/12)

North Bay-Mattawa CA has been prescribed responsibility under the Building Code for the enforcement of provisions of the Act (i.e. on-site sewage systems approvals by under the *Building Code Act, 1992*). Therefore, this CA is explicitly required to provide duties, functions and responsibilities to enforce provisions as well as the Building Code in the geographic areas prescribed in the Building Code for that authority.

6. Lake Simcoe Region CA duties, functions and responsibilities under the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008*

This is applicable to the Lake Simcoe Region CA only. The responsibilities under the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act* have been articulated in detail over the past number of years and the requirements are generally well know to municipal governments.

Note that in some cases 'specified municipalities' take part in these programs and services although they are not 'participating municipalities'.

Conclusion

Most of the activities described above are already in place, and have been jointly funded by municipalities, the Province, and in some cases, the CAs themselves. What has changed, however, is the fact there will be greater clarity around the standards to be met, and that the relative share of funding to support these activities are to be integrated into the 2024 municipal budget.

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October 2021

Changes to Conservation Authorities: Municipal Programs and Services (Category 2)

Context:

Subsection 21.1(1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* empowers Conservation Authorities (CAs) to provide programs and services to municipalities that are situated wholly or in part within the CA's area of jurisdiction. Any municipal programs or services offered under Section 21.1(1) must be authorized under a Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) or other type of Service Agreement between the municipal government and CA.

This will create a fee for service relationship between the municipality and CA for Category 2 (i.e. Municipal Programs and Services). These agreements can be for individual municipalities or groups of municipalities. Where groups of municipalities are involved, the levy process may continue. Further details on how programs will be paid for will be forthcoming.

Category 2 Agreements – Contents:

1. Meeting Environmental Requirements through Category 2 Agreements

The Provincial Policy Statement (Sections 2.1, 2.2 and some aspects of 3.1) requires municipal governments to protect natural heritage features including wetlands, woodlands, habitat, protect water quality considering the watershed and hydrologic features. Much of this is done through the land use planning and development approvals process.

Many municipalities purchase CA expertise for environmental work to ensure compliance with various pieces of legislation. For many it is a cost effective option, as purchasing this expertise avoids the need for municipal governments to hire staff in-house or external consultants. There are other programs and services outside municipal planning which support the Provincial Policy Statement. Again, CAs are instrumental in achieving these municipal requirements.

Other services such as GIS services, various types of monitoring, and in some cases septic inspection programs would be part of these agreements (if desired). Municipalities should ask for clarification as to whether these are included as a Category 2 or Category 3 programs or services.

As the **Fact Sheet #3** lays out, CAs have a mandatory role to identify natural hazard areas. However, there is a second possible role for CAs supporting municipal responsibilities for the natural hazards portion of the PPS (Section 3.1). It is very important for municipal Councils address with the CA(s) how the review of the municipal responsibility will be addressed in the Category 2 programs and services agreement.

The agreement should identify which organization will undertake what aspects of this process and how communications will take place between the organizations and developers. It should also outline expectations around timing.

Another area where there has been service delivery overlap in some places is that of storm water management. Similarly roles and expectations need to become part of these agreements and be clear to all parties. In some cases this will be a very simple agreement, but in other cases there will

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be a more complex agreement depending on the local governments' goals. Examples may include green infrastructure, or staffing expertise within these organizations.

Many municipalities already have agreements for planning-related services from CAs. A template created in June 2019 for planning-related services can be found at the [CA-Municipality MOU Template for Planning and Development Reviews \(2019\)](#). This template was jointly developed by Conservation Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to serve as the starting place for the redevelopment of existing or the creation of new agreements.

NOTES:

- Agreements can also include municipalities providing programs and services to CAs.
- The province may issue regulations that pertain to delivery of the programs and services of CAs.
- Should the province enact regulations regarding the provision of services, the regulation would prevail in the event of conflict between the terms and conditions set out in the municipal agreement.

2. These are legal documents and a number of elements are important and typical of service agreements.

Most Category 2 agreements will require:

- Affirmation of the programs and services being agreed to (the inventory) including the process and timelines (service standards) for these items
- Contact information
- Expiry date and notice periods to end prior to the end date
- Dispute resolution
- Payment and whether this is a fee for service or relying on levy for payment
- Use of CA own source funds, if any
- A place for signature to bind the municipality

NOTE: An AMO fact sheet providing further details will be issued once Phase 2 Regulations are in place.

Category 2 Agreements: Process

1. Consultation as Municipal Stakeholders

Since many of the programs and services offered under Category 2 (i.e. Municipal Programs and Services) take place on a watershed basis, there will be a need for consultations with groups of participating municipalities. There will also be a need to consult with upper-tier or single-tier governments.

It is critical to start discussions with your CA(s) and include all affected municipalities as soon as possible. This will allow for enough time to determine where there is agreement amongst the group, where improvements might be sought, and how you wish to move forward as both group and individual municipalities.

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2. Timelines

As described in the **Fact Sheet #1 (Overview)** and **Fact Sheet #2 (Timelines)**, CAs must provide participating municipalities a workplan by no later than December 31, 2021. The workplan must outline how the CA will meet the new requirements by the end of 2023. The CA(s) must also provide participating municipalities an inventory of existing and future programs and services. This inventory must also account for which category the activity falls under and the current funding for these activities by no later than February 28, 2022.

Discussions about future programs and services under Category 2, and the required agreements and integration into the municipal budgeting process can begin as soon as the inventory is received, the CAs do not need to wait until February to deliver the inventory. See the **Fact Sheet #3 (Mandatory)** and **Fact Sheet #5 (Other)** for more information about what programs and services fit where.

3. MOUs or Service Agreements

The goal of these agreements is to create transparency and coordination while also avoiding service or program duplication and/or delays. These agreements will be based on the inventory of programs and services to which municipalities and CAs agree. This excludes the **Category 1, Mandatory Programs and Services** (see **Fact Sheet #3**).

The *Conservation Authorities Act* requires that all Category 2 agreements:

- Are available to the public;
- Are subject to review at intervals determined in the memorandum or agreement; and,
- Detail how programs and services must be provided in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

NOTE: An additional regulation respecting fees that CAs can charge is anticipated in Phase 2 Regulations. In the meantime, **AMO recommends that clauses in the Category 2 agreements identify which entities collect the fees and encourage CAs to charge fees to recover costs.**

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October 2021

Changes to Conservation Authorities: Other CA Programs and Services (Category 3)

Context

Beyond the mandated programs and services laid out in Category 1 (Mandatory), and Category 2 (Municipal), Conservation Authorities (CAs) are also empowered to provide any other programs and services that the Conservation Authority Board determines are advisable and consistent with the purposes of Section 21.1(2) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. They are referred to as Category 3 (Other).

As outlined in O.Reg 687/21, Category 3 programs and services can be funded in a number of ways (e.g. self-generated revenue, grants and/or municipal funding).

Category 3 – Other CA Programs and Services

CAs are uniquely positioned to undertake research and fieldwork for organizations such as universities, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and various provincial ministries. These types of contracts allow the CA to retain certain types of staffing expertise that can benefit the municipal and mandatory programs and services. Generally, these types of activities do not require municipal funding.

Administrative and overhead costs are typically integrated into the various programs and services to provide the full cost of delivery. These costs are to be part of the inventory as identified throughout Categories 1, 2 and 3.

Category 3 services could include research, direct services to land owners, broader environmental monitoring, permissive activities under various legislation, and activities related to the CA-owned lands. Some of these activities would build on the mandatory requirements or those directed by municipalities.

Other types of activities include recreation and education programs. These generate funds normally at market value to offset costs. More information on the fees and charges will be discussed in the Phase II regulations of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Where CA Boards propose to offer such programs and services and use municipal funding (municipal levy or fees for service) for delivery of them, a cost apportioning agreement for these activities between the participating municipalities and CA(s) must be in place. These may be both capital costs (Section 25 of the Act) and operating expenses (Section 27 of the Act).

These agreements are required to be posted on CA websites or made available to the public through some other means as the CA considers advisable. However, it would not be appropriate to post details of agreements if the contents meet the requirements for a closed meeting under the *Municipal Act* or the *Municipal Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy Act*.

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From: Jenifer Pergentile <Jenifer.Pergentile@shiftforgood.ca>
Sent: October 26, 2021 2:43 PM
Cc: Info <info@shiftforgood.ca>; Outreach <outreach@shiftforgood.ca>
Subject: Homeless Services in South Simcoe

Hello,

I'm reaching out to you to inform and update you about the programming we offer to those at-risk of or experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity in South Simcoe.

In June of this year, Alliston Out of the Cold underwent a rebranding and re-launched as S.H.I.F.T. (Support and Hope for Individuals and Families Today). We still offer the same valuable programs and services to our community that you've come to expect of us, but now with a name that better reflects what we do!

We are headed into our 5th season of our winter programming, operating 7 days per week – see below for hours. **Our first day for all winter programming is planned for November 8, 2021.**

The Emergency Overnight Shelter Program offers overnight shelter to individuals and couples over 16 experiencing homelessness, with no housing alternatives. As a short-term, housing-focused shelter, the program is intended to bridge the gap between entering homelessness and moving into safe and sustainable housing. With space for up to 9 participants per night, 7 days a week, our focus is on provision of shelter while providing resources for community-building and our aim is to support participants in feeling that they belong to and are engaged in the community. Participants of our shelter programming are encouraged to work independently to create a sustainable plan to move to a safe longer-term location in the community. Staff are available to assist participants in their housing-related needs during this time, as requested.

The Community Dinner Program operates out of S.H.I.F.T. headquarters and is open to anyone in the community looking for a warm meal and some friendship. We offer 'take away' meals at the door as well as a dine-in option. Staff and volunteers are onsite to provide resources and supports upon request.

In September of 2020 we launched our year-round Outreach program, that serves individuals and families at-risk of or experiencing homelessness in South Simcoe. Our Outreach team is mobile throughout South Simcoe 6 days per week - Monday through Saturday - making designated stops in each of the municipalities (where staff are able to meet with participants for more intensive supports, assistance, etc.) at least 2x per week. The Outreach team has actively partnered with service providers in each area to ensure services are accessible and to get the word out among those that would be requiring services. They are also actively making connections with identified individuals in the community and completing regular sweeps of the area to engage with individuals who may not be connected to services. Our Outreach Workers will work with individuals experiencing homelessness outside of the Alliston area to create a plan for shelter, especially in the winter months, including accessing our Emergency Overnight Shelter Program, where applicable. The team can be reached at 705-890-8173.

Lastly, this winter we are piloting a Daytime Drop-In Centre program – with a specific focus on providing resources for those at-risk of or experiencing homelessness during the day (whether or not they are accessing our shelter programming) to assist them in finding/securing permanent housing solutions, to have showers, get supplies, etc. Staff will be onsite to connect with anyone in need of support and to help

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make appropriate connections within the community to assist them with any challenges they may be facing. Our Participant Resource Centre will have computer access for participants to work actively on their housing-plan, make connections with other resources for housing, and for any housing-related activities.

Hours of operation are as follows:

Outreach – Monday through Saturday – **year-round** - currently 10AM – 6PM (these hours may change over the winter, as needed, in connection with the shelter and daytime programs)

Emergency Overnight Shelter – 7 days/week - In-person Intake 7:30PM – 9:30PM Shelter open 7:30PM – 8AM daily

Daytime Drop-In Centre – 7 days/week – 9:30AM – 4PM daily

Community Dinner – 7 days/week – 5PM-7PM

For more information about any of our programming or to find out more about who we are and what we do, please visit our website. I'm also happy to connect by phone or virtually, to answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Jenifer Pergentile (she/her)

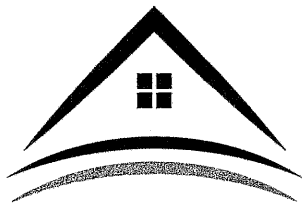
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October 26, 2021

Dear Council Members

My name is Janet Geisel and I am a resident of Angus living in the area of _____ Street. I am writing this request on behalf of myself and my neighbours also residing in this area.

It has recently been discovered that the bridge over the creek leading to Robson Park has been removed. This bridge (in one form or another) has been present for at least the 18 years I have lived in Angus. The most recent version was dedicated to a local resident's dog "Bella". Bella's Bridge was not just a beautiful memorial to a much-loved companion, but a necessary short-cut for the residents around the area. From seniors living in the Sandsprings subdivision who rely on the bridge to get to Giant Tiger as well as to Pharmasave, to kids from the highschool using the bridge to make it home in time for lunch, the removal of Bella's bridge is having a negative impact on many in the community.

We ask that you please consider options for replacement of the bridge and, at the same time, we ask that you consider investing into Robson Park. This playground has been neglected for many years and is actually in a state of disrepair. As Angus grows and as more families are attracted to our beautiful older neighbourhood, we would love to be able to boast an updated, safe park to be enjoyed by residents of all ages within a short walking distance.

We realize that improvements of this nature can be very costly and require much planning. However, improvements such as these can only strengthen our community. Making the plaza more accessible by adding a safe bridge may even help to attract more businesses to this end of town. There are many in our community (including myself) who would be happy to help with fundraising should it be required as many truly believe this project would be highly beneficial to those in the area.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to learning how we can work together to make the reinstallation of Bella's Bridge and revitalization of Robson's Park a reality.

Janet Geisel

Krista Pascoe

From: Colleen Healey
Sent: October 24, 2021 8:41 PM
To: Krista Pascoe
Subject: FW: Follow up information as requested
Attachments: BN-Oct 2021 - Lived and Living Experience.pdf; BN-Oct 2021 - Local CSWB Tables.pdf

For the next Consent Agenda. Thanks

Colleen Healey-Dowdall

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From: Karie Warnar <karie@avail.consulting>
Sent: October 24, 2021 8:36 PM
Subject: Follow up information as requested

Good Evening All

I have attached the information for consideration, as discussed at the GMCC meeting.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Regards,

Karie Warnar



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For: GMCC(s)

From K. Warnar /
K. Manners

Date: October 9th, 2021

Issue: Lived and Living Experience

Purpose:

To provide an update on the status of Phase 2 (Implementation) planning and to seek consideration regarding a budget for engaging people with lived or living experience (PWLLE)

Summary: As per the approved work plan of Avail Consulting/K.Manners Consulting, the formation of the Local CSWB Tables is scheduled to take place in the Fall of 2021. This briefing note provides information for municipalities to help support their decision-making process regarding the establishment of the budget to engage PWLLE.

Background Information:

During the Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan development (Phase 1), the need for local CSWB Tables in each geographical municipal grouping (GMG) emerged. We are now in the implementation phase (Phase 2), and we are looking to form the Local CSWB Table in each GMG. The Local CSWB Planning Table(s) purpose is to lead the local implementation of the CSWB plan. The table will consist of stakeholders and those with lived / living experience with experience and expertise in each of the eight areas of risk being addressed throughout Simcoe County. To ensure that the strategies are informed, and actions and decisions are going to meet the needs of the residents, engaging PWLLE will bring a valued and necessary perspective.

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Considerations:

1. CSWB Plans are locally led plans under the accountability of the municipalities.
2. PWLLE will be sought based on their experience and understanding of the areas of focus the local CSWB Plan identified (between 3 and 4 areas of risk depending on the Plan).
3. The time commitment of PWLLE is estimated to be 2-3 hours (max) per month
4. Local CSWB Table is currently scheduled to meet 3 – 4 times per year (approx. 2-hour meetings).
5. Certain costs need to be supported to reduce barriers to the participation of PWLLE.
6. The budget would be used (if necessary) to cover costs related to transportation, compensation for their time at the scheduled meeting(s), childcare (if this were a factor), other.
7. Engaging PWLLE needs to be done thoughtfully. A 'Playbook' of best-practice resources is currently in draft and will support the Local CSWB Tables as they seek to engage PWLLE.
8. Need to recognize that they may or may not be able to participate. Participation may be sporadic; thus, the estimated budget may not be used to its full potential.
9. Proof/validation of expense(s) would be submitted to a designated municipal representative.

Recommendations:

1. When and where possible, municipalities allocate a small budget (estimated: \$500-\$1000) to support engaging PWLLE.
2. Compensation for time spent attending a meeting should be paid at the Living Wage rate of \$18.01 / hour. For more information on Living Wage, please visit:
<https://uwsimcoemuskoka.ca/what-is-a-living-wage/>

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For: GMCC(s)

From K. Warnar /
K. Manners

Date: October 9th, 2021

Issue: Local CSWB Tables

Purpose:

To provide an update on the status of Phase 2 (Implementation) planning and seek consideration of a representative from each municipality to sit at their respective local CSWB Table.

Summary: As per the approved work plan of Avail Consulting/ K.Manners Consulting, the formation of the Local CSWB Tables is scheduled to take place in the Fall of 2021. This briefing note is to provide information for municipalities to help support their decision-making process.

Background Information:

During the Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan development (Phase 1), the need for local CSWB Tables in each geographical municipal grouping (GMG) emerged. We are now in the implementation phase (Phase 2), and we are looking to form the Local CSWB Table in each GMG. The Local CSWB Planning Table(s) purpose is to lead the local implementation of the CSWB plan. The table will consist of stakeholders and those with lived / living experience with experience and expertise in each of the eight areas of risk being addressed throughout Simcoe County. Albeit the areas of risk identified in the local Plan(s) will be the primary focus for the Local Table(s), the Local CSWB Tables' strategies may be done in partnership with other GMGs that are working on the same area of risk. The actions and implementation details may differ, considering local needs and nuances respective to the municipalities.

Considerations:

1. CSWB Plans are locally-led Plans under the accountability of the municipalities
2. The proposed municipal representative will be the local link to the work happening at the CSWB Table
3. The proposed municipal representative will support the municipal representative that sits on the Geographical Municipal Coordinating Committee (GMCC) in any reporting to Council or the Ministry (if requested)
4. The time commitment of a local municipal representative is estimated to be 2-3 hours (max) per month
5. Local CSWB Table is currently scheduled to meet 3 – 4 times per year (approx. 2-hour meetings)
6. One of the areas of focus this year for CSWB is capacity building

Recommendations:

1. When and where possible, municipalities support sending a representative to participate on the Local CSWB Table
2. If municipalities are in favour of sending representation, consideration may be given to someone from Library Services, Access/Information Services, or Recreation/Programming, or any other person that has a direct connection with residents in the community
3. If the municipalities choose not to send or are unable to identify a representative to sit at the Local CSWB Table, then it is suggested that the GMCC representative will field any follow-up information or activity if necessary



NVCA October 2021 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: November 26, 2021, held virtually.

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

Property Lease Renewals

NVCA renewed leases with the Friends of Utopia Gristmill and Park and Procyon Wildlife Rehabilitation.

The west portion of the Utopia Conservation Area is leased to the Friends of Utopia Gristmill and Park. The Friends are currently fundraising to support the implementation of the Utopia Conservation Area Master Plan, which includes the restoration of the historic gristmill. Since 2007, \$200,000 has been raised and invested into the restoration of the grist mill.

In early 2009, 73 acres of land within Town of New Tecumseth close was donated to NVCA. The land contains approximately 45 acres of agricultural land, wetlands, a short stretch of the Beeton Creek and a small seasonal cottage.

Since late 2009, the cottage and 15 acres of land has been leased to the Procyon Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. This lease has been renewed at \$335.92 plus HST per month with a 3% annual rent increase.

Appointment of Officers under the Conservation Authorities Act

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) recommends that "officers" be appointed in order to enforce the provisions and regulations under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

In 2012, NVCA's Board of Directors has approved that following staff positions be delegated the authority to approve permissions consistent with Board approved policies and guidelines, for a maximum period of 24 months (2 years), under Ontario Regulation 172/06:

- CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

- Director, Watershed Management Services
- Manager, Planning Services
- Supervisor, Planning Services
- Senior Regulations Technician
- Regulations Technician
- Planner III
- Planning Ecologist

As NVCA's new Manager, Planning, Ben Krul has been appointed as an officer for NVCA

Revision of Permit and Planning fees

NVCA staff developed a draft fee schedule addressing cost of living along with identified gaps. Key gaps include multiple resubmissions on large scale developments and pre-consultations. In developing the draft fees, NVCA staff considered other Conservation Authorities fee approach.

The draft fees were circulated to the development community in May 2021 and based on received comments, the proposed fees were updated. The attached tables outline the proposed changes to the 2016 fees and include:

- An aggregate 2020/2021 cost of living change to current fees.
- A design resubmission surcharge for site plans, subdivisions related to 3rd submission and subsequent submissions.
- Redline revision fees for site plans and subdivisions that include minor and major categories.
- Updated pre-consultation fees.

- Enhancement of the notes and glossary section to assist in providing clarity on fee implementation.

NVCA Board of Directors approved staff to circulate the draft fees to municipalities, agricultural comment and development industry representatives. Staff would then address any comments provided through the circulation process as appropriate, and present the final draft to the Board for approval.

Phase One of regulatory amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*

On November 5, 2020 the province introduced Bill 229 the *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act*. Schedule 6 of this bill proposed significant amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

While some amendments came into effect immediately, others were proclaimed on February 2, 2021. On October 1, 2021 the MECP proclaimed additional regulatory amendments for phase one and announced that additional amendments including phase two regulatory amendments will be proclaimed later in 2021.

Transition Plan

The Transition Plan and Agreements Regulation (O.Reg.687/21) is part of Phase One of the regulatory amendments. Key elements that will need to be addressed include:

1. Transition Plan. To be completed by December 31, 2021.
2. Inventory of Programs and Services. To be completed by February 28, 2022.
3. Consultation on Inventory and Cost Apportioning Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)
4. Conservation authorities are to submit six quarterly progress reports to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Mandatory programs and services

Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation (O.Reg. 686/21) will come into force January 1, 2022.

Mandatory Programs conducted by conservation authorities include:

- Natural Hazards,
- Conservation Lands,
- Source Protection,
- Lake Simcoe,
- Other Legislation – NBMCA and Ontario *Building Code Act*
- Prescribed in Regulation – Core Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy, Provincial Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring

These programs are eligible for general municipal levy.

There are six deliverables associated with the mandatory programs and services that have been provided a due date of December 31, 2024 to enable more time, where necessary, to complete them, including:

- Ice management plans(s),
- Natural hazard infrastructure operational management plan(s),
- Natural hazard infrastructure asset management plan(s),
- A conservation area strategy,
- A conservation land inventory, and,
- A watershed-based resource management strategy.

All other mandatory programs and services are expected to be in place by January 1, 2024.

Conservation Authorities will still have the ability to deliver non-mandatory programs and services to respond to local priorities either under agreement with municipalities who are willing to pay for that program or service, or if they are able to secure other funding (e.g. provincial grants or self-generated revenue).

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to raise its natural gas rates effective April 1, 2022, to recover costs associated with the federal government's Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act, and to recover certain related account balances and other changes.

Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to increase its rates effective April 1, 2022, to recover the costs associated with meeting its obligations under the federal government's *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*. Enbridge Gas has also applied to recover from customers the balances in the related deferral and variance accounts as well as making changes to those accounts to recognize the change from the federal Output-Based Pricing System to the provincial Emissions Performance Standards.

The *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* establishes a carbon pricing program under which a natural gas utility in Ontario, such as Enbridge Gas, is required to pay a carbon charge to the federal government for emissions from the natural gas that it delivers to its customers, and for excess emissions from the operation of Enbridge Gas's natural gas distribution system. The federal carbon charge came into effect on April 1, 2019, increased on April 1, 2020 and on April 1, 2021, and will increase again on April 1, 2022.

Enbridge Gas Inc. says that if its application is approved as filed, it will have the following bill impacts:

- A typical residential customer in the EGD rate zone (former customers of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.) will see a bill increase of \$47.81 beginning April 1, 2022. This is composed of a \$47.05 yearly bill increase arising from the 2022 carbon charges, plus a one-time charge of \$0.76, to recover the balances in the related deferral and variance accounts.
- A typical residential customer in the Union South rate zone (former customers of Union Gas Limited), will see a bill increase of \$43.41 beginning April 1, 2022. This is composed of a \$43.14 yearly bill increase from the 2022 carbon charges, plus a one-time charge of \$0.27, to recover the balances in the related deferral and variance accounts.
- A typical residential customer in the Union North rate zone (former customers of Union Gas Limited), will see a bill increase of \$43.48 beginning April 1, 2022. This is composed of a \$43.14 yearly bill increase from the 2022 carbon charges, plus a one-time charge of \$0.34, to recover the balances in the related deferral and variance accounts.

Other customers, including businesses, may be affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Enbridge Gas. During the hearing, which could be an oral or written hearing, we will question Enbridge Gas on its application. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals that have registered to participate (called intervenors) in the OEB's hearing.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review Enbridge Gas's application on the OEB's website now
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor you can ask questions about Enbridge Gas's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Enbridge Gas's request. Apply by **November 5, 2021** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2021-0209**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2021-0209** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/participate. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Enbridge Gas has applied for a written hearing. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **November 5, 2021**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 Schedule B.



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**NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A BY-LAW
BY THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
TO REGULATE LAND USE PURSUANT TO
SECTION 34(18) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAP.P.13**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Barrie has passed **By-law Number 2021-085** on Monday, October 04, 2021 pursuant to the provision of Section 34(18) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chap.P.13*.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the written and oral submissions received relating to the application, have been, on balance, taken into consideration as part of the deliberations and final decision related to the approval of the zoning by-law amendment, as amended, including matters raised in the submissions and identified within Staff Report DEV021-21.

By-law 2021-085 is **not subject to appeal** as per Section 34(19.1) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13* as it relates to additional residential unit policies.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law is provided in this Notice and the By-law is available for inspection upon request. A key map is not provided with this Notice as this is amendment applies City-wide.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

The purpose of City initiated By-law 2021-085 is to amend Zoning By-law 2009-141. The amendments to the second suite and detached accessory dwelling unit provisions in Zoning By-law 2009-141 are intended to address concerns regarding affordability and land use compatibility, while maintaining conformity with *Planning Act* requirements. The amendments to the text of Zoning By-law 2009-141 apply City-wide, and include revisions to Section 3.0 Definitions, Table 5.2 Permitted Uses (Residential Zones), Section 5.2.9 Second Suites, Section 5.3.5 Accessory Buildings and Structures, and Table 14.5.2 Permitted Uses (Neighbourhood Residential Zones). By-law 2021-085 is available on the City's website at <https://www.barrie.ca/City%20Hall/Planning-and-Development/Pages/Zoning.aspx> (File: D30-007-2021).

DATED at the City of Barrie Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk
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Barrie, Ontario L4M 4T5

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Barrie has passed **By-law Number 2021-086** on Monday, October 04, 2021 pursuant to the provision of Section 34(18) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chap.P.13*.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Barrie no later than **Wednesday, November 03, 2021** a notice of appeal setting out the appeal to the By-law and the reasons in support of the appeal. The appeal must be accompanied by the fee as prescribed by the Ontario Land Tribunal. The cheque is to be made payable to the Minister of Finance. Please consult the Ontario Land Tribunal's website (<https://olt.gov.on.ca/>) or 1-866-448-2248 for further information regarding how to file an appeal, the appeal process, and the appeal fee reduction request application.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law is provided in this Notice and the By-law is available for inspection upon request. A key map is not provided with this Notice as the amendment applies City-wide.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

The purpose of City initiated By-law 2021-086 is to amend By-law 2009-141. The amendments seek to make it easier to build more affordable housing options by permitting smaller units, making it easier to create additional dwelling units in existing multi-residential buildings, and introducing as of right permissions for accessory residential uses in conjunction with permitted institutional

uses in the Institutional (I) Zone. The amendments to the text of Zoning By-law 2009-141 apply City-wide, and include revisions to Section 3.0 Definitions, Section 4.4 Non-Conforming Uses, Section 5.2.10.1 Standards for Home Occupations, Section 5.2.11 Institutional Uses in Residential Zones, Section 5.3.3.2 c) Yard Variations (for some institutional uses in residential zones), Table 8.2 Permitted Uses (Institutional Zones), Section 8.3 Institutional Standards, in addition to deleting minimum dwelling unit size requirements throughout the By-law. By-law 2021-086 is available on the City's website at <https://www.barrie.ca/City%20Hall/Planning-and-Development/Pages/Zoning.aspx> (File: D30-007-2021).

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