

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

1. Correspondence from the Essa Public Library Board:
 - p.1 a) June 2022 Report.
 - p.5 b) July 2022 Report.
 - p.8 c) August 2022 Report.
 - p.12 d) September 2022 Report.
 - p.16 e) October 2022 Report.
 - p.20 f) October 24, 2022 – Joint Media Release, re: Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign a Success.

- p.22 2. Township of Essa Building Report – September 2022.

3. Correspondence from the County of Simcoe:
 - p.23 a) September 16, 2022 - County Report AHA-2022-229, re: Affordable Rents, House Prices, and Tracking of Secondary Suites.
 - p.31 b) September 30, 2022 – County Council Highlights – meeting held September 27, 2022.
 - p.37 c) October 17, 2022 – County Council Highlights – meeting held October 11, 2022.
 - p.16 d) October 17, 2022 – 2022/2023 Simcoe County Bursary Program Recipient – Essa Township.
 - p.47 e) November 10, 2022 – Media Release - Warming Shelters Available Throughout the Region this Winter.
 - p.49 f) November 10, 2022 – Media Release - County of Simcoe Begins Preliminary Work for New Affordable Housing in Bradford West Gwillumbury.
 - p.51 g) November 11, 2022 – County Council Highlights – meeting held November 8, 2022.
 - p.58 h) November 15, 2022 – Media Release - Record Year as LINX Transit Hits Half-Million Riders.

4. Correspondence from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA):
 - p.60 a) October 3, 2022 - Draft Budget – 2023.
 - p.76 b) November 2, 2022 – Media Release - NVCA Responds to *More Homes Built Faster Act*.
 - p.78 c) November 14, 2022 – Media Release - NVCA Looking to Raise \$10,000 in First Giving Tuesday Campaign.
 - p.80 d) November 17, 2022 – Opinion - Proposed Changes to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System a Dramatic Shift Away from Historic Wetland Protection.
 - p.82 e) NVCA’s Statement in Response to Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*.
 - p.84 f) Board Meeting Highlights – November 2022.

5. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO):
 - p.87 a) October 4, 2022 - Policy Update - Proposed Regulations Under the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, and Federal Cannabis Act Review.
 - p.90 b) October 25, 2022 – Policy Update – *More Homes Built Faster Act*.
 - p.92 c) November 2, 2022 – Policy Update - Unpacking Bill 23 – *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*.
 - p.96 d) November 17, 2022 – Policy Updated - AMO Submission on Bill 23, *Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022* Introduced – Expanding “Strong Mayor” Tools.

- p.98 e) November 30, 2022 – Policy Update - Province Responds to AMO Calls for Municipal Funding.
- p.101 6. Correspondence from the Simcoe County District School Board dated October 5, 2022, re: Barriers Contributing to the Delay of Approved Capital Projects.
- p.105 7. Resolution from the Township of Perry dated October 11, 2022, re: Resolution of Support Healthcare Connect System for Members of the Canadian Armed Forces.
- p.107 8. Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated October 25, 2022, re: More Homes Built Faster: Ontario’s Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-2023.
9. Correspondence from Ontario News:
- p.112 a) October 25, 2022 - Ontario Taking Bold Action to Build More Homes.
- p.116 b) November 9, 2022 – Province Announces 2023 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocations.
- p.119 c) November 16, 2022 – Ontario Taking Next Steps to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Tackle the Housing Supply Crisis.
- p.122 d) November 18, 2022 – Canada and Ontario Increasing Access to High-Speed Internet Service in Simcoe County.
- p.126 e) November 23, 2022 – Reducing Red Tape to Build a Stronger Ontario.
- 133 10. Correspondence from the Township of Dorion dated October 27, 2022, re: Support of Resolution – OMAFRA Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.
- p.134 11. Correspondence from the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs dated October 28, 2022, re: Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP).
- p.136 12. Correspondence from the Township of Warwick dated November 16, 2022, re: CN Railway Contribution Requirements under the *Drainage Act* and Impacts on Municipal Drain Infrastructure in Ontario.
- p.139 13. Resolution from the County of Norfolk dated November 17, 2022, re: Bill 23 “*More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*”.
14. Resolution from the Town of Aurora:
- p.141 a) November 22, 2022, re: Motion 7.1 – Mayor Mrakas – Modifications to York Regional Official Plan.
- p.143 b) November 22, 2022, re: Motion 7.2 – Mayor Mrakas – Opposition to Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*.
- p.145 15. Correspondence from the Township of Essa to the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated November 23, 2022, re: Bill 23 Concerns of Essa Township (*More Homes Built Faster Act*).
- p.147 16. Resolution from the Township of Springwater dated November 24, 2022, re: Notice of Motion regarding a Moratorium on Gravel Pits.

B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

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

None.

IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

Outcomes



A beautiful mural, "A Connection Through Life", painted by three NPSS students, Mars Halpren, Jason Lauman & Drew Dang is displayed in Angus Branch's Teen Central for all to enjoy.



Essa Public Library We love this!

One of the many ways we use library books: to inspire our art. Here, a group of peers each picked a different butterfly to draw.



More budding artists from Pine River Elementary School

A new patron from Adjala/Tosorontio asked about bringing her daughters in for library cards. She was so happy and said, *"There will be two very excited little girls coming to the library. We've heard lots of great things about the Angus Branch from their teachers!"*

A family returned the air fryer commenting that they used it many times and created many enjoyable meals. They loved it so much they bought one.

At Thornton Branch, people really appreciated having a cooling centre to come in out of the summer heat.

A Thornton patron is moving after living decades in her house. She is borrowing CD books to listen to while packing up and is grateful for them. She also said she was so thankful we remained open during the pandemic, in whatever capacity, or she's not sure she would have gotten through it.

"I haven't been in a library in years and I certainly wasn't expecting THIS!" (patron gesturing excitedly around the Angus Branch)

Two families from the Three Sisters Village Forest & Nature School visited the Angus Branch for five hours. They used the time to search books to answer questions, borrowed seeds and the Sprout Maker, along with all of the Fun Kits. They were later spotted outside enjoying lunch at the picnic tables, taste testing herbs from the garden and playing with the parachute and rubber chickens. They were having so much fun and said, *"We've found a real gem here at the Library."*

They plan to return on Tuesdays for their library day. (photo on page 4)

Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Cercel de Conversation
Virtuel: 14

Bookclub - Angus: 56
Bookclub - Thornton:
Cookbook Club: 2

Tech Learning - (in
person/phone/email)
Angus Branch: 9
Thornton Branch: 2

Outreach - Geocache
Angus Branch: 11
Thornton Branch: 4

Art Display: 1

Exams: 3:

Cards with Colleen: 22

Seniors Aging Well

Hello Sign Craft day: 6

Hello Sign craft kits giveaway:
10

Paper card craft day: 7

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future Grant & more

Pen Pal Program: 2

Community Partners

Ontario Parks Passes available:

Angus: 8 Thornton: 5

Social Media

Facebook: 12 posts
Reactions: 146
Followers: 1276

Twitter: 11 tweets
Reactions: 12
Followers: 1040

Instagram: 7 posts
Reactions: 268
Followers: 510

Youtube Views: 3066
Subscribers: 422

More

Library Zest blog posts, videos
& email campaigns: 3

Library Zest site traffic: 120

Library Zest unique visitors: 34

Simcoe Reads: 1

Makerspace: 6

Other Fun for kids

Outdoor Family Storytime: 28

Lego Club - Angus: 24

What's Up Wednesdays After
School - Angus: 37

Outreach visit to Angus
Morrison Elementary Fun Fair:
900

Virtual

Growing Together Storytime: 9

Kids

Beanstack

*1000 Books
before Kindergarten*

Active readers: 7
Books read: 109
Badges earned: 5

New Horiz ons Books
Active readers: 14
Books read: 147
Badges earned: 34

New Horizons Minutes
Active readers: 2
Minutes read: 847
Badges earned: 11

*Summer Reading Club
pre-school*
Active readers: 4
Minutes read: 221
Badges earned: 15

*Summer Reading Club
school-aged*
Active readers: 11
Minutes read: 782
Badges earned: 44

Beanstack challenges: 95

Storytime - Angus: 76

Storytime - Thornton: 47

L'Heure du Conte Bilingual: 26

Wiggles & Giggles Baby Group
- Angus: 69

Outdoor Baby Group: 42

Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	June 2021	June 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	3,510	6,802	38,536
Thornton Branch	1,299	1,287	7,987
Angus Branch Computer Use	0	204	1,040
Thornton Branch Computer Use	0	15	57
Angus Branch Wireless Use	n/a	4,963	22,039
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	n/a	1,548	13,351
eAudio & eBooks	1,224	809	6,192
TOTALS:	6,033	15,628	89,202

Circulation Analysis	June 2021	June 2022	YTD 2022
Print	3,389	5,048	30,195
Non-Print	1,302	2,921	15,869
Computer Use/Internet + Wireless	n/a	6,730	36,487
eAudio Books	290	173	1,173
eBooks	934	636	5,019
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	102	100	293
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	16	20	166

Materials Used In-Library	June 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	232	923
Thornton Branch	49	177

Online Resources & New Members

Library website visits	YTD 2022
3,164	20,452

Simcoe County Libraries App	YTD 2022
140	1,597

Digital Library visits	YTD 2022
1,903	9,068

New Members		YTD 2022
Angus Branch	85	373
Thornton Branch	1	19

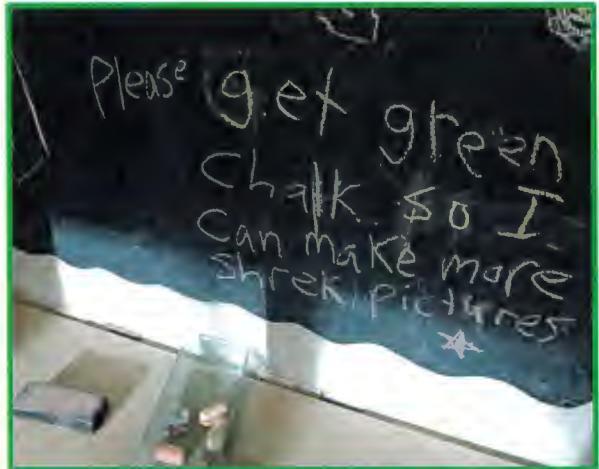
Library Highlights



Seniors Aging Well Craft session making wooden "Hello" door signs.



Families enjoying the Fun Kit Parachute & rubber chickens.



Thornton artist's request.



Essa Public Library Report: July 2022

IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT**Circulation Totals & Analysis**

CIRCULATION	July 2021	July 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	6,326	7,727	46,263
Thornton Branch	1,643	1,616	9,603
Angus Branch Computer Use	95	303	1,343
Thornton Branch Computer Use	40	42	99
Angus Branch Wireless Use	n/a	6,237	28,276
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	n/a	3,941	17,292
eAudio & eBooks	911	841	7,033
TOTALS:	9,015	20,707	109,909

Circulation Analysis	July 2021	July 2022	YTD 2022
Print	5,376	6,517	36,712
Non-Print	2,544	2,742	18,611
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	135	10,523	47,010
eAudio Books	216	172	1,345
eBooks	695	669	5,688
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	30	62	355
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	19	22	188

Materials Used In-Library	July 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	332	1,255
Thornton Branch	48	225

Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Cercel de Conversation
Virtuel: 16

Bookclub - Angus: 56

Bookclub - Thornton:

Cookbook Club: 2

Tech Learning - (in
person/phone/email)

Angus Branch: 12

Thornton Branch: 6

Outreach - Geocache

Angus Branch: 6

Thornton Branch: 3

Art Display: 1

Exams: offered

Cards with Colleen: 10

Social Media

Facebook: 8 posts

Reactions: 61

Followers: 1,290

Twitter: 4 tweets

Reactions: 21

Followers: 1,046

Instagram: 3 posts

Reactions: 111

Followers: 530

Youtube Views: 2,579

Youtube reactions: 18

Subscribers: 426

More

Library Zest blog posts, videos
& email campaigns: 0

Library Zest site traffic: 38

Library Zest unique visitors: 18

Simcoe Reads: offered

Makerspace: 12

Other Fun for kids

Summer Fun Club meetings:
196

Summer Fun contest "Spot the
dragon": 273

Summer Fun - Let's Read: 6

Lego Club - Angus: 24

TD Storywalk - offered outside
at both branches

Kids

Beanstack

New Horizons Books

Active readers: 25

Books read: 356

Badges earned: 49

New Horizons Minutes

Active readers: 11

Minutes read: 10,737

Badges earned: 38

*Summer Reading Club
pre-school*

Active readers: 6

Minutes read: 224

Badges earned: 8

*Summer Reading Club
school-aged*

Active readers: 32

Minutes read: 11,823

Badges earned: 138

Beanstack challenges: 73

Storytime - Angus: 71

Storytime - Thornton: 68

L'Heure du Conte Bilingual: 44

Ready, Set, School - Angus: 39

Toddler time - Angus: 42

Wiggles & Giggles Baby Group
- Angus: 38

Outdoor Baby Group
- Angus : 36

Seniors Aging Well

No planned programming in
July

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future Grant & more

Pen Pal Program: offered

Community Partners

Ontario Parks Passes available:

Angus: 8 Thornton: 5

Online Resources & New Members

Library website visits	YTD 2022
4,149	24,601

Simcoe County Libraries App	YTD 2022
202	1,799

Digital Library visits	YTD 2022
896	9,964

New Members		YTD 2022
Angus Branch	113	486
Thornton Branch	6	25

Library Highlights



Summer Program Assistants, Vanessa & Olyvia geared up for the Summer Reading Club. Through Beanstack, young readers are turning into Library Champions.



"Thank you!! My daughter was very excited and she proudly displayed it in our front garden!"



The Library gardens are alive with colour this summer.



Essa Public Library Report: August 2022

IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT**Circulation Totals & Analysis**

CIRCULATION	Aug. 2021	Aug. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	7,070	8,630	54,893
Thornton Branch	1,882	1,628	11,231
Angus Branch Computer Use	122	316	1,659
Thornton Branch Computer Use	41	36	135
Angus Branch Wireless Use	n/a	n/a	28,276
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	n/a	n/a	17,292
eAudio & eBooks	874	822	7,855
TOTALS:	9,989	11,432	121,341

Circulation Analysis	Aug. 2021	Aug. 2022	YTD 2022
Print	5,693	7,324	44,036
Non-Print	3,188	2,826	21,437
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	163	352	47,362
eAudio Books	193	216	1,561
eBooks	681	606	6,294
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	48	85	440
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	23	23	211

Materials Used In-Library	Aug. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	433	1,688
Thornton Branch	83	308

Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Cercel de Conversation
Virtuel: 14

Bookclub - Angus:

Bookclub - Thornton:

Tech Learning - (in person/phone/email)

Angus Branch: 8

Thornton Branch: 6

Outreach - Geocache

Angus Branch: 3

Thornton Branch: 3

Art Display: display continues

Exams: 1

Cards with Colleen: 15

Beanstack: Simcoe Reads

Active readers: 2

Books read: 7

Badges earned: 10

Social Media

Facebook: 21 posts

Reactions: 233

Followers: 1,325

Twitter: 5 tweets

Reactions: 50

Followers: 1,045

Instagram: 3 posts

Reactions: 95

Followers: 546

Youtube Views: 3,016

Subscribers: 430

More

Library Zest blog posts, videos
& email campaigns: 1

Library Zest site traffic: 57

Library Zest unique visitors: 22

Simcoe Reads: offered

Makerspace: 18

Kids

Beanstack

New Horizons Books

Active readers: 25

Books read: 428

Badges earned: 50

New Horizons Minutes

Active readers: 4

Minutes read: 9,847

Badges earned: 21

1,000 Books before Kindergarten

Active readers: 11

Books read: 313

Badges earned: 12

Summer Reading Club pre-school

Active readers: 8

Minutes read: 4,466

Badges earned: 71

Summer Reading Club school-aged

Active readers: 22

Minutes read: 15,197

Badges earned: 115

Beanstack challenges: 104

Family Storytime - Angus: 40

Thornton: 57

L'Heure du Conte Bilingual:
offered

Ready, Set, School - Angus: 40

Toddler time - Angus: 32

Wiggles & Giggles Baby Group -
Angus: 22

Outdoor Baby Group - Angus : 23

Seniors Aging Well

Macrame Workshop - Angus: 9

Macrame Workshop - Thornton:
3

**Young Adults - Unleash
Your Future Grant & more**

Pen Pal Program: offered

Community Partners

Ontario Parks Passes
available: Angus: 8 Thornton: 5

Buddy Up - Angus: 26

Other Fun for kids

Summer Fun Club meetings: 176

Summer Fun Challenge - Angus:
175

Thornton: 54

Summer Fun - Let's Read: 12

Lego Club - Angus: 8

TD Storywalk - offered outside at
both branches

Family Fun Night - Angus: 300+

Online Resources & New Members

Library website visits	YTD 2022
3,758	28,359

Simcoe County Libraries App	YTD 2022
240	2,039

Digital Library visits	YTD 2022
984	10,948

New Members		YTD 2022
Angus Branch	98	584
Thornton Branch	9	34

Library Highlights

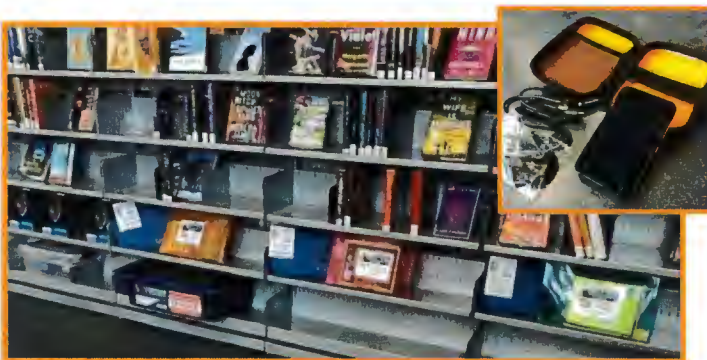
Seniors Aging Well Macrame course.



Enjoying the Storywalk.



A Summer Reading Club winner uses her Ripley's Aquarium prize to share her visit with us.



New Adult Maker Kit area.

More Library Highlights



Family Fun Night at the Angus Branch was such a great event!

Families celebrated being together with outdoor games, face painting, Lucy's Petting Zoo, Essa Fire Truck, Starbucks drinks & snacks, hotdogs & Freezies. All proceeds supported EPL.





Essa Public Library Report: September 2022

IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

Outcomes



"Thank you so much for helping Alanna with the bunny she was making with the 3D printer. She enjoyed her time at the library today!"



On September 29th, the dedication of the Truth & Reconciliation Heart Garden at the Angus Branch was a unique celebration. Library staff, NPSS staff & students & guests from the community were in attendance. Hearts were placed beneath the two large symbolic feathers.

Feedback from a Cookbook Club member, *"I've had a great time getting to know you and some of the other members through the club. Thanks for hosting it."*

After adding a new patron's email to the library's eblast feature, she thought that was great and simply said, *"WOW!"*

Patrons are always happy with the interlibrary loan service... *"Excellent read! Thanks for getting this for me."*

"There are so many good books in here, I get lost."

Comment from a new patron who said, *"Everyone I talk to asks if I have been to Essa Public Library. Now I have!"*

A visitor from Cape Breton marvelled at the Angus Branch. Staying with family at Base Borden, he stopped by to check out the Library and was amazed at all we have to offer. He said *"It is great here, such a wonderful place"*

The Angus Geocache was found and they left this message in the log: *"Byl jsem tu!* Fantomas. Thanks for the cache. Greetings from a Czech geocacher. In Angus for a few weeks visiting friends and coming to the library to get some work done."*
*Byl jsem tu = I was here!

After scanning a very large document for a patron, he was surprised how fast the process was. He joked, *"I almost wish it doesn't go through so I can come back to get this great service again."*

Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Cercel de Conversation
Virtuel: 9

Bookclub - Angus: 12
Bookclub - Thornton: 4

Cookbook Club: offered

Tech Learning - (in
person/phone/email)
Angus Branch: 16
Thornton Branch: 1

Outreach - Geocache
Angus Branch: 11
Thornton Branch: offered

Art Display: 1

Exams: 3

Cards with Colleen: 24

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future Grant & more

Pen Pal Program: 2

Community Partners

Ontario Parks Passes available:

Angus: 8 Thornton: 5

Thornton Home-School Group: 42

Angus Farmers' Market (Library
booth): 80

Tim Hortons Smile Cookie
campaign: \$5,209.44 proceeds to
Thornton Branch.

Buddy Up - Angus: 4

Hunger for Hope Indigenous Barrie
Food Pantry donations collected.

Truth & Reconciliation Heart
Garden ceremony with NPSS.

Social Media

Facebook: 19 posts
Reactions: 179
Followers: 1,346

Twitter: 2 tweets
Reactions: 28
Followers: 1,048

Instagram: 13 posts
Reactions: 218
Followers: 558

Youtube Views: 4,144
Subscribers: 445

More

Library Zest blog posts, videos
& email campaigns: 1

Library Zest site traffic: 55

Library Zest unique visitors: 33

Simcoe Reads: 39

Makerspace: 6

Other Fun for kids

More Kids' Fall Programs starting in October!

Lego Club - Angus

What's Up Wednesdays After
School - Angus

Growing Together Storytime

Wiggles & Giggles Baby Group
- Angus

Kids

Beanstack

*1000 Books
before Kindergarten*

Active readers: 2

Books read: 14

Badges earned: 0

New Horizons Books

Active readers: 12

Books read: 74

Badges earned: 8

New Horizons Minutes

Active readers: 2

Minutes read: 2,015

Badges earned: 5

Fall into Reading 2022

Active readers: 2

Minutes read: 135

Badges earned: 7

Pride 365 Reading List

Active readers: 1

Books read: 0

Badges earned: 1

Beanstack challenges: 95

Kids' Fall Programs starting in October!

Storytime - Angus

Storytime - Thornton

L'Heure du Conte Bilingual

Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	Sept. 2021	Sept. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	7,054	6,939	45,475
Thornton Branch	1,383	1,217	9,204
Angus Branch Computer Use	212	292	1,332
Thornton Branch Computer Use	15	41	98
Angus Branch Wireless Use	n/a	4,666 (Aug. 2022)	26,705
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	n/a	10,066 (Aug. 2022)	23,417
eAudio & eBooks	772	745	6,937
TOTALS:	9,436	23,966	113,168

Circulation Analysis	Sept. 2021	Sept. 2022	YTD 2022
Print	5,308	5,441	35,636
Non-Print	3,044	2,630	18,499
Computer Use/Internet + Wireless	227	15,065	51,552
eAudio Books	168	181	1,354
eBooks	604	564	5,583
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	44	47	340
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	41	38	204

Materials Used In-Library	Sept. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	295	1,218
Thornton Branch	59	236

Online Resources & New Members

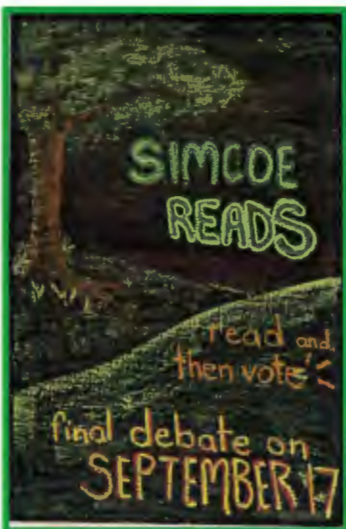
Library website visits	YTD 2022
3,418	23,870

Simcoe County Libraries App	YTD 2022
250	1,847

Digital Library visits	YTD 2022
1,023	10,091

New Members		YTD 2022
Angus Branch	136	509
Thornton Branch	3	322

Library Highlights



Simcoe Reads 2022 was held September 17th and Essa Public Library won for the third year in a row. Thanks to Krista White, who championed the book, *Washington Black* written by Esi Edugyan. Kudos to Emily Nakeff who did a dynamite job of hosting. It is an exceptional program and event to be a part of. Every book and champion were worthy contenders. The plaque remains in Essa for one more year.



Essa Public Library Report: October 2022

IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

Outcomes



Manager, Scott Bialo, Cookstown & Thornton's Tim Hortons presents \$5,029.44 to Thornton Branch from the 2022 Smile Cookie Campaign to Essa Public Library's CEO Laura Wark.



Essalicious was a great community collaborative event. Delicious & entertaining evening!



Ontario Public Library Week

We asked on social media, "What is your favourite thing about Essa Public Library?" These are some of the replies:

"The staff are so warm and caring. Not just professionally and all encompassing, but personally embracing as common intellectuals, empathetic and naturally bondable personas. In short, lovely people I enjoy knowing and look forward to talking to. A true blessing enriching thisTownship."

"The programs available! Whether virtual or in person this library provided a great space for everyone especially during the pandemic. The programs for babies and kids have been so beneficial for my son over the past 4 years. We love visiting and seeing the friendly staff too!" "I came to say the same thing! The amount of programs is unreal."

"They do so much for the community, it's truly amazing."

"Everything: staff, volunteers, programs offered, set up of the library, online trivia. Especially how much was offered during the pandemic including online trivia and book bundles."

"How welcoming they are and the amount of programs."

"My kids love the tunnel at Angus Branch, the Kids Room and the Maker Kits."

Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Cercel de Conversation
Virtuel: 20

Bookclub - Angus: 8
Bookclub - Thornton: 7

Tech Learning - (in person/phone/email)
Angus Branch: 10
Thornton Branch: 4

Outreach - Geocache
Angus Branch: 3
Thornton Branch: 3

Art Display continues at Angus.

Exams: 2

Cards with Colleen: 12

Simcoe Author Reads - Michael
Christie (book: Greenwood): 27

Essalicious event - Angus: 51

Social Media

Facebook: 33 posts
Reactions: 249
Followers: 1,547

Twitter: 15 tweets
Reactions: 49
Followers: 1,052

Instagram: 7 posts
Reactions: 108
Followers: 569

Youtube Views: 6,834
Subscribers: 465

More

Library Zest blog posts,
videos & email campaigns: 0

Library Zest site traffic: 19

Library Zest unique visitors: 19

Simcoe Reads:

Makerspace: 7

Tweens

HalloTween Trivia - Angus: 10

Other Fun for kids

Lego Club - Angus: 31

What's Up Wednesdays After
School - Angus: 30

P.A. Day Movie (Bad Guys)
Angus: 20

Growing Together Indigenous
Storytelling Circle: 10

Kids

Beanstack

*1000 Books
before Kindergarten*

Active readers: 3
Books read: 57
Badges earned: 3

New Horizons Books

Active readers: 12
Books read: 82
Badges earned: 5

New Horizons Minutes

Active readers: 1
Minutes read: 10
Badges earned: 3

Fall into Reading 2022

Active readers: 4
Minutes read: 784
Badges earned: 18

Pride 365 Reading List

Active readers: offered
Books read: --
Badges earned: --

Beanstack challenges: 86

Storytime - Angus: 66

Storytime - Thornton: 38

Toddler Time - Angus: 52

Wiggles & Giggles Baby Group
- Angus: 59

L'Heure du Conte Bilingual: 36

Teeny Halloweeny-Angus: 120

Trick or Treaters - Thornton: 9

Fall Reading Challenge -
Angus: 4 Thornton: 3

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future Grant & more

Pen Pal Program: 2

Seniors Aging Well

Happy, Healthy and Mindful
Series for Seniors - Angus: 29

Community Partners

Ontario Parks Passes available:
Angus: 8 Thornton: 5

Thornton Home-School Group: 27

CBC Corner Digital Resource
starts on website.

Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	Oct. 2021	Oct. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	7,210	6,692	52,167
Thornton Branch	1,408	1,320	10,524
Angus Branch Computer Use	163	261	1,593
Thornton Branch Computer Use	5	19	117
Angus Branch Wireless Use September & October	129	4,737 + 4,461	35,903
Thornton Branch Wireless Use September & October	124	9,284 + 2,479	35,180
eAudio & eBooks	830	755	7,692
TOTALS:	9,869	30,008	143,176

Circulation Analysis	Oct. 2021	Oct. 2022	YTD 2022
Print	5,590	6,496	42,132
Non-Print	2,952	1,447	19,946
Computer Use/Internet + Wireless	421	21,241	72,793
eAudio Books	213	188	1,542
eBooks	617	567	6,150
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	45	41	381
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	31	28	232

Materials Used In-Library	Oct. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	250	1,468
Thornton Branch	39	275

Online Resources & New Members

Library website visits	YTD 2022
3,345	27,215

Simcoe County Libraries App	YTD 2022
218	2,065

Digital Library visits	YTD 2022
862	10,953

New Members		YTD 2022
Angus Branch	100	609
Thornton Branch	1	323

Library Highlights

TEENY HALLOWEENY

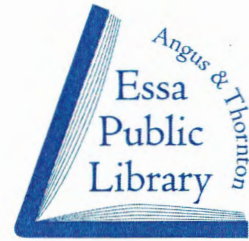


EPL hosted little dragons, super heroes, firefighters & more for a morning full of Halloween treats.





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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TIM HORTONS' SMILE COOKIE CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

INNISFIL, (October 24, 2022) – Thank you to local Tim Hortons restaurant owners and millions of generous Canadians across the country who supported the Smile Cookie campaign raising millions for local charities.

David Blackmore, owner of the Tim Hortons located in Cookstown and Thornton along with Rachana & Amit Seth, owners of the Tim Hortons located in the Tanger Outlets in Cookstown, joined forces and raised \$10,418 through the sale of Smile Cookies. The funds will be distributed equally to support the Innisfil ideaLAB & Library & Essa Public Library.

"We are so appreciative of the support in the community , thank you to every single person who purchased Smile Cookies in the 2022 Smile Cookie campaign," said Laura Wark, CEO of Essa Public Library.

"We are so grateful to the teams at all Tim Hortons locations, and thank you to the Smile Cookie lovers for supporting local community initiative," said Deputy CEO Susan Baues of Innisfil ideaLAB & Library.

All of the proceeds will go directly to programs and services at the Innisfil ideaLAB & Library and the Essa Public Library, Thornton Branch.

"We were thrilled last year to set a new Smile Cookie record by raising more than \$12 million during the week-long campaign. And thanks to the dedication and passion of the Tim Hortons community, we were able to raise over \$15 million this year! With 100 per cent of all proceeds donated to local charities and community groups right in your neighbourhoods," said Axel Schwan, President of Tim Hortons.

"I could not be prouder of what we've accomplished together with Tim Hortons restaurant owners, their team members and volunteers, and Tims guests. Our Smile Cookie campaign has grown from its humble roots as local fundraiser in Hamilton in 1996 into something incredibly special that touches so many lives."

Smile Cookie Campaign Facts

- Nationally, Tim Hortons restaurant owners support over 625 local charities, hospitals and community programs through the Smile Cookie campaign.
- Visit TimHortons.ca/smile-cookie for a list of local charities benefiting from the Smile Cookie campaign.

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Current

Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	35	183	\$3,850,000.00	\$22,338,561.00	\$51,054.27	\$191,767.24
Commercial	3	12	\$89,000.00	\$2,652,700.00	\$1,303.65	\$10,291.14
Industrial		2		\$215,000.00		\$3,297.00
Institutional		3		\$270,000.00		\$797.35
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural	1	9	\$200,000.00	\$838,010.00	\$814.63	\$5,016.97
TOTAL	39	209	\$4,139,000.00	\$ 26,314,271.00	\$53,172.55	\$ 211,169.70

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Y.O.Y.	19	289	\$2,770,422.00	\$ 33,152,610.00	\$13,923.55	\$ 258,563.36	-18.33%
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

Dwelling Units Created

Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	10	35	\$3,180,000.00	\$15,427,174.00
Mult Res Bldgs	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg	0	0	\$ -	\$0.00
TOTAL	10	35	\$3,180,000.00	\$15,427,174.00



Reviewed by CBO Pedro Granes

Y.O.Y.	0	49	\$ -	\$ 16,504,750.00
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To: **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**

Agenda Section: Matters for Consideration
Division: Social and Community Services
Department: Social Housing

Item Number: **AHA - 2022-229**

Meeting Date: September 16, 2022

Subject: Affordable Rents, House Prices, and Tracking of Secondary Suites

Recommendation

That Item AHA 2022-229, dated September 16, 2022, regarding Affordable Rents, House Prices, and Tracking of Secondary Suites, be received; and

That changes to the tracking of unfunded secondary suites under Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy (Strategy), as outlined in Item AHA 2022-229, be approved.

Executive Summary

The Strategy aims to create a minimum of 2,685 new affordable housing units from 2014-2024. Units will be achieved through a mix of new development, rent supplements/housing allowances, affordable homeownership, and secondary suites.

Tracking and reporting progress is required under the Housing Services Act, 2011. To track the course of new units, a set of approved definitions for affordable rents and house prices was established. The approved definitions are attached for reference as Schedule 1 to Item AHA 2022-229.

Item AHA 2022-229 provides updated affordable rent and house price information as well as a recommendation to revise the discount rate applied to secondary suites created without government funding for the purpose of tracking units under Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy. It is recommended that effective January 1, 2022, unfunded secondary suites no longer count towards the targets achieved under the Strategy.

Background/Analysis/Options

Average Market Rents

In general, under federal-provincial funding programs, units typically must achieve rents at or below Average Market Rent (AMR), as determined by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), to be deemed affordable. Average Market Rents (AMRs) are established through CMHCs rental market survey, which is conducted each fall and publishes data for five areas in the County, including Barrie, Collingwood, Midland, New Tecumseth/Alliston, and Orillia. The rents established for these areas are then used as a proxy for other municipalities in close geographic proximity.

The current CMHC AMRs are shown in the table below.

APARTMENTS (RENT PER MONTH)	BACHELOR	1 BEDROOM	2 BEDROOM	3 + BEDROOM
BARRIE, ESSA, INNISFIL, SPRINGWATER	\$979	\$1,286	\$1,502	\$1,592
BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY, NEW TECUMSETH, ADJALA- TOSORONTIO	\$1,083	\$1,027	\$1,274	*\$1,539
COLLINGWOOD, WASAGA BEACH, CLEARVIEW	*\$880	\$1,132	\$1,229	*\$1,539
MIDLAND, PENETANGUISHEN E, TAY, TINY	*\$880	\$996	\$1,177	*\$1,539
ORILLIA, ORO- MEDONTE, RAMARA, SEVERN	\$776	\$1,057	\$1,177	\$1,471

*In the absence of reliable subzone CMHC data Table 1.1.2 – substitute with PPS Tables 1 and 4. Average Rent by Bedroom - County of Simcoe (October 2021)

In some cases, approved alternate rents may be used, for example, in the rent supplement programs. Alternate AMRs are achieved through local average market rent surveys conducted by County staff and a formal request to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for approval. Approved AMRs vary between programs in alignment with each program's respective funding directives, application processes, and reporting requirements.

The current approved AMRs for the Investment in Affordable Housing Rent Supplement Program and Municipal Rent Subsidy Program are attached as Schedule 2 to Item AHA 2022-229.

The CMHC AMRs are typically lower than local average market rent survey AMRs.

The current local Average Market Rent (AMR) Survey 2021 found the average percent difference between Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) rental rates and the advertised rents for local units was 36%.

House Prices

A chart showing the affordable house prices by municipality for 2021 is attached as Schedule 3 to Item AHA 2022-229. To clarify, this chart does not depict available inventory within the housing market, nor is it used for the down payment assistance program. It outlines what would be considered an affordable house price for the median income in that area.

Calculated Maximum House Prices unique to each member municipality, and the cities of Barrie and Orillia, are set using calculations based on several variables. Variables include median household income for the area, a 5% down payment, 5-year fixed mortgage rate, mortgage insurance, amortization rate, municipal and city property taxes, and a gross debt servicing ratio not exceeding 30%.

The Affordable House Price for each area is determined by the lower value of the Calculated Maximum House Price or 10% below the Average Resale Price for the regional area.

Since the onset of the Strategy, the County's down payment assistance program has helped to make home purchases more affordable for moderate income households. In recent years, however, rapidly rising house prices exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic have drastically inflated house prices. As there is not a large inventory of homes affordable to moderate income households within the County, participation in the down payment assistance program has diminished.

Secondary Suites

Provincial policy encourages secondary suites as an important form of affordable housing and promotes zoning by-laws allowing up to two accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on certain properties. This policy has now been legislated through the Planning Act.

The County continues to administer federal and provincial funds for the creation of secondary units under the National Housing Strategy (NHS) and the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI). Additionally, the County invests funds in its own municipally run secondary suites program that, while similar, allows for added flexibility.

In addition to secondary units created through government-funded programs, many secondary suites have been created outside government funding. Private-built secondary suites are tracked through a Municipal Liaison Group (MLG), which meets quarterly.

At the onset of the Strategy in 2014, staff projected that most privately created secondary suites would be affordable due to the smaller size of these units and lower operating costs

compared to multi-residential market rental units. Accounting for outliers, a discount rate applies to all new or legalized secondary suites created outside government funding. This discount rate has been reviewed and amended on an ongoing basis to account for changes in average market rents.

- Item AHA 15-015 (June 19, 2015) applied a discount rate of 10%, counting 90% of secondary units created.
- Item AHA 2018-010 (April 20, 2018) increased the discount rate to 30%, counting 70% of secondary units created.
- Item AHA 2020-101 (September 18, 2020) amended the discount rate to 75%, counting 25% of secondary units created.

The Local Average Market Rent Survey 2021 includes a study of secondary suites. As in previous years, the study reports a reduction in the affordability of rents. Overall, 2%, or five of the 206 secondary suites listed, were below the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Average Market Rent (AMR) for their unit size and location.

Therefore, it is recommended that, as of January 1, 2022, unfunded secondary suites are not included in the count of affordable units created towards the target under Our Community Ten Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy. To maintain reporting systems for future tracking and preserve complete data sets, staff will continue to track secondary suite creation outside government funding. New units created since January 1, 2022, however, would not count towards the approved minimum target of 2,685 if this recommendation is approved.

Despite no longer supporting the achievement of targets under the Strategy, market rent secondary suites still contribute to an increase in overall housing stock. They remain a beneficial addition to the local housing rental market.

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no financial or resource implications associated with this Item.

Relationship to Corporate Strategic Plan

Strengthen Social, Health and Educational Opportunities: Establish partnerships to identify opportunities for strengthened Human Services and Education to support improved health and well-being of our residents.

Growth Related Service Delivery: Create and strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders to support communities through the delivery of sustainable services.

Specifically, the Social and Community Services strategic initiative:

- Develop and implement a Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy

This Item is consistent with *Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy*.

Reference Documents

- AHA 2021-071 (March 19, 2021) Affordable Housing Targets Update 2020
- AHA 2021-012 (January 15, 2021) Implementation Plan – Phase 3: Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy
- AHA 2020-101 (September 18, 2020) Affordable Rents, House Prices, and Tracking of Secondary Suites
- CCW 18-442 (November 12, 2018) Ontario Renovates, Secondary Suites, Homeownership, and Operating Programs Policy Updates
- AHA 18-011 (May 18, 2018) Housing First Allocations in Simcoe County Housing Corporation New Builds
- AHA 18-010 (April 20, 2018) Secondary Suites Affordability and Marketing
- AHA 16-011 (March 18, 2016) Definitions Related to Tracking Targets on Progress – Update
- AHA 15-015 (June 19, 2015) Update on Definitions Related to Tracking Progress on Targets

Attachments

Schedule 1 – Approved Definitions

Schedule 2 – Approved Average Market Rents (AMRs) for the Investment in Affordable Housing, Rent Supplement Program, and Municipal Rent Subsidy Program

Schedule 3 – 2021 Affordable House Prices

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Approvals

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Brad Spiewak, Director, Social Housing

Greg Bishop, General Manager, Social and Community Services

Trevor Wilcox, General Manager, Corporate Performance

Mark Aitken, Chief Administrative Officer

Date

July 27, 2022

August 30, 2022

August 30, 2022

September 8, 2022

September 9, 2022

Approved Definitions Related to Tracking Progress on Targets 2016

Definition of a Unit	
<p>A unit can be a “self-contained” unit with kitchen and bathroom facilities contained within the unit and/or it may include a shared accommodation where individuals have private sleeping areas and share a kitchen, bathroom and living space. The unit is to be modest in size and amenities and is offered at or below annual Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation* (CMHC), or as otherwise set through local research, market rent for the area.</p>	
Type of Unit Counted Towards Target	Considerations
Rent Supplement / Housing Allowance	Subsidy must be available for a minimum of five years and the rent for the unit cannot exceed the annual market rent* established by CMHC, or alternate approved AMR's
New Rental Development, New Supply Built With or Without Government Funding	Rent cannot exceed the annual CMHC market rent* or alternate approved AMR's for the area at initial take up
Second Suite/Garden Suite, New Supply Built With Government Funding	Rent cannot exceed the annual CMHC market rent* or alternate approved AMR's for the area at initial take up
Second Suite/Garden Suite, New Supply Without Government Funding	No rent cap however a discount rate will apply to address exceptions
Homeownership, New Supply Built With Government Funding	Price of the house cannot exceed average annual resale* for area. These affordable homeownership units are created under the federal-provincial funding programs.
Homeownership, New Supply Built Without Government Funding	Maximum house price amounts are set uniquely for eighteen municipalities using the lower value of: calculated maximum house price based on median household income, or of regional maximum 10% below average resale price*.

*as adjusted from time to time by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

As approved under Item AHA 16-011



Investment in Affordable Housing Rent Supplement and Municipal Rent Subsidy Programs

Maximum Allowable Rents - Effective June 2021

Stratified Area	Bachelor	1 Bdrm	2 Bdrm	3+ Bdrm
BARRIE				
City of Barrie				
Town of Innisfil	\$945	\$1,325	\$1,660	\$2,195
Township of Essa				
Township of Springwater				
COLLINGWOOD				
Town of Collingwood				
Town of Wasaga Beach	\$995	\$1,365	\$1,460	\$2,060
Township of Clearview				
MIDLAND				
Town of Midland				
Town of Penetanguishene	\$820	\$1,070	\$1,380	\$1,545
Township of Tay				
Township of Tiny				
ORILLIA				
City of Orillia				
Township of Oro-Medonte	\$875	\$1,105	\$1,435	\$1,795
Township of Ramara				
Township of Severn				
ALLISTON/BRADFORD				
Town of New Tecumseth				
Town of Bradford West	\$965	\$1,340	\$1,590	\$2,285
Gwillimbury				
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio				

Household Income Limits - Effective January 1, 2022

Area	Bachelor	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4+ Bedroom
City of Barrie	\$32,000	\$41,500	\$49,000	\$58,000	\$74,500
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Town of New Tecumseth	\$48,000	\$56,500	\$63,500	\$72,000	\$78,000
Remainder of County	\$27,500	\$34,000	\$40,500	\$45,000	\$59,500

Affordable Homeownership Definition				
2021 Housing Affordability per Municipality				
Municipality	Adjusted Median Total Household Income	Maximum Affordable House Price		
		Affordable Housing Price Including 5% Downpayment	Regional Maximum (CMHC - 10% Below Average Resale Price)	Lower of Calculated House Price or Regional Maximum
Adjala-Tosorontio	\$110,070	\$440,900	\$593,879	\$440,900
Barrie	\$85,303	\$319,800	\$593,879	\$319,800
Bradford West-Gwillimbury	\$102,111	\$397,700	\$593,879	\$397,700
Clearview	\$85,976	\$326,900	\$593,879	\$326,900
Collingwood	\$70,483	\$265,000	\$593,879	\$265,000
Essa	\$95,529	\$383,600	\$593,879	\$383,600
Innisfil	\$91,448	\$352,600	\$593,879	\$352,600
Midland	\$60,090	\$218,300	\$593,879	\$218,300
New Tecumseth	\$94,155	\$369,100	\$593,879	\$369,100
Orillia	\$61,102	\$224,400	\$593,879	\$224,400
Oro-Medonte	\$104,753	\$410,300	\$593,879	\$410,300
Penetanguishene	\$65,412	\$238,600	\$593,879	\$238,600
Ramara	\$79,014	\$306,100	\$593,879	\$306,100
Severn	\$84,323	\$331,700	\$593,879	\$331,700
Springwater	\$109,008	\$429,800	\$593,879	\$429,800
Tay	\$71,382	\$272,100	\$593,879	\$272,100
Tiny	\$76,555	\$305,300	\$593,879	\$305,300
Wasaga Beach	\$68,053	\$262,200	\$593,879	\$262,200
COUNTY OF SIMCOE	\$83,754			

Sources:

1. Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-400-X2016099.
2. <http://inflationcalculator.ca/ontario/>
3. Affordable Housing Price calculated using the Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) Mortgage Affordability Calculator "http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/buho/buho_020.cfm"
4. Regional Maximum from CMHC based on data from Canadian Real Estate Board

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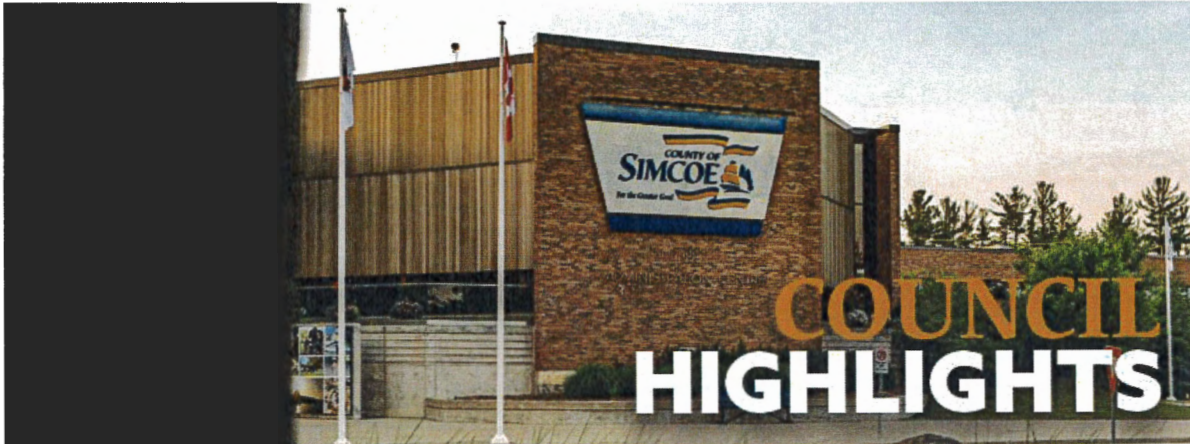
1. Consumer Price Index for 2015 is 127.4 and for 2021 is 139.5.
2. Total income refers to receipts from certain sources of all household members, before income taxes and deductions, during a specified reference period.
3. The median income of a specified group is the amount that divides the income distribution of that group into two halves, i.e., the incomes of half of the units in that group are below the median, while those of the other half are above the median. Median incomes of households are calculated for all units, whether or not they had income.
4. For the 2016 Census, the reference period is the calendar year 2015 for all income variables.
5. Data for Christian Island 30A is suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.

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The 2018-2022 Council term will be known most for responding to and supporting the recovery from COVID-19; however, County Council led and directed countless programs and initiatives that improved our communities and the lives of the residents we serve. Click on the image above to view the *2018-2022 County Council Achievements and Initiatives Report*.

Snowmobile Club Property Use Agreement

Snowmobile clubs operate over 1,000 km of groomed trails in Simcoe County. The County of Simcoe entered into a Property Use Agreement with several snowmobile clubs in 2011 to allow snowmobile trails on specified

locations of the County Road System, including the McKinnon Bridge in Minesing Wetland. The Property Use Agreement, including the 5-year renewal, expired as of December 31, 2021.

On September 27, 2022, Council approved the Warden and County Clerk to execute the Property Use Agreement with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, District 4, District 7 and Mid Ontario Snowmobile Trails to continue to use and maintain McKinnon Bridge; County Road crossings and to use other property within the County Road systems.



Click on the image above to view the 2018-2021 SMOS Final Report: *A Report on Actions*.

Letter from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, dated August 16, 2022 regarding Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy (SMOS) Final Report 2018-2021

In 2018, a multi-sectoral plan known as the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy (SMOS) was launched by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit with an aim to reduce opioid-related harms as a result of the significant growth in the rates of morbidity and mortality linked to problematic opioid use in the 10 years prior. Originally the action plan was developed with all activities wrapping up in 2020; however, in March of that year the COVID-19 global pandemic was declared. It was soon recognized that the pandemic greatly impacted people who use drugs locally, provincially and nationally. Due to this, SMOS activities continued into 2021.

The initial large spike in deaths that occurred in 2017, both in Simcoe Muskoka and provincially, stabilized in Simcoe Muskoka from 2017 to 2019; however, it increased significantly again in 2020 along with the COVID-19 pandemic, both in Simcoe Muskoka and the province. With the great need that exists, there is still much progress to be made on many of the SMOS goals and activities, and on new priority areas that have emerged since the action plan was created.

On September 13, 2022, Committee of the Whole received the final Report on Actions (2018-2021) and an update on the 2022 priorities, while an approach is developed to plan for a refreshed drug strategy.

2022/23 Ontario Renal Network Operating Funding Agreements for Trillium Manor

Trillium Manor has had agreements in place to provide Peritoneal Dialysis to residents for several years. This service has been provided in partnership with Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, the Ontario Renal Network, Cancer Care Ontario, and Ontario Health. These partnerships allow residents living in Long-Term Care homes to receive hemodialysis treatment within their home rather than at the regional dialysis centre resulting in less disruption in their daily lives and transportation costs.

The renewal agreement for this program was signed in accordance with By-law No. 6240, and on September 13, 2022, the funding agreement was received by Committee of the Whole.



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On behalf of Simcoe County Council, Warden George Cornell has once again proclaimed September 30, 2022 as "National Day for Truth and Reconciliation" (National Orange Shirt Day) in Simcoe County. The Every Child Matters flag has been flown at the County's Administration Centre in Midhurst throughout September in recognition that all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation.

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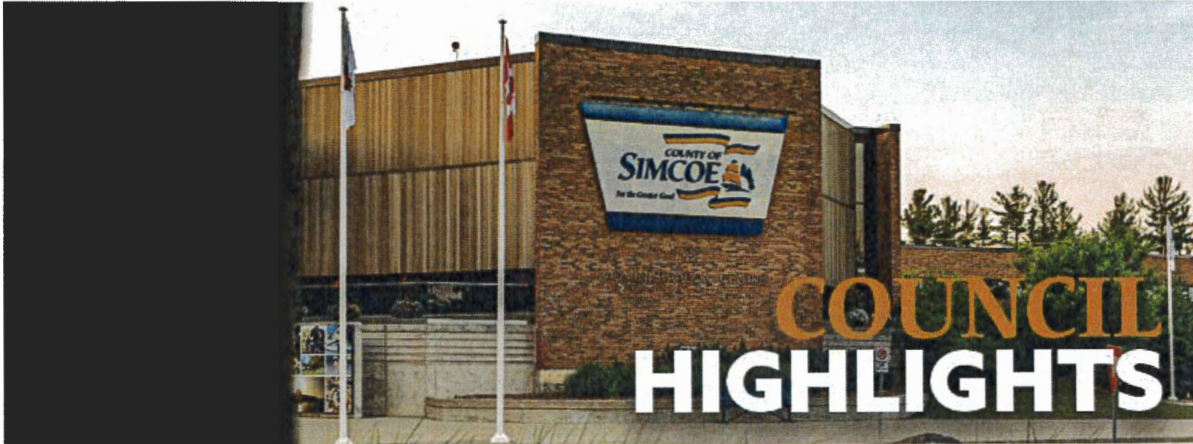


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Statement by Warden Cornell on Innisfil Tragedy

To read the Warden's full statement, click on the image above.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with our partners at the South Simcoe Police Services, our Paramedic Services team, our neighbours in the Town of Innisfil, and the loved ones and communities impacted by the tragic events of last evening. Together, as a County, we are here to support you.

Tragic incidents such as this are not common in our communities; however, this is an important reminder of how our first responders put themselves at risk each day to protect and serve our communities and residents.



To read the final report on the survey results, click on the image above.

Carts and Waste Management Survey Results

Prior to the implementation of automated cart collection in November 2021, staff had committed to undertaking a survey to gauge public response to carts. A professional market research and consulting company, Malatest, was retained through a competitive procurement process to develop and undertake the survey, analyze data and provide a final report.

On October 11, 2022, Council received the results of an extensive public survey that was conducted in June 2022. The County of Simcoe conducted and received 5,650 responses regarding residential waste collection and disposal services. Eighty-eight per cent of survey participants reported that they are either satisfied or very satisfied with the new automated cart collection. Eighty-two per cent of participants indicated that they are either satisfied or very satisfied with the County's waste disposal sites (landfills and transfer centres).

Prior to the move to automated cart collection, labour shortages were leading to significant delays in service. The County is pleased with the restoration of collection consistency after moving to a four day collection schedule under the new automated collection program.



Simcoe Village Campus Project Update

On June 14, 2022 the County received written communication from the Long-Term Care Capital Development Division of the Ministry of Long-Term Care that Preliminary Design Plans for the Simcoe Manor and Village Project have been approved. As of September 7, the next steps moving forward consist of Ministry detailed design approval, site plan approval, building permit application and continued site preparation processes including earthworks.

On October 11, 2022, Council received an updated report on the Simcoe Village Campus project, including a presentation. Information was provided on project planning and approvals, key construction milestones and project schedule, design development, communications, working group meetings and fundraising. This initial site preparation phase is expected to be completed in mid-2023, building construction will begin shortly after with occupancy for the long-term care home, Village Centre, and Supportive Housing components anticipated for mid-2025. For details on the project, visit www.simcoe.ca/SimcoeVillageRedevelopment.

Winter Warming Programs 2022-2023

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, warming centres originated from community-based collaborations and initiatives, operated and funded outside the system of homelessness prevention services and support administered by the County of Simcoe. However, in consideration of the reduced operating capacity in homeless shelter settings required by public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, Social Services Relief Funding was used during the pandemic to address warming needs for unsheltered homeless individuals.

In May 2022, County of Simcoe Council approved the allocation of \$100,000 from pandemic-specific Social Services Relief Fund funding to assist communities in Simcoe County response to warming centre needs on a one-time basis during winter 2022-23.

On October 11, 2022, Council received a report on Winter Warming Programs for Winter 2022-23. Two proposals were received as of the submission deadline of August 11, 2022, one for warming centre operations in the City of Barrie and one for warming centre operations in the City of Orillia. Although there were no submissions received for warming centre operations in Alliston (South Simcoe), Collingwood (South Georgian Bay) or Midland (North Simcoe), shelter operators in these communities enhanced their services to address warming needs within their operations during winter 2021-2022. In consideration of the anticipated increased demand for shelter services as the colder weather approaches, County staff is actively engaged with funded shelter operators and other key stakeholders in South Simcoe, Collingwood and Midland to identify funding requirements to support warming centre operations. The County is working with our community partners towards having warming centres open in the communities identified above before winter arrives.



Museum Acquisition of 1911 Tudhope-Everitt Car

County staff were contacted recently with an opportunity to purchase a 1911 Tudhope-Everitt car. This car was made at the Tudhope factory in Orillia, using the Everitt design for the bulk of components. Of these cars assembled, only 4 cars are accounted for – two 1911 models, and two 1912 models. The other 1911 model is part of the Burnaby Village Museum collection in British Columbia. The Tudhope-Everitt has been described as “the most completely Canadian car, with more Canadian-made components than any other”.

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On October 11, 2022, Council approved the acquisition of the 1911 Tudhope-Everitt Car for the Simcoe County Museum Collection using museum reserve funding.



The Hospice Palliative Care flag flying at the County Administration Centre in Midhurst to commemorate World Hospice and Palliative Care Day on October 7.

Simcoe County Hospice Alliance Funding Request

On May 24, 2022, the Simcoe County Hospice Alliance submitted a written request to the Warden asking County Council to consider continuing with capital funding support to this group for an additional five-year period from 2021-2025. This request was approved in the amount of \$500K per year for a total of \$2.5 million over the newly recommended term.

On October 7, 2022, County Councillor and Chair of the Human Services Committee, Rob Keffer and General Manager of Health and Emergency Services, Jane Sinclair celebrated presented World Hospice and Palliative Care Day with our Hospice Alliance partners. During this event, Councillor Keffer raised a symbolic flag and presented the Alliance with a cheque for \$1 million representing allocations for the first two (2) years of this five (5) year funding commitment (2021 and 2022).

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September 27, 2022

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From: Bursary <Bursary@simcoe.ca>
Sent: October 17, 2022 1:48 PM
To: Lisa Lehr; Athena Piskopos; Krista Pascoe
Subject: 2022/2023 Simcoe County Bursary Program Recipient – Essa Township

Good Afternoon,

We are pleased to provide an update on the Simcoe County Bursary Program. This year, the Bursary Program received a record number of applications across all municipalities in Simcoe County. The Bursary Committee met in September, and through an anonymous review and selection process of applications, have selected 21 recipients to be awarded a bursary in the amount of \$3000. The County also partnered with Georgian College this year who agreed to match the \$3000 award for any recipients enrolled at Georgian College.

For your information, your resident **Nicholas Steinhauser** has been selected by the Bursary Committee to receive a Simcoe County Bursary award and have been notified as such. In submitting their application, applicants have agreed to have their name posted publicly on your website and/or an upcoming agenda should you wish to do so.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to sharing details about the 2023/2024 Bursary Program!

Regards,

Clerks Department**Simcoe County Bursary Program**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Warming shelters available throughout the region this winter

County works with area partners to keep people safe and warm during coldest nights

Midhurst/November 10, 2022 – The County of Simcoe is working with municipalities, area shelters and community partners to keep people warm, safe and connected to services throughout the winter months.

Warming centres will be available in Barrie, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Collingwood, and Orillia this winter on nights where Environment Canada predicts overnight temperatures to fall below -15°C for at least two hours. We are currently working with shelters based in Alliston and Midland to ensure winter warming is available.

In collaboration with community partners and homeless shelter providers, overnight warming services, daytime drop-in services and overnight respite beds at many locations throughout Simcoe County will provide additional choices for individuals opting not to access shelter programs. **Drop-in programs and overnight respite warming programs do not require individuals to enter the shelter program.**

The County also supports vital community street outreach initiatives and programs to reach people in need and encourage them to come indoors or to connect them with shelter-system services.

“We’re pleased to announce that an entire year of work and planning by our staff and partners has paid off, and warming centre locations will be open across the region this winter,” said Warden George Cornell. “Prior to 2022, the County did not specifically fund warming centre locations within our communities as it was not in the County’s mandate. However, we are happy to assist with this important service in 2022 and for 2023 through one-time pandemic-specific funding and expanding our supports.”

Status update – temporary shelter

In addition to warming centre locations, in December, the County expects to have increased shelter capacity across the region during the winter months by 50 beds. This includes a temporary shelter building in Barrie, which will be operational once final permits/approvals are provided by the City of Barrie in the coming weeks. There is currently space in the shelter system. Should the capacity be filled prior to the new temporary shelter being operational, the County has increased the system’s use of the motel voucher program to ensure that anyone who needs a bed has one available during the cold nights ahead. **There is space available.**

For residents seeking temporary indoor warmth, shelter or support resources, please visit simcoe.ca/findshelter for a full list of area shelters and support resources. For access to shelter services, call 2-1-1 for assistance or contact the shelter in your community directly.

About the Simcoe County Shelter System

While the shelter system is publically funded through the County, local shelters are not operated by the public sector. Private and not-for-profit shelters in Simcoe County include:

- Elizabeth Fry Society, *servicing women and gender diverse individuals* – Barrie
- La Maison Rosewood Shelter, *servicing women and children* – Midland
- Salvation Army Bayside Mission, *servicing men* – Barrie
- S.H.I.F.T. – Alliston (*winter sheltering*)
- The Busby Centre – Barrie
- The Busby Centre – Collingwood (*temporary winter sheltering*)
- The Guesthouse – Midland
- The Lighthouse – Orillia
- Youth Haven, *servicing youth ages 16 to 24 years old* – Barrie

For more information on the County's homelessness prevention strategy, visit simcoe.ca/findshelter.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe begins preliminary work for new affordable housing in Bradford West Gwillimbury

Midhurst/November 10, 2022 – The County of Simcoe has begun preliminary work and site preparation for the new affordable housing build in Bradford West Gwillimbury, including fencing and the addition of excavation and construction materials to the site.

"The County has made great strides towards meeting our 10-year housing target of 2,685 new affordable units by 2024 and is pleased to continue investing in Bradford West Gwillimbury," said Warden George Cornell. "We know that our communities and residents are feeling the pressures of rising costs of living and the County continues investing in our communities including this \$28.4 million investment in Bradford West Gwillimbury."

The 50-unit mixed-use building will include affordable residences for eligible families and seniors, a County of Simcoe Social and Community Services office, and ground-level community space. In addition to creating an attractive streetscape to this central location within Bradford West Gwillimbury, the building will be accessible to adjacent pedestrian walkways and local transit, and is within walking distance of the GO Transit station.

The four-storey building has been designed to complement the existing urban neighbourhood, with cost effectiveness and energy efficiency in mind. Exterior building features include a high-quality and durable panel system at the residential levels, with masonry features throughout to provide texture and visual interest.

This affordable building with modern amenities is expected to welcome new tenants upon its completion as early as 2024. As part of the County of Simcoe's *Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy*, this new building will contribute toward the County's target of creating at least 2,685 new units between 2014-2024.

The County of Simcoe is sharing information about supports being provided for a warming centre in Bradford, as well as warming centres and shelter services in communities including Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood, Midland and Orillia, to ensure those living unsheltered are able to stay warm during the coldest months of 2023.

About Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy

Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy sets out real targets and goals to create more affordable housing within communities across Simcoe County. By December 31, 2021, the County was able to report that 2,531 new units had been created since 2014, 94 per cent of the way to its overall target of creating at least 2,685 new affordable housing units across the region. The County's strategy



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continues to focus on supporting residents through maximizing funding, achieving targets, and working with area partners to create affordable housing units for residents across the County. Targets were established in 2014, and the county continues to adapt to meet growing needs, including initial collaboration to establish our next long-term strategy. More information can be found at simcoe.ca/ourahhps.

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Sent: November 14, 2022 8:29 AM
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Consent please

Sincerely,

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Subject: County Council Highlights - meeting held November 8, 2022



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 **Joint Council and Committee Meeting on November 8, 2022**. 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.

A recording of these sessions is also available for public viewing on the [County's YouTube channel](#).

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Long-Term Care and Seniors Services Staffing Recruitment and Retention

County of Simcoe Long-Term Care and Seniors Services (LTCSS) employs approximately 1,000 staff. Like all Long-Term Care providers in Ontario, the County continues to experience recruitment and retention challenges, which have been exacerbated by the global COVID pandemic.

LTCSS is seeing extraordinary turnover rates and instability in health human resource management arising from increased competition associated with unprecedented pay rates offered to healthcare workers by staffing agencies, along with competition with other healthcare organizations. This competitive market is further compounded by increased rates of lost time, with more than 50% associated with COVID restrictions and other related conditions within the work environment.

On November 8, 2022, Council received an update on the LTCSS Workforce Planning Strategy to address staffing recruitment and retention. The County has implemented several planning efforts and key initiatives to help address recruitment and retention, including: an employee survey; marketing campaigns, job fairs; an employee referral program; relocation assistance; and education, training and staff development.



On November 7, SCLIP hosted the launch of the first Francophone Immigration week celebrations at the County of Simcoe Administration Centre in Midhurst. The event highlighted the work of local Francophone agencies in supporting French-speaking immigrants in Simcoe County.

Francophone Immigration Week

In May 2021, the Federal government provided increased investment in local settlement supports facilitated by the Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership (SCLIP). New programming introduced through this opportunity included French language settlement and language training programs.

The increased funding in Francophone settlement services strengthened the LIP relationship with Francophone partners. A local Francophone Immigration working group has been established and now meets on a regular quarterly basis.

On November 8, 2022, Council received a report on Francophone Immigration Week, which is an annual event coordinated at the national level by the Fédération des communautés francophones et acadienne (FCFA) du Canada and at the provincial and territorial levels by the Francophone Immigration Networks (RIFs).

211 County of Simcoe Agreement for 2022

On June 14, 2022, the County received written communication from the Long-Term Care Capital Development Division of the Ministry of Long-Term Care that Preliminary Design Plans for the Simcoe Manor and Village Project have been approved. As of September 7, the next steps moving forward consist of Ministry detailed design approval, site plan approval, building permit application and continued site preparation processes including earthworks.

On October 11, 2022, Council received an updated report on the Simcoe Village Campus project, including a presentation. Information was provided on project planning and approvals, key construction milestones and project schedule, design development, communications, working group meetings and fundraising. This initial site preparation phase is expected to be completed in mid-2023, building construction will begin shortly after with occupancy for the long-term care home, Village Centre, and Supportive Housing components anticipated for mid-2025. For details on the project, visit www.simcoe.ca/SimcoeVillageRedevelopment.

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Bill 23 (More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022)

Overview & Considerations

The Provincial government introduced Bill 23, known as the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022. The overall stated purpose of Bill 23 is to introduce several legislative changes to increase housing supply throughout Ontario and to achieve the Province's goal of 1.5 million homes in the next 10 years.

There are many significant changes proposed including: removing all legislated planning responsibilities from Simcoe County; changes to development charges which will result in less revenue to fund the costs of growth-related infrastructure; a diminished role for conservation authorities; and changes to the natural heritage act. This will fundamentally alter the way development approval processes are conducted, natural heritage resources are protected, how growth is coordinated on a regional scale, and how growth-related capital infrastructure is paid for and by whom.

The County acknowledges and supports the Province's stated objective, however, County staff are deeply concerned that if Bill 23 is passed as currently proposed, a variety of significant unintended consequences will actually have the opposite effect and will delay or obstruct the construction of additional housing supply at the scale that is desired. A large immediate impact is the proposed removing of Housing Services as an eligible development charge. This may slow down, and even prevent critical social housing projects from being completed. If no other funding is provided by the Province to offset the revenue loss, the County will need to borrow for these projects, and this will result in a minimum 4 to 5% increase in property taxes to pay it back.

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A large graphic banner with a dark blue background. On the left, there is a stylized illustration of a sailboat on waves. The text "2023 Draft Budget Agenda and Overview" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, the website "simcoe.ca" is written in white, lowercase, sans-serif font.

Click the image above to review the current draft budget for 2023.

2023 Draft County of Simcoe Budget

On November 3, 2022, a Special Budget Meeting was held. The meeting included a staff presentation of the 2023 Draft Budget and provided Council the opportunity to review and make recommendations on the Budget. The meeting outlined the department budgets and County consolidated financials and reviewed any questions or considerations related to the budget.

The County's preliminary recommended levy increase is 2% for operating needs and 1.5% for infrastructure and asset management needs for a total increase of 3.5%. This increase is being held to half the rate of inflation despite challenges related to inflationary cost increases, supply chain impacts, rising fuel costs, insurance increases and increased service demands.

On November 8, 2022, Council approved recommendations from the Special Budget Committee of the Whole. The 2023 Draft Budget will be presented to the new Council at a Special Budget Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Subject to deliberations, direction can then be given to refer the budget to the Joint Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 24, 2023.

The 2018-2022 Council term will be known most for responding to and supporting the recovery from COVID-19; however, County Council led and directed countless programs and initiatives that improved our communities and the lives of the residents we serve. Click on the image above to view the *2018-2022 County Council Achievements and Initiatives Report*.



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Record year as LINX Transit hits half-million riders

Midhurst/November 15, 2022 – The County of Simcoe’s LINX Transit service is driving towards its best year ever, with 2022 ridership more than 50 per cent above 2021 levels. Recently, the service hit another huge milestone, surpassing 500,000 total passengers since launching this regional service in 2018.

“LINX Transit is a great asset for our communities, providing affordable, reliable and environmentally responsible transportation to economic, education, health and community hubs across Simcoe County,” said Warden George Cornell. “Reaching 500,000 riders confirms the need for public transit and is a testament to the success of LINX. I know it’s just the start, as this regional service continues to grow and evolve to meet the needs of our residents, communities and businesses.”

In 2017, County Council approved a five-year, \$5-million plan to create a regional transit service as part of the County’s Transit Implementation Plan. The County has now completed its initial five-year launch plan, launching six routes that span the County, including Route 1 from Penetanguishene/Midland to Barrie, Route 2 from Wasaga Beach to Barrie, Route 3 from Orillia to Barrie, Route 4 from Collingwood to Wasaga Beach, Route 5 from New Tecumseth to Bradford West Gwillimbury and Route 6 from Midland to Orillia.

During the pandemic, LINX Transit implemented enhanced safety precautions, providing essential transportation for many frontline workers. Throughout the pandemic ridership continued to grow across the board, including on our LINX Plus service, which provides accessible door-to-door transportation for individuals who have a disability which prevents them from being able to use the conventional LINX busses.

Routes are designed strategically to include stops at main hubs, including hospitals, educational institutions and major employment districts. This allows residents to access local services and employment opportunities throughout the county, supporting our local economy as we continue to grow.

The County is currently in the process of updating its Transportation Master Plan (TMP), which will include a transit review. Planned future growth and expansion will guide the development of a new five-year plan and ten-year plan that will continue to enhance transportation links between local municipalities.

For more information on LINX and LINX Plus Transit services, visit linx.simcoe.ca.

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Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

October 3, 2022

Township of Essa
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Dear Ms. Pascoe:

Please find the 2023 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Draft Budget Booklet at <https://www.nvca.on.ca/Shared%20Documents/NVCA%202023%20draft%20budget.pdf>. This draft budget was received and approved for circulation and input for the mandatory 30 day review period, at the September 23, 2022 NVCA Board meeting. However, given that 2022 is an election year, the NVCA has extended its commenting period to allow for the new councils to have time to review. Therefore, please forward any comments to the undersigned by February 24, 2023.

The NVCA is also pleased to include the budget companion, the 2023 Program Overview provides simple, understandable information about how our budget is allocated, what our goals and objectives are both for the current year and future year, along what has been achieved by our team. It can be found at <https://www.nvca.on.ca/Shared%20Documents/2023%20Program%20Overview.pdf>

The NVCA worked very diligently to address the impacts of rising inflation and subsequent pricing increases, combined with the uncontrollable costs of items such as insurance, without adversely impacting our member municipalities. The Township of Essa's proposed 2023 levy contribution is \$192,941.56 an increase of \$8,858.79 over 2022. The capital asset levy will be \$8,452.22 which is a reduction of \$-1,115.06 over 2022. This represents a total of \$201,393.78 contribution for 2023.

Please contact Kerry Jenkins at 705-424-1479 ext. 272 or kjenkins@nvca.on.ca if your council would like to schedule a deputation or a meeting with staff to discuss this draft budget. We believe the 2023 draft budget represents a wise investment for the long-term health of our environment, watershed, and local economy.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Doug Hevenor".

Doug Hevenor
Chief Administration Officer

Copies: NVCA Board Member, Deputy Mayor Michael Smith
Carol Traynor, Finance Manager



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2023 Draft Budget

Sheryl Flannagan | Director, Corporate Services | September 23, 2022



2023 Budget Guideline

Approved at the August 26, 2022 Board meeting

The Board of Directors approved a \$150,000 guideline for the 2023 draft budget with the following resolution:

RES: approved by consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 32-07-22-BOD regarding guidelines for the development of the 2023 NVCA draft budget be approved; and

FURTHER THAT: staff be directed to prepare a draft 2023 budget for consideration by the Board of Directors.

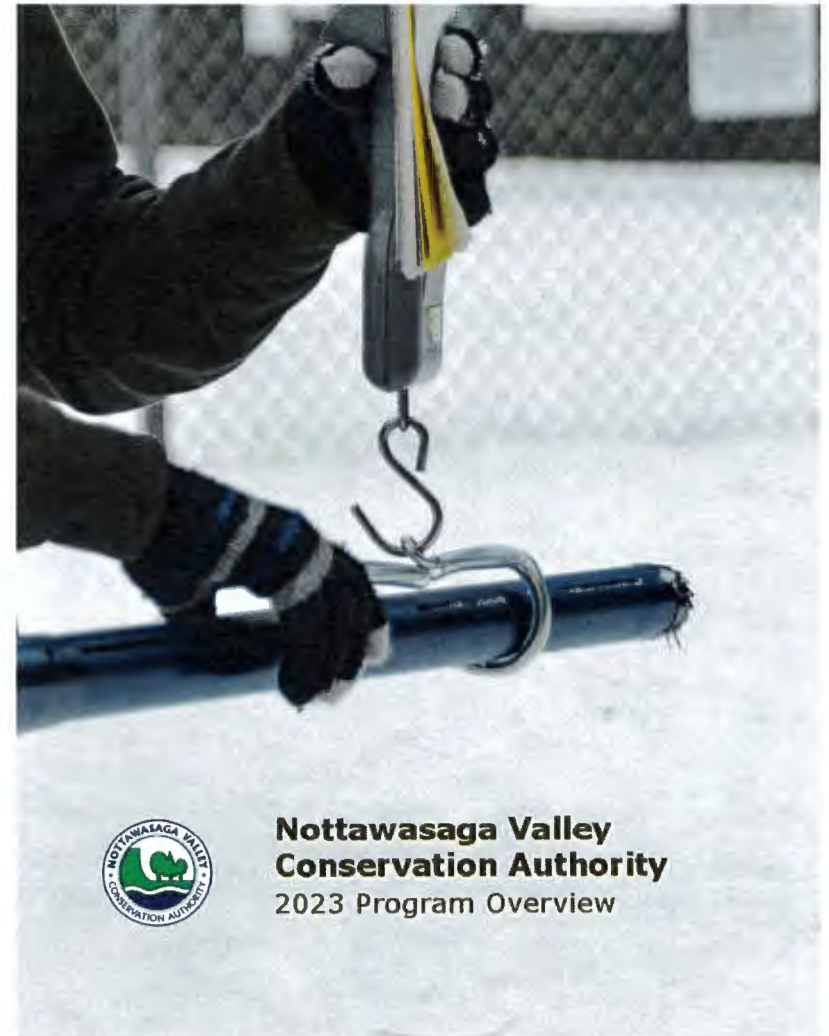
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2023 Draft Budget

2023 Program Overview

Sustaining the watershed is not our work alone. It is what we do together with municipalities, our neighbours, universities and colleges, donors, local and regional agencies, and the many other partners we work with. We need to celebrate our successes, but we also need to increase the scope, scale and intensity of our joint efforts to create a place we can be proud of and celebrate – one we can call home. For life.



- Third year for the budget companion to send with draft budget to our member municipalities
- Highlights each program
- Attachment # 2 in agenda package

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2023 Draft Budget Process

- Once approved for circulation – circulated to Municipalities for 30 day review period – longer this year due to elections
- Final Budget Vote – normally in December but will be March 2023 due to elections
- Attachment #1 in agenda package



**NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
2023 DRAFT BUDGET



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2023 Draft Budget

Budget Pressures

- The provincial transfer payment to the NVCA through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)
- Benefits, Insurance Premiums & Software support - costs not contained at the inflation rate
- Other uncontrollable costs like property taxes
- Maintenance, material & supply costs – high inflation

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2023 Draft Budget

How did we address these pressures?

Staff worked very hard to come up with a responsible budget for our municipalities:

- Look at three-year trends
- Looked at all expenditures to see where savings could be found
- Increased potential revenues wherever possible, including applying for as many grants as possible
- Staff are pleased to present a budget with an increase of \$137,048.95 to the general levy

- **Levy increase well below Board approved guideline of \$150,000**



2023 Draft Budget

Revenue Highlights

- Special Benefit Projects - increase of \$14,000
- Municipal Contributions - increase of \$32,800
- Other Provincial Sources – decrease of \$45,000
- Federal Sources – decrease of \$21,100
- Contributions – increase of \$172,560

User Fees:

- Planning –increase of \$137,500
- Education –increase of \$65,050
- Tiffin Operations – increase of \$57,100
- GIS & Technical Support – increase of \$12,500
- Investment Income – increase of \$25,000

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Expenditure Highlights

- Wages – increase of \$558,996 for 2023
- Materials & Supplies – General - increase of \$5,333
- Materials & Supplies - Cost of Trees – decrease of \$10,000
- Transportation Costs – decrease of \$6,000
- Insurance – increase of \$37,350
- Interest and Bank Charges - increase of \$11,000



2023 Draft Budget

2023 Apportionment from MNRF

Municipality	2022 CVA Apportionment Percentage	2023 CVA Apportionment Percentage	2022 Operating Levy	2023 Draft Operating Levy	\$ Increase
			2,654,593.28	\$2,791,642.23	\$137,048.95
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio	4.0630%	4.0356%	\$107,856.13	\$112,659.51	\$4,803.39
Township of Amaranth	0.2180%	0.2187%	\$5,787.01	\$6,105.32	\$318.31
City of Barrie	15.0633%	14.9139%	\$399,869.35	\$416,342.73	\$16,473.38
Town of The Blue Mountains	1.4106%	1.4358%	\$37,445.69	\$40,082.40	\$2,636.71
Bradford/West Gwillimbury	4.2679%	4.2801%	\$113,295.39	\$119,485.08	\$6,189.69
Clearview Township	4.8805%	4.9356%	\$129,557.43	\$137,784.29	\$8,226.87
Town of Collingwood	10.1972%	10.2492%	\$270,695.25	\$286,121.00	\$15,425.75
Township of Essa	6.9345%	6.9114%	\$184,082.77	\$192,941.56	\$8,858.79
Municipality of Grey Highlands	0.3387%	0.3366%	\$8,991.11	\$9,396.67	\$405.56
Town of Innisfil	7.2898%	7.2355%	\$193,514.54	\$201,989.27	\$8,474.73
Township of Melancthon	0.4735%	0.4717%	\$12,569.50	\$13,168.18	\$598.68
Town of Mono	3.7071%	3.6958%	\$98,408.43	\$103,173.51	\$4,765.09
Mulmur Township	1.6222%	1.6095%	\$43,062.81	\$44,931.48	\$1,868.67
Town of New Tecumseth	13.5961%	13.5915%	\$360,921.16	\$379,426.05	\$18,504.89
Township of Oro-Medonte	7.3879%	7.3707%	\$196,118.70	\$205,763.57	\$9,644.88
Town of Shelburne	2.0198%	2.1081%	\$53,617.48	\$58,850.61	\$5,233.13
Township of Springwater	7.4870%	7.5609%	\$198,749.40	\$211,073.28	\$12,323.88
Town of Wasaga Beach	9.0428%	9.0394%	\$240,049.56	\$252,347.71	\$12,298.15

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Asset Management Plan

Municipality	2023 CVA Apportionment %	2022 Capital Levy Contribution	2023 Capital Levy	Difference
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio	4.0356%	\$5,605.56	\$4,935.29	(\$670.27)
Township of Amaranth	0.2187%	\$300.76	\$267.46	(\$33.31)
City of Barrie	14.9139%	\$20,782.26	\$18,238.79	(\$2,543.47)
Town of The Blue Mountains	1.4358%	\$1,946.18	\$1,755.90	(\$190.29)
Bradford/West Gwillimbury	4.2801%	\$5,888.28	\$5,234.30	(\$653.98)
Clearview Township	4.9356%	\$6,733.48	\$6,035.94	(\$697.54)
Town of Collingwood	10.2492%	\$14,068.68	\$12,534.15	(\$1,534.54)
Township of Essa	6.9114%	\$9,567.28	\$8,452.22	(\$1,115.06)
Municipality of Grey Highlands	0.3366%	\$467.34	\$411.64	(\$55.70)
Town of Innisfil	7.2355%	\$10,057.54	\$8,848.58	(\$1,208.96)
Melancthon Township	0.4717%	\$653.30	\$576.86	(\$76.43)
Town of Mono	3.6958%	\$5,114.55	\$4,519.74	(\$594.81)
Mulmur Township	1.6095%	\$2,238.15	\$1,968.32	(\$269.83)
Town of New Tecumseth	13.5915%	\$18,758.01	\$16,621.58	(\$2,136.43)
Township of Oro-Medonte	7.3707%	\$10,192.81	\$9,013.92	(\$1,178.90)
Town of Shelburne	2.1081%	\$2,786.66	\$2,578.08	(\$208.58)
Township of Springwater	7.5609%	\$10,329.52	\$9,246.52	(\$1,083.00)
Town of Wasaga Beach	9.0394%	\$12,476.04	\$11,054.63	(\$1,421.41)

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Capital Requirements - \$273,300

** a number of items were deferred from 2022 so approximately \$55,000 are funds already approved in the 2022 budget and therefore already accounted for.

- Dam Safety Review for the Utopia Dam as well as repairs at New Lowell and Pretty River Dam/Dykes
- Parts replacement on lands, flood and monitoring equipment to extend life as well as replacement of some end-of-life equipment
- Computers and server upgrades and network hardware



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Impact on the resident



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Impact on the resident

By CVA – the requested increase in levy is an 0.08¢ increase per \$100K of CVA after 5 years of decline.

	Current Value Assessment	levy	NVCA Levy Cost per \$100K
2013 Budget	\$ 35,132,990,894	\$ 1,958,235	\$ 5.57
2014 Budget	\$ 38,992,233,867	\$ 2,021,877	\$ 5.19
2015 Budget	\$ 39,653,700,924	\$ 2,083,580	\$ 5.25
2016 Budget	\$ 40,417,458,712	\$ 2,147,883	\$ 5.31
2017 Budget	\$ 41,290,452,052	\$ 2,196,487	\$ 5.32
2018 Budget	\$ 43,725,112,554	\$ 2,286,443	\$ 5.23
2019 Budget	\$ 47,375,197,023	\$ 2,463,029	\$ 5.20
2020 Budget	\$ 51,064,007,647	\$ 2,529,057	\$ 4.95
2021 Budget	\$ 54,571,181,690	\$ 2,564,825	\$ 4.70
2022 Budget	\$ 55,451,010,117	\$ 2,654,593	\$ 4.78
2023 Budget	\$ 56,455,209,587	\$ 2,791,642	\$ 4.94

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Leveraging your Funds

Municipal Investment:
\$2,791,642

Other Partners Investment
\$2,896,347

Provincial

Federal

Grants

User Fees



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Total Investment: \$5,687,989

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Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NVCA responds to *More Homes Built Faster Act*

UTOPIA, Ontario (November 2, 2022) – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) has released a statement in response to Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, tabled to the legislature on October 25, 2022.

While the bill aims to reduce development planning process and fees to address housing affordability issues across the province, some of the proposed changes jeopardizes the Province's goals to protect lives and properties from natural hazards, result in longer response times and increased costs to homes.

"The NVCA Board of Directors agree that there is a housing and affordability issue in the Nottawasaga Watershed and across the province and we're fully supportive of the Province to build 1.5 million homes," said Mariane McLeod, Chair of the NVCA Board of Directors. "In building these homes, we continue to look towards our local conservation authority to keep our resident's lives and properties protected from natural hazards such as flooding and erosion. One way to do that is to allow wetlands to do their job - flood control, water filtering, groundwater recharge and discharge and provide wildlife habitat."

Wetlands are natural areas that absorb and slow floodwaters when there is a lot of rain or snowmelt, which helps to alleviate property damage and can even save lives. In the face of climate change, these wetlands are ever more important as we experience more extreme storm events.

Under the current wetland evaluation system, the Nottawasaga Watershed is home to the internationally significant Minesing Wetlands, 33 provincially significant wetlands (PSW), 34 important but non-provincially significant wetlands and several of the unevaluated wetlands that would likely become provincially significant if they were evaluated. If the new legislation is passed, the evaluation score of the Minesing Wetlands will be greatly diminished, and many wetlands, including the Mad River portion of the complex will not meet PSW status.

"The proposed changes are signaling that municipalities will be responsible for protecting people and property from natural hazards and the evaluation of wetlands," continued McLeod. "Conservation Authorities work on a watershed basis. If municipalities are directed

to take on this task, we would need to consider how development in one municipality impacts the ones adjacent or downstream of them. We just don't have the staff or expertise in water resources engineering, environmental planning and regulatory compliance for the *Conservation Authorities Act* to do that. We need to keep all hazard-related responsibilities with NVCA."

Additional proposed changes include freezing or eliminating user-pay fees for developers and looking at conservation authority lands as potential areas for housing development.

The NVCA Board Executives are looking forward to the reestablishment of the multi-stakeholder Conservation Authorities Working Group, formed to help guide the Province in its implementation of the last round of changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

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Conservation Authority

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NVCA looking to raise \$10,000 in first Giving Tuesday Campaign

UTOPIA, Ontario (November 14, 2022) – On Tuesday, November 29, 2022, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) invites the community to donate to their first Giving Tuesday campaign.

NVCA is a charity dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment. In total, there are nine departments that work together to maintain a healthy watershed and protect the land against flooding and erosion.

“We have many programs worth donating to,” states Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer of NVCA, “such as maintaining nature trails, providing environmental education, and ensuring the rivers and streams within our watershed are healthy”.

NVCA’s goal is to raise \$10,000 towards these programs. If money is tight, consider donating your time through NVCA’s volunteer opportunities.

One initiative is environmental restoration work such as tree planting and river restoration. These programs lead to healthier fish and wildlife habitat, as well as better water quality. NVCA would not be able to run these programs without the help of grants and donations!

Keeping the public safe from hazardous trees and trail maintenance have always been a priority for NVCA. Accessible boardwalks, bridges, washrooms and interpretive signage are all part of a positive visitor experience. Giving on Tuesday, November 29 will support these maintenance efforts!

In 2021, six new environmental education programs were created to offer even better learning opportunities to the youth in our watershed. By donating on Giving Tuesday, children will continue to be able to develop a sense of wonder, appreciation and respect for the natural world.

“From everyone at NVCA, we would like to thank you for your generosity,” continues Hevenor, “We are humbled by the donations and volunteer hours that have been contributed so far. Your support has allowed us to help meet your needs within our natural world. I look forward to a successful Giving Tuesday campaign to continue to do this important work.”

To donate, [please visit the Giving Tuesday website](#).

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OPINION

Proposed changes to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System a dramatic shift away from historic wetland protection

By Doug Hevenor, CAO of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

In Ontario, wetlands are very important for flood control, water filtering, groundwater recharge and discharge. When there is a lot of rain or snowmelt, wetlands absorb and slow floodwaters, helping to alleviate property damage and can even save lives. In the face of climate change, these wetlands are ever more important as we experience more extreme storm events.

Wetlands are diverse and delicate ecosystems that provide important habitats for plants and animals. These include many familiar species, such as great blue herons, turtles, muskrats and beaver.

Currently, Ontario's wetlands are scored for importance through the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System. Wetlands that receive a higher score are considered provincially significant wetlands and are heavily protected. In the Nottawasaga Watershed, these include the Minesing Wetlands, Osprey Wetlands, Wasaga Beach Wetland Complex, Midhurst Wetland Complex and Silver Creek Wetlands and Copeland-Craighurst-Guthrie Complex.

On October 25, 2022, the Ontario government proposed changes to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System in support of Bill 23, *the More Homes Built Faster Act*.

In the proposed changes, some scoring criteria have been removed from the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System, yet wetlands must still meet the same score to be considered provincially significant. This makes it much harder for wetlands to reach provincially significant wetland status, meaning that many of the wetlands have the potential to be slated for development.

Many wetlands in Ontario are grouped together in complexes – this includes wetlands big and small that are less than 750 metres apart. This is important for fish and wildlife that live in wetlands, as the entire complex makes up their habitat.

The proposed legislation changes will no longer allow wetlands to be grouped together, treating each wetland as its own entity. Smaller wetlands will most likely not meet the criteria to be provincially significant, and may be open for development.

It is important for wetland evaluations to be reviewed by arm's length agencies with an objective view. The proposed legislation is not allowing the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry or conservation authorities to review wetland evaluations, leaving this responsibility to municipalities.

If municipalities are responsible for development, as well as preserving natural heritage like wetlands, where do they find the balance? Many wetlands cross municipal boundaries. How will the different municipalities determine the level of importance for the wetland?

Ontario has legislated habitat protection laws for good reason. Since the 1970s, waterfowl populations have bounced back thanks to wetland protection. Species that did not enjoy the same habitat protection, such as grassland birds, have seen a significant decline within this same time period.

Most turtles in Ontario are endangered or species of special concern, mainly due to habitat loss. Turtles rely on wetlands for food, breeding, and hibernation. By protecting wetlands, they will continue to insects, fish and vegetation to eat, sand to lay their eggs in, and deep pools for hibernation.

Ontario's wetlands are not only important for local animals – they support migrating birds from the entire Western Hemisphere. Many of our wetlands are resting stops for migrating birds travelling north. By allowing development in our wetlands, migrating birds will have fewer resting stops and more competition for food which will make these long migrations even more challenging than they already are.

It takes generations for wetlands to become viable, sustainable and ecological communities. The removal or damage to wetlands is not easily reversible, and many species may not be able to recover from this loss.

Please join NVCA and other conservation authorities voicing our concerns by commenting on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) by November 24, 2022.

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NVCA's statement in response to Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*

In response to Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, which was announced on Tuesday, October 25th, 2022, specifically regarding Schedule 2, NVCA offers the following:

NVCA agrees that there is a housing and affordability issue in the Nottawasaga Watershed and across the province, and the Board of Directors are fully supportive of the Ontario government to build 1.5 million homes. NVCA is prepared to do our part along with the province, upper tier governments and watershed municipalities to ensure that these homes are safe from natural hazards.

However, the proposed legislation may jeopardize the Province's goals to protect lives and properties from natural hazards, result in longer response times and increased costs to homes.

For over 70 years, conservation authorities have been responsible for directing development outside of natural hazards, such as floodplains and areas prone to erosion. These watershed-based organizations also ensure development does not impact sensitive environmental areas, such as wetlands, shorelines and watercourses.

Conservation Authorities are recognized internationally to be a cost-effective solution to help solve challenging local issues on a watershed basis. When planning developments, we need to consider how development in one municipality impacts the ones adjacent or downstream of them.

In review of the proposed legislation, there appears to be inconsistency regarding protecting lives and properties from natural hazards. While conservation authorities will be able to comment on natural hazards for new developments under the *Planning Act*, there is a proposal to exempt developments that have historic *Planning Act* approvals from natural hazard permits.

In addition, conservation authorities will also be prohibited from entering into agreements with municipalities to comment on natural heritage, and select aspects of stormwater management reviews.

In the Nottawasaga Watershed, one important component of natural heritage is wetlands. They are important for flood control, water filtering, groundwater recharge and discharge and provide important fish and wildlife habitat.

Wetlands absorb excess rainwater and snowmelt, slow floodwaters helping to alleviate property damage and can even save lives. In the face of climate change, wetlands are ever more important as we experience more extreme storm events.

In addition to mitigating flooding, wetlands are intrinsically connected to larger natural heritage systems which includes other habitats like streams, rivers and forests. As

biodiversity hotspots, wetlands are home to species at risk, and provincially and regionally rare species, as well as a number of other fish, wildlife and vegetation.

The degradation of wetlands has cumulative impacts on the watershed – green infrastructure will be weakened, native plants and animals will be displaced, migration and breeding grounds will be disrupted, climate change resiliency in the watershed will be reduced.

Wetlands are currently evaluated under the Ontario Wetlands Evaluations System. In the Nottawasaga Watershed, there are 33 provincially significant wetlands (PSW), 34 important but non-provincially significant wetlands as well as approximately 80 wetlands and wetland complexes in the Nottawasaga watershed that are unevaluated, but would likely become provincially significant if they were evaluated.

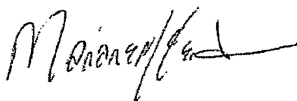
The Ontario government is proposing to change the evaluation system and redefine what PSWs are. If the new legislation is approved, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is no longer involved in evaluating wetlands. If conservation authorities also are taken out of the picture, who will oversee development around wetlands with an objective lens?

The proposed changes are signaling that municipalities will play a large role in protecting people and property from natural hazards and the evaluation of wetlands. Municipalities have neither capacity nor expertise in water resources engineering, environmental planning and regulatory compliance.

Conservation authorities have been strong partners with upper tier municipalities, who provide input and guidance on planning, including development growth, natural heritage, waste management, roads and servicing. NVCA has publicly reported that we can deliver these services efficiently without lengthening the approvals process, and have delivered them under accountable and rigorous service delivery standards.

As noted above NVCA is here to work with key stakeholders to address housing issues in the Nottawasaga Watershed. The Executive Members of NVCA’s Board of Directors recommend municipalities retain the option to enter into agreements with conservation authorities, and that the Ontario Government pause Bill 23 and continue to work with conservation authorities through the multi-stakeholder CA Working Group established in 2021.

Sincerely,



Marianne McLeod
NVCA Chair



Gail Little
NVCA Vice Chair



NVCA November 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

The December 2022 NVCA Board Meeting is cancelled

Please join us in person at the 2023 Annual General Meeting at the
Tiffin Centre for Conservation

January 27, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

8195 8th Line Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

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

2022 Third Quarter Budget Report

In the first six months of operations of NVCA, expenditures to date are tracking on schedule, with 74.9% of the budgeted expenses (75% of budget year completed).

Revenues are tracking well, with 83.76% of the budgeted revenues recognized. This includes the first 9 months of the general municipal levy of \$1,953,576.

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

1. Section 28 permits have already surpassed the budgeted number of \$255,000 sitting at \$427,208 after the first 9 months
2. Revenues are tracking higher than expenses so far this year which puts us in a surplus position.
3. There was a large payroll accrual in 2021 due to the timing of the last payroll and a larger than normal vacation accrual.

2022 Year End Surplus/Deficit Allocation

The NVCA Board of Directors approved that any deficit/surplus for 2022 will be allocated accordingly to the budget reserve.

Data Management Strategy for Planning Services Program

Currently, NVCA's Planning and Regulations staff spend significant time doing manually intensive data entry in the absence of an automated data management solution. This work includes uploading and assigning of documents, processing applications, data entry, preparing fee requests, invoices and responding to status requests. It is estimated that NVCA requires 1.5 full time staff to complete these tasks currently.

NVCA is investigating automating processes beginning with possible internal changes to the current system. If an in-house solution cannot be developed by the end of 2023, staff will be exploring software solutions that offer a full suite of software for planning, permitting and enforcement and regulatory services.

A subsequent staff report will be submitted to the board outlining the preferred data management solution. This report will also identify direct and indirect costs associated with the implementation of the solution and possible funding sources.



List of all existing NVCA programs and services fees

In April 2022, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks released a list of programs and services conservation authorities can charge fees for.

Conservation authorities must develop a written fee policy, which includes a fee schedule that lists the fees for chargeable programs and services. The fee schedule must also include the frequency that policy and schedule(s) will be reviewed, the review process, notice of the review and changes, and the circumstances under which any person may request the authority to reconsider a fee

NVCA staff have developed a draft fee policy and associated schedules that consolidates all NVCA programs and services existing user fees.

At the November 25th meeting, the Board of Directors directed staff to apply a 2% cost of living increase to all fees. The new schedule will take effect on January 1, 2023.

Overview of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and related environmental registry postings

On October 25, 2022, the Ontario government introduced the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 to support More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-23. As part of the province's Housing Supply Action Plan, the government is proposing to streamline approvals under the Conservation Authorities Act to focus on natural hazards.

NVCA published a [media release](#) and [official statement](#) on November 2, 2022.

Under the *Environmental Bill of Rights*, the government has put these proposals on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for public review and comment. Below are the ERO postings that are relevant to NVCA

[ERO Posting: 019-2927](#) – Proposed updates to the regulation governing the activities that require permits under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The changes are intended to

streamline approvals to focus on natural hazards.

[ERO Posting: 019-6141](#) – Legislative and regulatory proposals affecting conservation authorities to support the Housing Supply Action Plan 3.0. This includes a series of proposed changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and *Planning Act*.

[ERO Posting 019-6160](#) – Proposed Updates to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation Systems (OWES). The Province is proposing to add new guidance related to re-evaluation of wetlands and updates to mapping of evaluated wetland boundaries. Also, to make changes to recognize the professional opinion of wetland evaluators and the role of local decision makers (e.g. municipalities)

[ERO Posting: 019-6161](#) – Conserving Ontario's Natural Heritage. The Province has developed a discussion paper and is seeking feedback on how Ontario could offset development pressures on wetlands, woodlands, and other natural wildlife habitat. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is considering developing an offset policy that would require a net positive impact on these features and help reverse the decades-long trend of natural heritage loss in Ontario.

Please refer to the November 2022 Board Agenda for NVCA staff comments for each posting.

Inventory of Programs and Services for Submission to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

NVCA's Board of Directors received an update on the development of the new Memorandums of Understand (MOUs) relating to the Inventory of Programs and Services. The updates include:

Between October 1 and December 31, 2022, NVCA has had informal meetings with the following municipalities within our jurisdiction to present the draft inventory and to move forward MOU discussions: Township of Amaranth, Town of Mono, Town of Wasaga Beach, Town of Collingwood, Town of Innisfil,



Township of Melancthon, Township of Mulmur,
and Township of Oro-Medonte.

Many municipal partners are unclear of the changes that Bill 23 may bring forward that will need to be factored into MOUs for 2024.

Upcoming Events

Tiffin Nature Program

Geared towards pre-K and children in kindergarten, the Tiffin nature program will help children gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

Date: 6-week sessions from September 20, 2022 to June 13, 2023.

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

PA/PD Day Camp

Offered on PA/PD Days only, kids will enjoy lots of physical activity, and be mentally stimulated as they explore ever changing scenery and landscapes. They will be able to move away from excess screen time, and learn how to integrate nature into their everyday lives.

Dates: October 24, 2022, November 18, 2022, January 27, 2023, April 28, 2023, June 2, 2023

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

Homeschool Programs

Tiffin's Homeschool Program is designed for homeschool families who want to spend structured time outside to develop a sense of wonder, appreciation and respect for the natural world.

Date: One Friday a month from October 15, 2022 to June 23, 2023

Location: Various locations throughout the Nottawasaga Watershed

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POLICY UPDATE

October 4, 2022

AMO Policy Update – Proposed Regulations Under The Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, and Federal Cannabis Act Review

Proposed Regulations Under The Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has released regulatory proposals under the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022*. The legislation, given Royal Assent on September 8th, 2022, provides new authorities to the Mayors of Toronto and Ottawa, including the ability to appoint Council Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs, set Budgets, veto council bylaws if they conflict with designated provincial priorities, direct, hire and fire certain staff. Comments are due by October 13, 2022 and the regulations are proposed to be in effect by November 15, 2022.

The regulatory proposals released this week outlined the province's proposed areas of provincial priority and outline other requirements for exercising the new Head of Council powers included in the Act. The proposed [provincial priorities](#) are:

1. Building 1.5 million new residential units by 2031
2. The construction and maintenance of infrastructure to support accelerated supply and availability of housing including, but not limited to, transit, roads, utilities, and servicing

An accompanying [Minister's Regulation](#) proposal sets out many of the requirements for exercising the new Head of Council powers included in the Act. The proposed regulations require:

- that a Head of Council veto of a council decision and direction to staff must be provided in writing to the Clerk and CAO;
- that powers related to municipal organization and hiring and firing division heads can only be delegated to Council and the CAO;
- that the Head of Council propose a Budget by February 2 of each year,
 - allowing council 30 days to propose by-laws to amend the proposed Budget,
 - after which the Head of Council would have 10 days from the Council review period to veto Council amendments, and
 - Council would then have 15 days to overturn a veto with a 2/3 majority.

The Minister's Regulation proposal also extends the Head of Council's veto power to Council by-laws made under Section 2 of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*.

The AMO Board of Directors was unable to gauge support for nor evaluate the merits of the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022* at its August 2022 board meeting, and has not taken a position on the new legislation. However, the Board did come to consensus in urging strong consultation with municipal political and professional organizations and the public before the powers in the legislation are extended to municipalities beyond the City of Toronto and the City of Ottawa.

AMO also urged the government to consider carefully the powers related to hiring and firing the CAO and to remove from the Bill the ability of a Head of Council to hire and fire department heads. You can read AMO's feedback on the legislation [here](#). AMO also notes that the decision to use any of the powers contained in the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022* by the Head of Council is discretionary.

AMO members are encouraged to review the regulatory proposals on the [Ontario Regulatory Registry](#). AMO will review the regulatory proposals and AMO's Board will discuss any necessary actions related to the legislation and regulations.

Federal Cannabis Act Review

The federal government has [announced](#) a review of the Canadian *Cannabis Act*, as required by the legislation. An independent Expert Panel will provide advice to the federal Ministers of Health and Mental Health and Addictions on progress made towards achieving the Act's objectives and will help identify priority areas for improving the functioning of the legislation. The Panel's focus is broader than what is outlined in the Act and includes considerations of economic impacts and access to cannabis for medical purposes, among others.



As an initial step in the legislative review, an online engagement process has been launched. This includes a [discussion paper](#) and associated [questionnaire](#) for all Canadians, and a specific [discussion paper and feedback process](#) for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. Both consultations are open until November 21, 2022. AMO will continue our advocacy on cannabis throughout this 18-month process and will share further consultation opportunities with members as they arise.

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POLICY UPDATE

October 25, 2022

AMO Policy Update – *More Homes Built Faster Act*

Today, the government [introduced](#) the [More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022](#) which proposes significant legislative and regulatory changes that aim to advance the [province's goal](#) to increase housing supply in Ontario. It builds on the province's More Homes, More Choice Plan and the More Homes for Everyone Plan.

The *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* proposes changes to several acts including, but not limited to the *Planning Act*, *Conservation Authorities Act*, and *Development Charges Act*, in accordance with four main themes:

- building more homes
- helping homebuyers
- reducing construction costs and fees
- streamlining development approvals

AMO is encouraged to see the province focus on increasing supply, including building more affordable and purpose-built rental housing. However, we are concerned that the province is proposing to exert more centralized control over local planning decisions and limit public consultation and appeals through this Plan.

In AMO's view, the proposed changes to municipal development charges, parkland dedication levies, and community benefits charges may contradict the goal of building more housing in the long-term. Unless fully offset by funding to support growth-related projects, reductions in these fees will shift the financial burden of growth-related infrastructure onto existing municipal taxpayers.

Many of the proposed changes need to be better understood, as they seem to transfer risk from private developers to the public. At first glance these changes seem

punitive in nature – at a time where staffing shortages of planners, building officials, and skilled labour are a key factor beyond the control of municipal governments.

AMO will be reviewing the [various proposals](#) and cross-ministry initiatives included in today's announcement. We look forward to actively participating in any ongoing consultations and also hope that this work will be informed by the [Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team](#).

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POLICY UPDATE

November 2, 2022

Unpacking Bill 23 – *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*

Earlier this week [Bill 23 – *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*](#) passed Second Reading and was referred to the [Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy](#). AMO has requested to present at Committee and will submit written comments by the November 17 deadline.

Bill 23 is proceeding quickly through the legislature, which means it is likely to pass before many municipal Councils have been sworn in, and before the AMO Board can prepare a response. Given these tight timelines, AMO's responses to the legislation and regulatory and environmental registry postings associated with it will be informed by our [AMO Housing Blueprint](#) and other recent [work](#).

Bill 23 and the province's new More Homes Built Faster Plan, as proposed, will have economic, social, and environmental implications that cannot be ignored. That is why AMO is releasing a preliminary analysis as it continues to work through the complex policy changes. It focuses on the following Schedules:

- Schedule 2 – *Conservation Authorities Act*
- Schedule 3 – *Development Charges Act, 1997*
- Schedule 4 – *Municipal Act, 2001*
- Schedule 6 – *Ontario Heritage Act*
- Schedule 7 – *Ontario Land Tribunal Act, 2021*
- Schedule 9 – *Planning Act*.

Examples below are intended to illustrate AMO's early thoughts on how to approach an overarching response to Bill 23 and its related consultations. It is not intended to be exhaustive or inclusive of all proposed provisions.

Bill 23 proposes numerous changes to the *Development Charges Act* and *Planning Act* that, if passed, will significantly impact how municipal governments recover the costs associated with growth.

For example, Bill 23 proposes to exempt developers who build affordable, inclusionary zoning and select attainable housing units from paying development charges, parkland dedication fees, and community benefit charges. The bill also includes several additional changes, including reductions in costs associated with rental residential construction and changes to the method for determining development charges, amongst others.

The cumulative impact of proposed changes to municipal fees and charges is significant and contrary to the widely accepted concept that growth should pay for growth.

While AMO would like to support the province's housing objectives, it cannot support changes that largely place the burden of carrying the costs associated with development onto municipalities. AMO believes that the proposed changes may contradict the goal of building more housing in the long-term as it merely shifts the financial burden of growth-related infrastructure onto existing taxpayers.

Yesterday the AMO President sent a [letter](#) to the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, urging the province to address the funding shortfall associated with changes proposed under Bill 23. The province is expected to release its Fall Economic Statement on November 14.

While some of the proposed amendments to the *Planning Act*, *Heritage Act*, *Ontario Land Tribunal Act*, and the *Conservation Authorities Act* have merit, it is unclear how these changes will improve a community's livability (i.e., connected to core infrastructure in an integrated and coordinated way).

AMO understands the desire to reduce barriers to planning and development approvals so that housing can be built faster. That is why many municipalities have made investments to streamline and digitize their processes and are working to improve processes in response to Bill 109.

The proposed changes to increase transparency around the heritage designations and the process at the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) will require implementation by already under-resourced municipal staff. The OLT also needs to be properly resourced to eliminate the existing backlog. AMO will be looking for more clarity around what constitutes an "undue delay," and the policy intent behind having a

municipality use property tax dollars to pay the successful party's cost if its case is unsuccessful at the OLT.

A broader issue, however, is understanding what the implications are of the reduced role in land use planning proposed for some upper-tier municipalities and conservation authorities. The proposal that an upper-tier municipality could provide advice and assistance to lower-tier municipalities if there is mutual agreement is appreciated, however, the proposals (particularly in Schedule 9) could have the unintended consequence of having local planning disconnected from the servicing requirements that many upper-tier municipalities are responsible for managing and funding.

Many of the proposed amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act* in Bill 23 are concerning, as they signal a move away from environmental protection at a time when climate change impacts are being felt more at the local level.

Bill 23 proposes sweeping changes to the regulatory responsibilities of Ontario's 36 conservation authorities that, if passed, will undermine the collaborative and productive changes put forward by the Ministry led Conservation Authority Working Group over the past two years.

The proposals under Schedule 2 have raised confusion around how these changes will impact the *Conservation Authorities Act* [regulations](#) that recently came into effect. AMO is seeking further clarification to understand how these amendments will impact municipal budgets and environmental outcomes. At first glance, they seem to result in negative consequences (i.e., increased flooding, liability), at a time when the impacts of climate change are increasingly prevalent.

Another emerging area of concern is the proposal to allow pits and quarries to request official plan amendments within two years of a new official plan or secondary plan coming into effect. Finally, there are numerous environmental implications associated with the use of more land and the proposed reduction in revenues to build parkland.

Next Steps

AMO continues to work with provincial ministries to understand the proposed changes under Bill 23. In the meantime, AMO is meeting with stakeholders and our Task Forces to inform our Standing Committee submission and our responses to the relevant consultation postings. A [list of regulatory and environmental registry postings](#) has been created to show what should be prioritized.

We recognize that this is a challenging time for AMO members to provide feedback due to the recent municipal elections. If your municipality is providing comments and

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would like to share them with AMO, please contact policy@amo.on.ca. We will continue to provide further updates to members as the Bill and consultations progress.

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POLICY UPDATE

November 17, 2022

AMO Submission on Bill 23, *Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022* Introduced – Expanding “Strong Mayor” Tools

Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*

AMO was not provided an opportunity to present to the Legislature’s Standing Committee on Heritage and Culture during its review of Bill 23. The Committee heard from dozens of groups and individuals over four days of hearings. AMO was, however, invited by the Official Opposition to present its submission to interested members of the Legislature earlier today through a virtual meeting.

The [AMO submission](#), which has been shared with all MPPs acknowledges that increased housing supply and improved housing affordability is a municipal priority. The submission also urges the government to work in partnership with municipalities in order to achieve its housing goals.

The AMO submission also outlines serious problems with the Bill which was introduced without consultation with municipalities. It illustrates the cost to property taxpayers of transferring a portion of growth costs from private developers to property taxpayers. A preliminary analysis indicates the costs for Ontario’s 29 largest municipalities could be as much as \$1 billion annually between 2023 and 2031. The submission also raises serious concerns about the implications for homeowners and communities of undermining Ontario’s environmental protections.

Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022

Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister, Steve Clark, introduced new legislation yesterday which will, if passed:

- allow the appointment of provincial facilitators to assess Durham, Halton, Peel, Niagara, Waterloo, and York Regions for expanding strong mayor tools
- reappoint the existing Regional Chairs of Niagara, York, and Peel to ensure stability as the Regions work with the provincial facilitators
- allow the Mayors of Ottawa and Toronto to propose or amend certain municipal by-laws related to prescribed provincial priorities with more than one-third of a council vote and make regulations regarding this power.

The proposed legislation also repeals the *Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve Act, 2005* to allow development of that land.

In making the announcement, Minister Clark noted that provincial priorities include increasing the supply of housing. The Minister said that provincially appointed facilitators will assess the municipal governments in the designated regions to determine the best mix of roles and responsibilities between the upper and lower-tier municipalities in those regions, and ensure they are equipped to deliver on the government's commitment to build 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years.

The Minister stated that the Bill builds on the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*, and the province's Housing Supply Action Plans.

All three opposition parties sharply criticized the Bill as undermining fundamental democratic principles.

AMO has called for more consultation with municipal governments before expanding strong mayor powers. It is expected that the provincial facilitators will work with municipalities in the designated regions to gather feedback and input on these powers.

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POLICY UPDATE

November 30, 2022

Province Responds to AMO Calls for Municipal Funding

Earlier this week [Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022](#) was passed by the legislature and received royal assent, including changes to the *Development Charges Act* that will cost municipalities approximately \$1 billion annually in revenue. In response to AMO's concerns and calls for provincial infrastructure funding, Minister Clark has committed in [a letter to the President of AMO](#) to “ensuring that municipalities are kept whole for any impact to their ability to fund housing enabling infrastructure because of Bill 23.”

In addition, the province has committed to introducing legislation that, if passed, would delay the implementation of development application refund requirements set out in Bill 109 by six months, from January 1, 2023 to July 1, 2023. The delay of these measures will give municipalities more time to implement measures.

AMO is very pleased that the government recognizes the importance for municipal access to funding to support the joint provincial-municipal goal of increasing housing supply and affordability. AMO looks forward to working in partnership with the provincial government to highlight the need for additional federal investments in municipal infrastructure to both support growth and address aging assets.

AMO will continue to work with the province to better understand the amount, timing and conditions of the funding to ensure alignment with municipal realities.

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November 30, 2022

Colin Best
President
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Dear Colin Best:

I am writing to you today in the spirit of the long-standing partnership between Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Since the day our government took office, we have been steadfast in our support and empowerment of our municipal partners. Working together, Ontario has provided tens of billions of dollars in new funding to support municipal services and build critical infrastructure, spurring job creation and creating the conditions for long-term economic growth.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, governments rightly put politics aside to work together as a unified team. That is why our government, in partnership with the federal government, was proud to provide over \$4 billion to Ontario's municipalities through the Safe Restart Agreement to address pandemic-related pressures, including for public transit, shelters and other operating costs. In fact, this funding provided one of the largest investments the province has ever made in the housing and homelessness sector.

I am writing today to address municipal feedback regarding Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*. In particular, I would like to address the suggested impact the legislation could have on the ability of municipalities to fund infrastructure and services that enable housing.

The central intention of Bill 23 is to build more homes that are attainable for our growing population by discounting and exempting municipal fees and taxes for affordable, non-profit and purpose-built rental housing, and new homebuyers who otherwise face these significant costs. For example, municipal fees and taxes currently add an average of \$116,900 to the cost of a single-family home in the Greater Toronto Area before a single shovel is in the ground. That's the size of a down payment for many families, and puts the dream of homeownership out of reach for thousands of Ontarians.

I know that you and your membership share our goal of building communities that are welcoming to all residents, including new Canadians – towns and cities where everyone can have a place to call home and the dream of home ownership is kept alive. That is why our decision to rein in unsustainable and out-of-control municipal fees on new homebuyers is the right thing to do, and that is why our position on Bill 23 will not waver.

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At the same time, it is critical that municipalities are able to fund and contract road, water, sewer, and other housing enabling infrastructure and services that our growing communities need. There should be no funding shortfall for housing enabling infrastructure as a result of Bill 23, provided municipalities achieve and exceed their housing pledge levels and growth targets. That's why we are taking immediate action to launch a third-party audit of select municipalities to get a factual understanding of their finances, including their reserve funds and development charge administration. Together, we can use this process to get the facts, make improvements, and better serve taxpayers by exploring alternative tools for growth to appropriately pay for growth rather than continuing to raise development fees on new homebuyers.

As we undertake this work together, we are committing to ensuring municipalities are kept whole for any impact to their ability to fund housing enabling infrastructure because of Bill 23.

Furthermore, as good partners and in recognition of most municipalities making best efforts to accelerate the issuance of housing permits and approvals to meet and exceed their pledge targets, the government will introduce legislation that, if passed, would delay the implementation of development application refund requirements set out in Bill 109 by six months, from January 1, 2023 to July 1, 2023.

The federal government shares our objective of building 1.5 million homes in Ontario over the next 10 years, particularly at a time when it has set ambitious new targets for immigration. The majority of these newcomers will be welcomed to Ontario in search of jobs and opportunity. To this end, the province looks forward to working with our municipal partners to ensure we receive a proportional share of the federal government's new \$4 billion national Housing Accelerator Fund. We also expect that all municipalities will make an application to the federal Housing Accelerator Fund for funding that will support housing enabling infrastructure and relieve municipal charges levied on new homebuyers.

Together, we will ensure we can achieve our shared goal of building desperately needed homes. A strong partnership between the Province of Ontario and municipalities is critical if we are to solve our housing supply crisis – and we look forward to continuing our work together.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

- c. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Chrystia Freeland
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
- The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board
- Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, AMO 



October 5, 2022

The Honourable Stephen Lecce
 Minister of Education
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Dear Minister Lecce,

Barriers Contributing to the Delay of Approved Capital Projects

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback regarding factors that are contributing to delays in the construction of school board capital projects, as requested during your teleconference with Chairs that was held on September 13, 2022. This is a topic that the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), other school boards, and Ontario Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) have brought to the attention of staff at the Ministry of Education (MEDU), Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), and our municipal partners and public agencies on several occasions. While numerous factors contribute to the timing and expediency of capital project completion, three main areas stand out as particularly impactful: municipal/public agency approvals; MEDU process and approval timelines; and, municipal and public agency fees. On behalf of the Board of Trustees for the SCDSB, the following outlines our concerns and observations:

1) Municipal and Public Agency Approvals

- a) The board appreciates the province's initiatives (Bill 108, *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019, Bill 109, *More Homes for Everyone Act*, 2022, etc.) to reduce costs and processes to assist with the development of affordable housing. However, it is unclear how these initiatives help school boards in quickly and efficiently providing educational facilities to keep up with and support housing development. We strongly believe that actions to expedite residential development should have corresponding mechanisms to allow for expedited public infrastructure provisions (i.e. schools), to support such development.
- b) When developing new schools, most public agencies (municipalities, conservation authorities, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, etc.) treat school boards in a similar manner as for-profit developers. It is not uncommon for these agencies to make requests that ultimately result in extensive negotiations and increased project costs. Some examples of requirements to receive municipal approvals include, but are not limited to:
 - parking and traffic management demands that are beyond zoning requirements;
 - specialized landscaping to appease immediate neighbours;
 - the provision and/or committal to the funding of offsite crosswalks elsewhere in the community;
 - lighting for municipal rights of way; and,
 - specific design and site features that are inconsistent throughout the jurisdiction (garbage enclosure specifications, screening, fencing, landscaping, rights of way, road widenings, urban design features, etc.).

Other municipal and public agencies (e.g. municipalities, Infrastructure Ontario, police services, health services, etc.) are exempt from many requirements that school boards face. If school boards were recognized and treated in a similar fashion as other critical public infrastructure and services, significant improvements would be realized. Staff believe that the biggest factor in reducing timelines and associated costs is an exemption from section 41, of the *Planning Act* (please note, that the board is not suggesting exemption from health, safety, fire or building code requirements).

- c) To support the location of educational facilities, municipal planning documents (i.e. Official Plans and Zoning By-laws) need to include permissive policies as outlined in the Provincial Policy Statements (PPS), A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2020 and the *Planning Act*, R.S.O 1990. The policies relate to the requirement to ensure public service facilities are available to meet the current and projected needs of the communities they are serving.
- d) In recent years, the board has also experienced significant delays in municipal and agency response times for site plan and building permit approvals. In many cases reviews, responses and approvals are not being completed and issued within legislated timelines. Ensuring public services (i.e. schools) take precedence over other applications would assist in reducing delays.

2) MEDU Process and Approval Timelines

- a) Until MEDU approval and funding is granted, boards are typically unable to begin detailed design on priority projects. Enabling boards through a MEDU prescreening process to preplan and fund design work prior to approvals would expediate the process, provide flexibility, and allow boards to initiate projects.
- b) MEDU expectations surrounding construction timelines are unrealistic due to enhanced scrutiny and requirements, from both the MEDU and other public agencies, that are placed on school boards.
- c) Consistency (i.e. annually on a specific date) of MEDU requests for capital priority submissions and subsequent approvals would allow boards to better plan as part of a regular cycle.
- d) The board has experienced several instances where MEDU consideration and decisions around capital project priority ranking, appears arbitrary. Generally, the higher a project is prioritized, the greater the need. Projects are higher ranked with facilities that are in critical need of repair and up for replacement and are more likely to achieve targeted timelines. The SCDSB considers the ability to proceed and mobilize quickly when prioritizing critical and urgent needs of the board.
- e) Navigating the MEDU process after initial project approval and announcements can be time consuming. Site acquisition notification, space template inconsistencies, cost consultant reports, approvals to proceed (ATP), Education Development Charge (EDC) allocation, requests for supplemental information, etc., all require significant discussion and additional approvals from MEDU staff and the Minister's office.
- f) Unrealistic benchmark funding results in continual negotiation and the design of core facilities that are well below the MEDU allocated and approved square footage (e.g. boards are asked to design to 90 percent of approved and allocated space benchmarks). By the time most projects go to tender, the funding amount does not reflect current market conditions. This results in lengthy discussions with architects, consultants and

MEDU staff, followed by municipal authorities to determine how to make up the shortfall which results in further delays.

- g) Often, MEDU ATP do not coincide with optimal building seasons. Untimely approvals may mean boards have to wait multiple seasons until weather conditions improve to begin construction. The point in the year when a project can begin, which is tied to approvals to proceed, is critical to its eventual completion date. Best practice is to ensure all approvals, design, and tender processes are complete so that spring construction is possible.

3) Fees

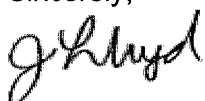
- a) While fees do not create barriers, they still have a direct impact on timing. Continued fee increases, additional fees, securities, and letters of credit above and beyond requirements all impact overall project costs and contribute to the ability of the board to meet cost benchmarks. As a result, further analysis is required along with additional conversations and negotiation with MEDU staff.
- b) Studies and peer reviews are required resulting in increased fees, project costs, and delays. This can include acoustic studies, additional traffic studies above and beyond requirements, photometric studies, and natural heritage studies. On average, more than 5 percent of total project costs are attributed to study fees and requirements, not including architect and consultant fees. Exemption from Section 41 of the *Planning Act* would reduce many of these requirements, and thereby reduce costs and expedite timelines.

The board recognizes that staffing challenges and staff turnover and/or vacancies at school boards and other public agencies can also contribute to timing challenges. When boards enter facility partnerships and co-builds with other public agencies, significant delays will result. This is due to the inclusion of an additional party with their own board or council, approval processes, and budget requirements. Alignment does add significant effort and time to the process.

We would like to reiterate our appreciation for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important matter. We have been experiencing and preparing for further unprecedented growth in Simcoe County. As such, it is imperative that we have the tools available to provide educational facilities and other temporary accommodation solutions to accommodate students and serve our diverse and growing jurisdiction.

I would be pleased to discuss and/or make board staff available to discuss the more technical and detailed matters with MEDU and MMAH staff at a convenient time.

Sincerely,



Jodi Lloyd
Chairperson
Simcoe County District School Board

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- c: Hon. Doug Downey, MPP, Barrie, Springwater, Oro-Medonte
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October 11th, 2022

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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Dear Premier of Ontario Honourable Doug Ford,

**RE: Corporation of the Township of Perry – Resolution of Support
Healthcare Connect System for Members of the Canadian
Armed Forces**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on Wednesday October 5th, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

Resolution #2022-428

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the Municipality of Brighton's Resolution COU-2022-329, regarding changes to be made to the Healthcare Connect System for Members of the Canadian Armed Forces;

And further that Council directs the Clerk-Administrator to circulate this resolution of support to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health, MPP Graydon Smith – Muskoka Parry Sound, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Municipality of Brighton, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried."

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Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

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c.c. Ontario Minister of Health, Honourable Sylvia Jones
MPP Muskoka-Parry Sound, Graydon Smith
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October 25, 2022

Good afternoon,

On October 25, 2022, our government released [More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-2023](#) that proposes bold and transformative action to get 1.5 million homes built over the next 10 years.

Details about the range of measures in our plan can be found in the [news release here](#). *attached.*

The More Homes Built Faster Plan proposes policies and tools that reflect recommendations from the [Housing Affordability Task Force Report](#) and builds on [More Homes, More Choice](#) and the [More Homes for Everyone Plan](#). Our plan also draws on many elements from AMO's 2022 A Blueprint for Action: An Integrated Approach to Address the Ontario Housing Crisis and ROMA's 2022 Task Force Report on Attainable Housing and Purpose-Built Rentals. These changes are providing a solid foundation to address Ontario's housing supply crisis over the long term and will be supplemented by continued action in the future.

Our government has also introduced the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and is seeking feedback on the changes proposed under the legislation and associated regulations. Additionally, various housing and land use policy reviews – including a housing-focused policy review of A Place to Grow and the Provincial Policy Statement, with a theme of supporting rural and northern housing – are being undertaken to identify and remove barriers to getting more homes built. These and other related consultations can be found through the [Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry](#).

We encourage you share this information with senior staff in the municipality and to inform the newly elected head of council and council members. Our government is building a strong foundation for action that will continue to ensure Ontario is a prosperous and growing province – and the best place in the world to call home. We look forward to continued collaboration with our municipal partners to get more homes built faster.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark
Minister

- c. The Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing
Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister
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Ontario Taking Bold Action to Build More Homes

Next steps in province's plan will get 1.5 million homes built over the next 10 years

October 25, 2022

Municipal Affairs and Housing

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government introduced the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, which takes bold action to advance the province's plan to address the housing crisis by building 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years. The proposals in the *More Homes Built Faster Act* would, if passed, ensure that cities, towns and rural communities grow with a mix of ownership and rental housing types that meet the needs of all Ontarians, from single family homes to townhomes and mid-rise apartments.

"For too many Ontarians, including young people, newcomers, and seniors, finding the right home is still too challenging. This is not just a big-city crisis: the housing supply shortage affects all Ontarians, including rural, urban and suburban, north and south, young and old." said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "Our Housing Supply Action Plan is creating a strong foundation on which 1.5 million homes can be built over the next 10 years. Our government is following through on our commitment to Ontarians by cutting delays and red tape to get more homes built faster."

The plan puts in place actions to support the development of "gentle density" – housing like triplexes or garden suites – that bridge the gap between single family homes and high-rise apartments. For example, it would remove exclusionary zoning, which allows for only one single detached home per lot. Instead, it would allow property owners to build three units without lengthy approvals and development charges.

The plan, which contains around 50 actions, addresses the housing crisis by reducing government fees and fixing developmental approval delays that slow down housing construction and increase costs. Actions in the plan include:

- Creating a new attainable housing program to drive the development of housing. Sites across all regions of Ontario will be considered, including those in

the north, central, east and southwest regions.

- Increasing the Non-Resident Speculation Tax rate from 20 per cent to 25 per cent to deter non-resident investors from speculating on the province's housing market and help make home ownership more attainable for Ontario residents.
- Freezing and reducing government charges to spur new home construction and reduce the costs of housing.
- Building more density near transit, unlocking innovative approaches to design and construction, and removing red tape to get shovels in the ground faster.
- Increasing consumer protection measures for home buyers and consulting on ways to help more renters become homeowners.

The government will also consult with the public, stakeholders and municipalities while engaging with Indigenous communities to review provincial housing and land use planning policies to find ways to remove more barriers to getting homes built.

"Ontario's housing supply crisis is a problem which has been decades in the making. It will take both short-term strategies and long-term commitment from all levels of government, the private sector and not-for-profits to drive change," said Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing.

Quick Facts

- Ontario is expected to grow by more than two million people over the next 10 years, with approximately 70 per cent of this growth taking place in the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region.
- Ontario's first housing plan, More Homes, More Choice was released in 2019. It was followed by More Homes for Everyone in spring 2022. Ontario is seeing strong progress resulting from these plans, with annual housing starts well above average for the past 30 years.
- The government is committed to developing a new housing supply action plan for every year of its current mandate to continue delivering real, long-term housing solutions.
- A Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team, made up of municipal leaders and industry experts, will provide advice on market housing initiatives.
- In Fall 2022, the government passed the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act which gives the mayors of Toronto and Ottawa more powers to work effectively with the province to reduce timelines for development, standardize processes and address local barriers to increasing the supply of housing.
- In Spring 2022, Ontario committed to provide comments on any applications for housing developments within 45 days. For more complex applications, the province is providing upfront guidance to help ensure that commitment is met.

This includes Ontario's planned highway corridor management system, which will provide a seamless and integrated online platform for approvals and permits along provincial highways.

Additional Resources

- [More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022](#)
 - [Ontario's More Homes Built Faster Plan](#)
 - [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)
 - [Ontario's More Homes for Everyone Plan](#)
 - [More Homes, More Choice](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Taking Bold Action to Build More Homes

Next steps in province's plan will get 1.5 million homes built over the next 10 years

October 25, 2022

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government introduced the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, which takes bold action to advance the province's plan to address the housing crisis by building 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years. The proposals in the *More Homes Built Faster Act* would, if passed, ensure that cities, towns and rural communities grow with a mix of ownership and rental housing types that meet the needs of all Ontarians, from single family homes to townhomes and mid-rise apartments.

“For too many Ontarians, including young people, newcomers, and seniors, finding the right home is still too challenging. This is not just a big-city crisis: the housing supply shortage affects all Ontarians, including rural, urban and suburban, north and south, young and old.” said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “Our Housing Supply Action Plan is creating a strong foundation on which 1.5 million homes can be built over the next 10 years. Our government is following through on our commitment to Ontarians by cutting delays and red tape to get more homes built faster.”

The plan puts in place actions to support the development of “gentle density” – housing like triplexes or garden suites – that bridge the gap between single family homes and high-rise apartments. For example, it would remove exclusionary zoning, which allows for only one single

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detached home per lot. Instead, it would allow property owners to build three units without lengthy approvals and development charges.

The plan, which contains around 50 actions, addresses the housing crisis by reducing government fees and fixing developmental approval delays that slow down housing construction and increase costs. Actions in the plan include:

- Creating a new attainable housing program to drive the development of housing. Sites across all regions of Ontario will be considered, including those in the north, central, east and southwest regions.
- Increasing the Non-Resident Speculation Tax rate from 20 per cent to 25 per cent to deter non-resident investors from speculating on the province's housing market and help make home ownership more attainable for Ontario residents.
- Freezing and reducing government charges to spur new home construction and reduce the costs of housing.
- Building more density near transit, unlocking innovative approaches to design and construction, and removing red tape to get shovels in the ground faster.
- Increasing consumer protection measures for home buyers and consulting on ways to help more renters become homeowners.

The government will also consult with the public, stakeholders and municipalities while engaging with Indigenous communities to review provincial housing and land use planning policies to find ways to remove more barriers to getting homes built.

"Ontario's housing supply crisis is a problem which has been decades in the making. It will take both short-term strategies and long-term commitment from all levels of government, the private sector and not-for-profits to drive change," said Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing.

Quick Facts

- Ontario is expected to grow by more than two million people over the next 10 years, with approximately 70 per cent of this growth taking place in the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region.
- Ontario's first housing plan, More Homes, More Choice was released in 2019. It was followed by More Homes for Everyone in spring 2022.



Ontario is seeing strong progress resulting from these plans, with annual housing starts well above average for the past 30 years.

- The government is committed to developing a new housing supply action plan for every year of its current mandate to continue delivering real, long-term housing solutions.
- A Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team, made up of municipal leaders and industry experts, will provide advice on market housing initiatives.
- In Fall 2022, the government passed the [*Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*](#) which gives the mayors of Toronto and Ottawa more powers to work effectively with the province to reduce timelines for development, standardize processes and address local barriers to increasing the supply of housing.
- In Spring 2022, Ontario committed to provide comments on any applications for housing developments within 45 days. For more complex applications, the province is providing upfront guidance to help ensure that commitment is met. This includes Ontario's planned highway corridor management system, which will provide a seamless and integrated online platform for approvals and permits along provincial highways.

Additional Resources

- [*More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*](#)
- [Ontario's More Homes Built Faster Plan](#)
- [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)
- [Ontario's More Homes for Everyone Plan](#)
- [More Homes, More Choice](#)
- [*Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*](#)
- [Ontario Continues to Crack Down on Foreign Real-Estate Speculation](#)
- [Ontario Doubling Fines for Unethical and Illegal New Home Cancellations](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Province Announces 2023 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocations

Ontario reaffirms its \$500 million commitment to help municipalities deliver critical services

November 09, 2022

[Ministry of Finance](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is announcing 2023 municipal funding allocations under the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) that primarily supports northern and rural municipalities across the province. The Ontario government is maintaining the program envelope at \$500 million for 2023 and communicating funding allocations in advance of the municipal budget year to support municipalities with their planning processes.

The OMPF targets funding to municipalities facing challenging fiscal circumstances and supports areas with limited property assessment.

“Our government understands the importance of certainty and stability for municipalities across the province particularly during these times of economic uncertainty. We are maintaining the overall structure and program envelope of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, while ensuring the program continues to be responsive to municipal circumstances,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “Northern and rural municipalities face unique challenges. This is why we have been increasing support to northern and rural municipalities through the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and introducing the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund.”



“Municipalities provide important services that people depend on every day. The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund offers predictable and stable funding to help smaller and northern municipalities deliver these critical services,” said Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) President Colin Best. “AMO appreciates the Ontario Government’s commitment to the OMPF, and we continue to work together to ensure we have a strong foundation of municipal services to support growth and prosperity in Ontario.”

The government remains committed to strengthening its relationship with municipalities to continue to build stronger and more resilient communities.

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.
- In 2023, the program is again providing \$500 million to 389 of Ontario's 444 municipalities.
- The OMPF primarily supports northern and rural municipalities across the province. Its objectives are to:
 - recognize the challenges of small, northern and rural municipalities, while targeting funding to those with more challenging fiscal circumstances;
 - support areas with limited property assessment; and
 - assist municipalities that are adjusting to year-over-year funding changes.
- The government has committed \$400 million annually over five years to invest in local infrastructure and asset management through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF). OCIF provides investment to help 424 small, rural and Northern communities construct and rehabilitate roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure.
- The Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program is providing up to \$15 million annually over five years to northern municipalities to support infrastructure projects.

Additional Resources



- [Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Taking Next Steps to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Tackle the Housing Supply Crisis

Province introduces further measures to deliver on shared provincial-municipal priorities

November 16, 2022

[Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government introduced the [Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022](#), which, if passed, would take decisive action to address the housing supply crisis by assessing how best to extend strong mayor powers and reduce municipal duplication to deliver on shared provincial-municipal priorities – primarily the building of 1.5 million new homes over the next 10 years.

As the province considers how to best extend strong mayor tools to more of Ontario's rapidly growing municipalities, provincially-appointed facilitators will be tasked with assessing the regional governments in Durham, Halton, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York. These facilitators will work with local governments to assess the best mix of roles and responsibilities between upper and lower-tier municipalities and ensure they are



equipped to deliver on the government's commitment to tackle the housing supply crisis.

The proposed legislation would allow the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint the Regional Chairs of Niagara, Peel and York regions for the current term of council. If these proposals are passed, the Minister intends to re-appoint the existing regional chairs – Jim Bradley in Niagara, Nando Iannicca in Peel, and Wayne Emerson in York. This approach will provide continuity and stability at the regional level as facilitators consider how best to extend strong mayor powers to existing two-tier municipalities that are shovel-ready and committed to growth and cutting red tape.

The proposed legislation would also implement additional changes to enable the mayors of Toronto and Ottawa to propose certain municipal by-laws related to provincial priorities and enable council to pass these by-laws if more than one-third of council members vote in favour. Provincial priorities include [building more homes](#), which could, for example, involve expanding the footprint of [transit-oriented communities](#) so more people can live, work and play near the convenience of public transit.

"These bold actions are necessary if our government is to keep its commitment to Ontarians and remove the obstacles standing in the way of much-needed housing," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "That's why we are again taking decisive action to provide municipal leaders the tools they need to plan for future population growth and get more homes built faster."

These changes are the latest in a series of measures Ontario is taking to address the province's serious shortage of housing. These measures include the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act* and previous housing supply action plans. The government is committed to continued action that will end the supply crisis while ensuring continuity and efficiency at the local level. The government also remains committed to supporting our municipal partners, increasing housing supply and ensuring municipalities have the tools they need to deliver on shared provincial-municipal priorities.

"Today's announcement by the provincial government is a positive step toward reforming local government in a manner that addresses the concerns of Mississaugans," said Bonnie Crombie, Mayor of Mississauga. "I'm confident this assessment will create a path for Mississauga's independence and lead to greater fairness and less red tape for residents and businesses, so both the city and province can plan for future growth and support the province's goal of building 120,000 new homes in Mississauga over the next decade."

"Redundancy is the enemy of productivity," said Patrick Brown, Mayor of Brampton. "I am glad the provincial government is looking at ways to make municipalities in Peel more efficient by removing duplication. This will help address the challenges of growth and support the construction of the homes Brampton residents so desperately need."

Quick Facts

- Existing municipal accountability frameworks would continue to apply to heads of council with strong mayor powers, including conflict of interest rules. Heads of council would also be required to provide council and the clerk a copy of the by-law and reasons for the proposal when using the proposed by-law power.
- The Municipal Act and the City of Toronto Act provide Ontario's municipalities with broad powers to pass by-laws on various matters within their jurisdiction – such as zoning, parking, and the delivery of local services.
- Ontario's first housing plan, [More Homes, More Choice](#) was released in 2019. It was followed by [More Homes for Everyone](#) in spring 2022. Ontario is seeing [strong progress](#) resulting from these plans, with annual housing starts well above average for the past 30 years.
- The government is committed to developing a new housing supply action plan for every year of its current mandate to continue delivering real, long-term housing solutions.

Additional Resources

- [Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act](#)
- [Ontario's More Homes Built Faster Plan](#)
- [More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022](#)
- [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)
- [Ontario's More Homes for Everyone Plan](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Canada and Ontario Increasing Access to High-Speed Internet Service in Simcoe County

More rural Ontarians will benefit from access to high-speed internet service

November 18, 2022

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

SIMCOE COUNTY – The governments of Canada and Ontario are each investing more than \$1.7 million to bring high-speed internet access to more than 1,645 families, farms and businesses in Simcoe County.

“Building modern and reliable internet connection infrastructure for rural communities is how Canada will close the digital divide between large urban centres and rural communities,” said Tony Van Bynen, Member of Parliament for Newmarket—Aurora on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities. “New broadband networks are now in service in several communities across Simcoe County, and are supporting homes, farms and businesses as they access essential services, work remotely, study from home, and connect with customers around the globe.”

In partnership with Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Inc, the completion of construction of broadband infrastructure is now providing access to fast, reliable high-speed internet service to more than 430 families, farms and businesses in the community of New Lowell, as well as 1,215 families, farms and businesses in the communities of Penville, Rich Hill, Connor, Hockley Valley and Rosemont.

“I am proud that our government continues to deliver on our commitment to expand access to high-speed internet to rural communities across the



province,” said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “Providing access to high-speed internet in Simcoe County will help build Ontario and strengthen our important rural communities by helping people stay in touch with loved ones, enabling them to access the supports, while providing a much-needed boost to the local economy.”

Providing access to high-speed internet in these communities brings Ontario one step closer to delivering on its goal to connect every community with high-speed internet access by the end of 2025, while also building stronger rural communities and laying the foundation for long-term economic growth.

“I thank Minister Thompson and the Ontario Government for showing great leadership and prioritizing critical infrastructure like enhanced internet services to support rural communities,” said Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-Grey. “Our residents and businesses will see great benefits from improved internet access, and I will keep working to ensure high-speed internet service is available to every corner of Simcoe-Grey.”

The contracts to increase access to high-speed internet in Simcoe County were awarded by Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Inc, a not-for-profit corporation, initiated by local municipalities to address connectivity in Southwestern Ontario. More than \$255 million has been invested by the governments of Canada and Ontario and the private sector to bring high-speed internet access to more than 63,000 homes and businesses in Southwestern Ontario through SWIFT.

“Building and improving critical broadband infrastructure is key to promoting sustainable economic growth and social well-being in our small and rural communities across Southwestern Ontario,” said Gary McNamara, SWIFT Board Chair. “Together with our community partners, SWIFT is pleased to mark the completion of two high-speed internet projects in Simcoe County. Collectively these projects are now providing 1,600 additional homes and businesses with access to high-speed internet service and with these newly established fibre-optic networks now in place, we move one step closer to a more connected Southwestern Ontario.”

Quick Facts



- The governments of Canada and Ontario are each contributing more than \$63 million to SWIFT through the New Building Canada Fund's Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – Small Communities Fund.
- On July 29, 2021, a [Canada-Ontario broadband partnership](#) was announced. This agreement will bring high-speed internet access to more than 280,000 households across Ontario through a total investment of more than \$1.2 billion, co-funded equally by both levels of government.
- The Ontario government is investing nearly \$4 billion to bring high-speed internet access to every corner of the province by the end of 2025. This proactive approach is the largest single investment in high-speed internet, in any province, by any government in Canadian history.
- In 2021, Ontario passed the [Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021](#) to help speed up construction of broadband projects. Ontario is also helping to remove barriers, duplication and delays, making it easier and faster to build high-speed internet infrastructure through the [Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022](#), which was passed unanimously by the Legislature on April 11, 2022. This legislation helps ensure underserved and unserved communities across the province have access to reliable high-speed internet sooner and will help the government achieve its commitment to connect every region with access to high-speed internet by the end of 2025.
- Expanding access to broadband and cellular service is part of [Ontario Onwards: Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government](#), which includes more than 30 projects that are changing the way people and businesses interact with government.

Additional Resources

[Ontario Connects: Making High-speed Internet Accessible in Every Community](#)

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[Ontario Builds: our infrastructure plan](#)

[High-Speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy](#)

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BACKGROUND

Reducing Red Tape to Build a Stronger Ontario

November 23, 2022

[Ministry of Red Tape Reduction](#)

The *Less Red Tape, Stronger Ontario Act* builds on the government's strong track record of reducing red tape which since 2018 has saved businesses, not-for-profit organizations, municipalities, universities and colleges, school boards and hospitals \$576 million in net annual regulatory compliance costs.

The new red tape reduction package includes 28 new measures to increase Ontario's competitiveness, support stronger supply chains, and make government easier to access and interact with.

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Grow Ontario Strategy

The Grow Ontario Strategy is the province's plan to build consumer confidence, support farmers and Ontario's food supply, grow a strong workforce, and strengthen supply chain stability to ensure Ontario has a strong foundation to respond to future challenges. This strategy outlines actions to build consumer confidence, support farmers and processors, increase yields, promote Ontario-grown food, grow the agri-food talent pool, and strengthen the food supply chain – while increasing the commercialization and adoption of innovative new technologies and practices that enhance competitiveness, add productivity, create economic growth, and strengthen the sector.



Modernize the Veterinarians Act

The *Veterinarians Act* governs the practice of veterinary medicine in Ontario. It has not changed substantively in 33 years and no longer reflects the realities of modern veterinary practice. Ontario is proposing changes that would modernize several areas of the current legislative framework, including scope of practice, the complaints and resolutions process, quality assurance, and governance of the College of Veterinarians of Ontario.

Allow Custom Feeding Among Feeder Cattle Co-op Members

The government is seeking to amend the *Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Act* (MAFRAA) to exempt feeder cattle enrolled under the Feed Cattle Loan Guarantee Program (FCLGP) from Section 3 of the *Innkeepers Act*. This would help members of feeder cattle co-operatives expand their businesses by creating the environment to allow for custom feeding. It would support the sector's capacity to deliver safe, healthy food products to residents of Ontario.

Enhance Animal Health Preparedness

The government is proposing to amend the *Animal Health Act* to provide authority to enable by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to take temporary response action to protect the health and well-being of the public and animals, when faced with a potential animal health crisis. By doing this, Ontario intends to enhance animal disease emergency preparedness, help mitigate risks to animal health and human health, and ultimately boost the resiliency of Ontario's livestock and poultry sector, ensuring Ontarians can rely on a safe and stable food supply in the future.

Modernize the Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario (ARIO) Act

The government is proposing to update the current language in the *Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario (ARIO) Act, 1990*, to ensure the mandate and operations of the ARIO maintain relevance within the agri-food research sector. Modernizing the language of the ARIO Act would broaden the scope of research beyond "agriculture, veterinary medicine and household science" to accurately reflect the innovative and evolving nature of agri-food research for today and in the future.

Ministry of the Attorney General



Amend the Provincial Offences Act (POA)

The government is proposing to allow court clerks to reopen certain convictions when satisfied that the defendant, through no fault of their own, missed a notice or was unable to attend a meeting or hearing related to the ticket. This change would help reduce the backlog at POA courts by allowing justices to focus on other serious matters.

Modernize the Juries Act

The government is proposing to make its jury questionnaire available online and test the feasibility of moving away from sending jury questionnaires through the mail, except by request. This could reduce administrative costs and make it easier for prospective jurors to participate in the court system.

Increase Criminal Court Capacity

To help ease the backlog of criminal cases in the province's courts, the government is proposing to temporarily increase the limit on the number of days retired judges can work to improve scheduling capacity in the courts.

Ministry of Energy

Amend the Ontario Energy Board Act

The government is making it easier to build new electricity transmission projects that are fully customer-funded, expediting projects bringing jobs to the province. The government amended O. Reg. 161/99 of the Ontario Energy Board Act to exempt these projects from the leave to construct process, recognizing that there is no impact to electricity ratepayers. To ensure this exemption is effective, the government is proposing to update the *Ontario Energy Board Act* to include proponents of projects that are exempt from the *Leave to Construct* process by regulation to be among those who are eligible to apply for authority to cross highways, utility lines and ditches.

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Simplify Testing/Reporting Requirements for the Petroleum Industry

The government is proposing amendments that would reduce unnecessary regulatory and administrative burden on the petroleum sector by aligning



Ontario's regulations with national standards and other Canadian jurisdictions. Key requirements to comply with, measure and report gasoline volatility limits would remain in place, streamlining the reporting process without compromising protection of human health and the environment.

Ministry of Health

Amend the Mandatory Blood Testing Act

The government is proposing changes to the *Mandatory Blood Testing Act*, which would allow victims of crime, first responders and emergency personnel, who are sometimes exposed to the bodily substance of others, to receive faster processing of their applications.

Update the Public Hospitals Act (PHA)

Evidence demonstrates that examining tissue collected during hip and knee surgeries does not improve patient outcomes and is considered unnecessary, costly and resource intensive. The government is proposing a change to the *Public Hospitals Act* (PHA) to remove the universal requirement to send this tissue for pathology testing.

Rabies Testing and Vaccination

The government is providing authority to local Medical Officers of Health to order rabies testing of deceased animals that were under observation after biting a person. This means bite victims may not have to undergo unnecessary post-exposure vaccination since a deceased animal's rabies status would be known. The government is also proposing to recognize rabies vaccinations administered in other provinces or territories of Canada or in the United States, eliminating the need for the unnecessary revaccination of certain animals.

Update Spa and Hot Tub Regulation

The government has reduced regulatory burden by updating the public pools regulation to provide an exemption for spas or hot tubs located in individual suites or units of hotels for the exclusive use of that unit's occupants and guests. Hotel operators are required to post caution signage indicating that the spa is not subject to the regulation and that individuals should use at their own risk.



Ministry of Indigenous Affairs

Working with Indigenous Partners

The government will work with Indigenous businesses and communities to better understand and address barriers to accessing government business support programs and procurement opportunities.

Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

Supporting Ontario's Workplace Insurance & Compensation System

The government is proposing a number of legislative amendments to the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* (WSIA) that would improve the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)'s operational efficiency and reduce undue administrative burden, including:

- requiring the WSIB to determine the average earnings of an apprentice to be equal to those of a journeyman employed by the employer in the same trade;
- exempting WSIB lease transactions from Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) approval;
- requiring that the WSIB Board of Directors meet at least four times per year, instead of every two months;
- eliminating the requirement for the WSIB to submit a five-year strategic plan
- repealing the requirement for the WSIB and the Minister to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) every five years and set out rules regarding the maintenance and review of an MOU; and
- removing a reference to the *Drugless Practitioners Act*, which was repealed in 2015.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Enable Carbon Storage in Ontario

The government is addressing barriers to the underground geological storage of carbon by proposing to amend the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* as a first step in creating a framework to regulate and enable permanent storage of carbon as a new tool to help reduce Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions. As future phases are advanced, innovation of carbon capture, use and storage technologies would be encouraged,



playing an important role in managing emissions and producing low-carbon hydrogen. The province would ensure that any carbon storage activity is done responsibly with measures in place to safeguard people and the environment.

Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery

Extended Corporate Virtual Processes

The government extended provisions to allow virtual corporate meetings to the end of September 2023, allowing for broader participation in corporate governance. During this time, the government continues to analyze consultation results and explore potential permanent changes.

Transfer Payment Ontario system Ontario is establishing an efficient, transparent, and coordinated approach to administering government transfer payments to service providers such as municipalities and non-profit organizations through a standard online digital platform, reducing paperwork and administrative burdens for government-funded organizations.

Ministry of Transportation

Highway Corridor Management System The government is making improvements to Ontario's highway corridor management system that will provide a seamless and integrated online platform for approvals and permits along provincial highways. Work is ongoing to allow applicants, including home builders and municipalities, to submit, track and receive all their Ministry of Transportation approvals online, saving time and money.

Review the use of Corporate Performance Rating (CPR) for Engineering Services procurement The government is reviewing the use of the Corporate Performance Rating system in the evaluation of bids for engineering services to improve the fairness and efficiency of the procurement process. Focusing more on the price and technical proposal when evaluating bids for engineering services would make the procurement process simpler to administer and fairer for all participants.

Optimize Reduced Load Periods Each spring, roads become weaker and susceptible to permanent damage caused by heavy loads. To help protect road infrastructure during this time of year, the *Highway Traffic Act* provides local authorities the ability to reduce vehicle axle weight limits for a period of



time, known as the Reduced Load Period (or “spring thaw” period). The Ministry of Transportation, in partnership with the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) is creating frost depth prediction models that would provide municipalities with the option to optimize the timing of Reduced Load Periods, including shortening the period when conditions permit.

Ministry of the Solicitor General

Clarify the Corporate Status of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) The government proposes to introduce a new Act and associated regulation-making authorities to confirm the continuation of the corporate status of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA), retroactive to January 1, 2020.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Reducing Red Tape to Improve Competitiveness and Strengthen Supply Chains](#)

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**RE: Support of Resolution – OMAFRA Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program
Administrative Fee**

Council of the Township of Dorion, at their regular meeting of September 20, 2022, approved Resolution No. 22-214, which stated:

"WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) administers the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program to provide compensation to farm producers for livestock killed by wildlife;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities administer the Program on behalf of OMAFRA by appointing Livestock Investigators and staff to work on wildlife damage claims;

AND WHEREAS the costs associated with wildlife damage claims exceed the administration fee of \$50.00 per claim as provided to the Municipality by OMAFRA;

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Township of Dorion request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs review the administration fee provided to Municipalities for the administration of the Ontario Wildlife Compensation Program."*

Sincerely,

Mavis Harris
Clerk-Treasurer

c.c. Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
All Ontario Municipalities

Canada



October 28, 2022

Colleen Healey-Dowdall
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Dear Mrs. Healey-Dowdall:

We are writing to inform you about a recent change to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP), funded under the federal-provincial Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) agricultural policy framework.

As you know, currently producers who have submitted five applications to the OWDCP in a calendar year are required to submit a Reasonable Care Plan (RCP) before further claims will be assessed. These plans require producers to identify all implemented and planned investments, services retained, and farm management practices they have employed, in order to mitigate predation on their farm premises.

We recognize the need to adjust the RCP threshold of five claim applications to ten, a change that will better support livestock producers in Ontario. This will lower the administrative burden where predation is naturally higher despite reasonable efforts at mitigation. At the same time, it helps ensure that farmers experiencing high levels of predation are reviewing their mitigation activities to inform the development of their RCP.

This change builds on our governments' ongoing efforts to support livestock farmers through the OWDCP. As part of these efforts, in January 2022 we increased the administrative allowance provided to municipalities from \$30 to \$50 to help offset incremental costs of delivering the OWDCP. The allowance recognizes municipalities' key role as delivery partners for the OWDCP and builds on existing municipal responsibilities for the costs associated with investigating dog predation under the *Protection of Livestock and Poultry from Dogs Act*.

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We look forward to continuing to work with our partners and stakeholders to help meet the needs of Ontario's livestock industry.

Updated program guidelines are available [here](#). Should you have any questions, please contact 1-877-424-1300 or wildlife.damage@ontario.ca.



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BY E-MAIL ONLY

November 16, 2022

Tracy Robinson, CN Rail President and CEO
Montreal (Headquarters)
935 de La Gauchetière Street West
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
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Dear Tracy Robinson:

Re: CN Railway Contribution Requirements under the *Drainage Act* and Impacts on Municipal Drain Infrastructure in Ontario

At the October 17, 2022, regular Council meeting Warwick Township Council discussed the continuing impacts of CN's decision not to participate in funding municipal drains in Ontario, as per the *Drainage Act*, and the negative consequences on our community and others in the Province and approved the following resolution to be circulated to CN and related partners:

WHEREAS municipal drains are considered critical rural infrastructure that support food production, food security, the environment and economic sustainability in rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the creation, maintenance and contribution requirements towards municipal drain infrastructure are governed by the *Drainage Act*;

AND WHEREAS an official from CN Rail has formally communicated to the Township of Warwick that "CN's decision is that it is a federally regulated entity under CTA guidelines, as such, are not governed by provincial regulations";

AND WHEREAS the implication that any public utility could become exempt from the financial requirements invalidates the underlying principle that all benefitting from municipal drain projects are required to contribute financially, including all public utilities;

AND WHEREAS there are currently at least fifty-five municipal drainage projects in Ontario being impacted by CN's actions and refusal to contribute as per the Drainage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Warwick and many rural municipalities have expressed concerns over this CN Rail position to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs consistently over at least the past four years;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Warwick and other rural municipalities met with Minister Thompson at the Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO) on this issue and Minister Thompson has confirmed it remains the Provincial government's position that the Drainage Act does apply to all federally regulated railways;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Warwick hereby declares as follows:

THAT Ontario's Drainage Act is an important piece of legislation used to meet the drainage needs of a variety of stakeholders, including agricultural businesses and ultimately food production, thereby supporting families, neighbours, and thriving communities;

AND THAT CN Rail be called upon to act as a partner to municipalities and agriculture in Ontario and reconsider its position that the Drainage Act does not apply to it as a public entity;

AND THAT CN Rail contribute to all municipal drains in Ontario, as per section 26 of the Drainage Act, and work to expedite its response timelines to the fifty-five projects currently on hold in Ontario so that the projects impacting the agriculture sector can proceed and be dealt with in a timely manner after years of delay caused directly by CN Rail;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson, local MPP Monte McNaughton, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau, CN Manager Public Affairs, Ontario & Atlantic Canada Daniel Salvatore, the President and CEO of CN Rail Tracy Robinson, Director of Government Relations Railway Association of Canada Gregory Kolz and to all municipalities in Ontario for their support.

- Carried.

Warwick Township Council looks forward to a timely response from CN in the hopes that this issue impacting rural Ontario can be resolved.

Sincerely,



Amanda Gubbels
CAO/Clerk
Township of Warwick

Cc:

Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs,
Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Daniel Salvatore, CN Manager Public Affairs, Ontario & Atlantic Canada
Cyrus Reporter, CN Vice-President, Public, Government and Regulatory Affairs
Jonathan Abecassis, CN Media Relations & Public Affairs
Gregory Kolz, Director of Government Relations, Railway Association of Canada
All Ontario municipalities



Clerks and Bylaw

November 17, 2022

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO:

Hon. Steve Clark
 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister Clark:

Re: Bill 23 "*More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*"

On behalf of the Council of The Corporation of Norfolk County, please be advised that Council passed the following resolution at the November 16, 2022 Council-in-Committee meeting:

Resolution No. 13

Moved By: Mayor Martin

Seconded By: Councillor Columbus

WHEREAS on October 25, 2022, the Provincial government introduced Bill 23 known as the "More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022";

AND WHEREAS the overall stated purpose of Bill 23 is to introduce several legislative changes to increase housing supply throughout Ontario and to achieve the province's goal of 1.5 million homes over the next ten years;

AND WHEREAS the proposed changes include significant changes to six pieces of legislation including but not limited to development charges reform, diminished role of conservation authorities, removal of legislated planning responsibilities from some upper-tier municipalities, removal of public consultation in relation to subdivisions, adjusting the rights of appeal by third parties, and adjusting how growth-related capital infrastructure is paid for;

AND WHEREAS commenting timelines for these new proposed changes is constricted with some comments due on November 24, 2022, for many of the proposed changes;

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AND WHEREAS given the enormity of the proposed changes and potential long-term financial impacts to municipalities, including Norfolk County, additional time is needed to review, engage, and analyze the proposal to provide informed feedback;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. the County formally request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing extend the commenting period for all components of the proposed Bill 23 to at least January 15, 2023 to allow for a more informed consultation period.
2. That the Mayor be directed to submit a letter on behalf of Norfolk County Council to the Ontario Minister of Municipal and Affairs MP, and local MPP, expressing concerns with the proposed legislation as detailed in staff memo CD-22-110, and the letter be circulated to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Carried.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact the Office of the County Clerk at 519-426-5870 x. 1261, or email: Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca.

Sincerely,

Teresa Olsen
County Clerk
Norfolk County

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November 23, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Premier's Office, Room 281
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 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 22, 2022; Re: Motion 7.1 – Mayor Mrakas – Modifications to York Region Official Plan

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on November 22, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Province on November 4, 2022, approved the York Region Official Plan with 80 modifications; and

Whereas these modifications to the Regional Official Plan have been made by the Minister including two in the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas these modifications have been made without consultation or support by the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas Section 4.2 is modified by adding a new policy subsection after policy 4.2.29, titled "Special Provisions", followed by new policies: "4.2.30 Special provisions for the lands known municipally as 1289 Wellington Street East in the City of Aurora (PIN 036425499). Notwithstanding any other policies in this Plan to the contrary, the minimum density target to be achieved is 330 units per hectare and minimum building height of 12 storeys.";

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora opposes the modification by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the lands known municipally as 1289 Wellington Street East in the Town of Aurora (PIN 036425499); and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora requests the Minister to revoke special provision 4.2.30 to allow for the normal planning process to occur, as the Modification to the Regional Official Plan is contrary to the**

planning applications (OPA and ZBA) currently before the OLT (case files: OLT-22-004187 and OLT-22-004188); and

- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That a letter be submitted to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing and MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, and Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora, expressing our disappointment with the lack of consultation and communication with the Town of Aurora and requesting that an explanation as to why this significant change was warranted be provided.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Copy: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader, New Democratic Party
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November 23, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 22, 2022; Re: Motion 7.2 – Mayor Mrakas – Opposition to Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on November 22, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, omnibus legislation that received first reading in the provincial legislature on October 25, 2022, proposes changes to nine Acts. Many of these proposed changes are significant and will restrict how municipalities manage growth through implementation of the official plan and the ability to provide essential infrastructure and community services; and

Whereas the effect of Bill 23 is that the Conservation Authority will no longer be able to review and comment on development applications and supporting environmental studies on behalf of a municipality; and

Whereas Bill 23 proposes to freeze, remove, and reduce development charges, community benefits charges, and parkland dedication requirements; and

Whereas Bill 23 will remove all aspects of Site Plan Control of some residential development proposals up to 10 units. Changes would also remove the ability to regulate architectural details and aspects of landscape design;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora oppose Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, which in its current state will severely impact environmental protection, heritage preservation, public participation, loss of farmland, and a municipality's ability to provide future services, amenities, and infrastructure, and negatively impact residential tax rates; and**

- 2. **Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and**
- 3. **Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader of the New Democratic Party, local Members of Parliament Tony Van Bynen for Newmarket–Aurora and Leah Taylor Roy for Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 4. **Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Copy: Hon. Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader, New Democratic Party
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket–Aurora
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill
All Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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Nov 23, 2022

Dear Minister of Municipal Affairs, Honourable Steve Clark,

Re Bill 23 Concerns of Essa Township (More Homes Built Faster Act)

On behalf of Essa Township, I am writing to express concern for Bill 23 (More Homes Built Faster Act) as currently posted on the Environmental Registry of ON (ERO) for consultation. Please kindly accept the following high level or general comments reflecting our municipality's unease at this time.

Development Charges

Preliminary analysis of Bill 23 indicates that the municipality may miss out on much needed development charges for water and wastewater projects as well as other infrastructure projects. Our small municipality surely cannot bear the burden of expensive but needed expansions to water works and wastewater plants. Plus, we would hope to continue to fund master studies and purchase land through development charges.

As well, relying on 15 years of historical data for development charge calculations will most likely reduce what we can collect in development charges going forward **to ensure that growth continues to fund future growth** (our development charge consultant, Hemson, will be able to provide comparison estimates to depict the difference between a 15 year calculation and a 10 year calculation in the near future if need be).

Phasing in development charges could also lead to shortfalls in collections for projects and could cause administrative difficulties. Note that Essa plans to continue to review its development charges every 5 years (as opposed to 10) in order to ensure that all plans and figures are current.

Environmental Concerns

Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act may place a heavier burden on local municipalities to coordinate natural heritage peer reviews and lessen the opportunity for public review. We fear a lack of environmental review if Conservation Authorities are required to issue permits as ministerial orders are brought on-line.

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Planning

Initial review has raised concern for the County's ability to oversee growth across the region to ensure a coordinated approach to planning – the purpose and role of County planning and its official plan. Further, the limitations on the ability of the County to fund for housing projects will be detrimental to the provision of affordable and attainable housing in our area.

Essa Township supports increasing the supply of housing but is fearful for three units on single lots in communities expecting low density with limited services available.

Overall, Essa believes that public and professional input has been compromised with the timing and speed at which changes are taking place. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours respectfully,



Colleen Healey-Dowdall,
CAO, Essa Township

November 24, 2022

Sent Via Email: Premier@ontario.ca

The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
1 Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Notice of Motion regarding a Moratorium on Gravel Pits

At its regular meeting on November 23, 2022, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C435-2022

Moved by: Moore

Seconded by: Fisher

Whereas Ontario currently has over 5000 licensed pits and quarries located throughout the province that are able to meet the expected near term needs of Ontario's construction industry; and,

Whereas applications continue to be submitted without a definitive determination if there is a need for additional supply; and,

Whereas gravel pits and quarries are destructive of natural environments and habitats; and,

Whereas pits and quarries have negative social impacts on host communities in terms of noise, air pollution, and truck traffic; and,

Whereas the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to combat climate change has brought awareness to the very high carbon footprint associated with the production of concrete and asphalt which are major end-users of aggregates; and,

Whereas there is an obligation to consult with First Nations peoples regarding the impacts of quarries on treaty lands and a responsibility to address those impacts.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Ontario government be requested to impose an immediate temporary moratorium on all new or expanded gravel mining applications

pending a broad consultation process including with First Nations, affected communities, independent experts and scientists to chart a new path forward for gravel mining in Ontario which:

- Proposes criteria and processes for determining the need for new/expanded gravel licenses;
- Recommends updated policies and restrictions for gravel mining below the water table to reflect current groundwater sciences;
- Develops new guidelines for reprocessing in order to ensure sustainable aggregate supplies;
- Recommends a fair levy for gravel mining that includes compensation for the full environmental and infrastructure maintenance costs to the local community of extraction and distribution of aggregate;
- Provides greater weight to the input by local municipalities to lessen the social impacts from mining operation and trucking through their communities;
- Proposes revisions to application procedures which fully honour First Nations' treaty rights;

And Further That Council request a delegation with the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry at the 2023 ROMA Conference to discuss the Townships concerns.

And Further That staff be directed to request the province present an education session for area residents regarding the aggregate licensing process and regulations, to be hosted by the Township.

And Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the leaders of all Provincial Parties, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, AMO, and all County of Simcoe Municipalities.

Carried

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours Truly,



Jack Mordue, Committee Coordinator/Administrative Assistant

Enc.

cc: Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
County of Simcoe Municipalities
County of Simcoe