

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

- p.1 1. Essa Public Library Report – December 2022.
- p.5 2. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO):
- p.7 a) January 16, 2023 – Policy Update - A Call for Provincial Action on Property Assessments.
- b) January 24, 2023 – Reminder of Call for Application 2022-2024 AMO Board of Directors.
- p.9 3. Correspondence from the County of Simcoe:
- p.10 a) January 18, 2023 – County of Simcoe and Area Partners Showcase Local Newcomers' Work in Simcoe County Success Stories.
- p.12 b) January 23, 2023 – County of Simcoe and Bradford West Gwillimbury Announce Upcoming Site Work and Impacts for New Affordable Housing Build.
- c) January 2023 - Notice of Study Commencement - County Road 27 Widening and Improvements.
- p.14 4. Resolution from the City of Kitchener dated January 20, 2023, re: Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.
- p.17 5. Resolution No. 2023-05 from the Nottawasaga Police Services Board dated January 23, 2023, re: Request for Municipal Funding of Nottawasaga Police Services Board.
- p.18 6. News Release from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated January 24, 2023, re: Building All of Ontario.
- p.22 7. Resolution from the Town of Petrolia dated January 25, 2023, re: School Board Trustee Elections.

B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None.

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

None.



Essa Public Library Report: December 2022

IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

Outcomes



EPL's Tech Tutor Team helping patrons learn new computer skills.



EPL's Victoria and volunteer, Joan enjoyed presenting the Seniors Aging Well Workshop at Thornton Branch. Everyone left with a felt owl ornament.

The Seniors Aging Well "JOY" sign workshop was perfect.



A couple came into the Thornton Branch. When asked if they needed help, the man chuckled and said, no, that it was his wife who was browsing. However, by the end of their visit, he had found a cookbook to check out for himself. He noted the money he was saving was \$41.00 by getting it at the Library. On the way out, his wife said to him: *"Libraries are great. I don't know why people don't use them all the time."*

A young adult patron who has been visiting Thornton Branch since she was little, saw the Lego wall and had this to say, *"Look at this Lego wall. I wish I was a kid again."* Her mom got a good laugh out of that.

Winter Book Bundles
"Holly, thank you so much! I can't even explain how excited my boys were to open that beautiful package you created for us. We are loving all of your choices and are so thankful for librarians like you!"

It's always great to hear feedback when a patron returns a book,
"This was excellent, just wonderful."

Comment at Angus Branch,
"Found the geocache outside and got a burst of water-fountain energy inside."

A visitor from Orillia visited the Thornton Branch. She was so grateful to be welcomed. She and her daughter used the computers and had fun with puzzles and games. They were particularly impressed with the light table, *"Cool! X-rays!"* She wandered around and was amazed that we lent out kitchen appliances. Her jaw literally dropped when she was told they check out for a 3-week loan. *"This is an amazing library! You have everything!"*

A patron calling in to renew her items said, *"I love you. You're always so helpful."*

Programming Events & Attendance

Adults

Zoom Cercel de Conversation

Virtuel: 12

Bookclub - Angus: 7

Bookclub - Thornton: 7

Tech Learning - (in person/phone/email)

Angus Branch: 9

Thornton Branch: 0

Outreach - Geocache

Angus Branch: 0

Thornton Branch: 2

Art Display - Angus: 1

Exams: 2

Cards with Colleen: 11

Simcoe Author Talk with Lesley Crewe: 2

Social Media

Facebook: 12 posts

Reactions: 161

Followers: 1,574

Twitter: 3 tweets

Reactions: 8

Followers: 894

Instagram: 8 posts

Reactions: 138

Followers: 595

Youtube Views: 3,995

Subscribers: 485

Kids

Beanstack

New Horizons Books

Active readers: 5

Books read: 31

Badges earned: 2

New Horizons Minutes

Active readers: 1

Minutes read: 840

Badges earned: 11

ends

Pride 365 Reading List - Dec 16

Active readers: offered

Books read: --

Badges earned: --

Beanstack challenges: 52

Storytime - Angus: 60

Storytime - Thornton: 19

Growing Together Storytime - Angus: 19

Toddler Time - Angus: 27

Wiggles & Giggles Baby Group - Angus: 19

L'Heure du Conte Bilingual: 20

Winter Book Bundles: 15

Lego Club - Angus: 15

What's Up Wednesdays After School - Angus: 12

Movie Day - Angus: 2

Family Play Zone - Angus: 51
Thornton: offered

Green Screen Photo Maker Lab - Angus: 9

Snowy Day Adventure - Angus: 10

Snowflake Match - Angus: 13

Both also offered in Thornton.

More

Library Zest blog posts, videos & email campaigns: 2

Library Zest site traffic: 119

Library Zest unique visitors: 41

Makerspace: 2

Booksale on at both branches.

Young Adults - Unleash Your Future Grant & more

Pen Pal Program: 3

Break-in Bags: 17

Seniors Aging Well

Wooden JOY sign - Angus: 13

Wooden JOY sign - Thornton: 5

Felt owl craft - Angus: 15

Tech Tutor Appointments - Angus: 10

Community Partners

Ontario Parks Passes available - Angus: 8 Thornton: 5

Home-School Group - Thornton: 6

Covid Vaccine Clinic - Angus: 45

Adopt a Family with NPSS.

Circulation Totals & Analysis

CIRCULATION	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	5,913	6,297	65,462
Thornton Branch	1,473	1,034	12,771
Angus Branch Computer Use	64	202	2,076
Thornton Branch Computer Use	16	3	138
Angus Branch Wireless Use	31	4,139	45,654
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	27	11,655	53,826
eAudio & eBooks	836	729	9,121
TOTALS:	8,360	24,059	189,048

Circulation Analysis	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2022	YTD 2022
Print	4,788	4,549	51,927
Non-Print	2,525	2,714	25,558
Computer Use/Internet + Wireless	138	15,999	101,694
eAudio Books	186	172	1,881
eBooks	650	557	7,240
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	57	47	477
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	16	21	271

Materials Used In-Library	Dec. 2022	YTD 2022
Angus Branch	233	1,927
Thornton Branch	53	369

Online Resources & New Members

Library website visits	YTD 2022
2,802	33,639

Simcoe County Libraries App	YTD 2022
190	2,536

Digital Library visits	YTD 2022
1,023	12,484

New Members		YTD 2022
Angus Branch	82	804
Thornton Branch	3	331

Library Highlights



The Green Screen Maker Event was offered to everyone to experience. The What's Up Wednesday kids, families and our very own Holly & Christine had some fun with it.



From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: January 16, 2023 4:01 PM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: AMO Policy Update - A Call for Provincial Action on Property Assessments

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



POLICY UPDATE

January 16, 2023

AMO Policy Update – A Call for Provincial Action on Property Assessments

Property assessments are typically updated every four years. This process was paused during the height of the pandemic to help municipal governments focus on responding to COVID-19.

Through [recent correspondence and engagement with the Ministry of Finance](#), AMO has expressed very strong support for a timely return to the assessment cycle.

The province's latest economic statement was silent on the assessment cycle, leaving the sector eager to understand the government's intentions regarding the 2024 tax year and beyond.

With the ROMA conference now just over a week away, AMO continues to call on the government for urgent action. We encourage members to re-iterate the following messages to their local MPPs and during discussions with the province at ROMA:

- Municipal governments recognize how important it was to pause the planned 2020 reassessment during the height of the pandemic.

- Municipalities are now eager to hear that the government will authorize the reassessment without further delay and in time for the 2024 tax year.
- Municipalities and property taxpayers understand the necessity of a modern, up-to-date, and reliable assessment system.
- The system provides stability and predictability for municipalities and for residential and commercial property taxpayers.
- A well-functioning, up-to-date assessment system is the foundation of the municipal tax system that supports strong, vibrant, and growing communities.

*Disclaimer: The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is unable to provide any warranty regarding the accuracy or completeness of third-party submissions. Distribution of these items does not imply an endorsement of the views, information or services mentioned.

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: January 24, 2023 12:01 PM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatowship.on.ca>
Subject: Reminder of Call for Applications: 2022 - 2024 AMO Board of Directors

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



January 24, 2023

Reminder of Call for Applications: 2022 - 2024 AMO Board of Directors

AMO is soliciting applications from qualified candidates for the 2022 - 2024 AMO Board of Directors. The vacancies remain following the AMO Board Elections held in August 2022 and the recent municipal elections. The vacant positions are:

- County Caucus: Two (2) vacant municipal elected official positions; One (1) vacant municipal staff position
- Regional & Single Tier Caucus: Two (2) vacant municipal elected official positions
- Rural Caucus: One (1) vacant municipal elected official position
- Small Urban Caucus: One (1) vacant municipal staff position

The [2022 – 2024 AMO Board of Directors Call for Applications package](#) includes:

- A summary of current vacancies for which expressions of interest will be received;
- A summary of the qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors;
- An overview of the process for filling the vacancies;
- An estimate of the annual time commitment required to serve on the AMO Board of Directors and for those who will then serve on the AMO Executive Committee; and
- The application form.

Qualifications

From the [AMO By-Law No. 2](#) Part 3, Directors shall:

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

Please note the following:

- To provide the broadest representation possible, AMO By-law No. 2 stipulates that a member municipality can only have one representative on the Board unless another representative is on the Board as an appointed official from a municipal group. Please see the [AMO Board](#) webpage for a current list of Board members and their municipality.
- In filling any vacancy, the Board and Caucuses are required to be mindful of the need for broad geographic representation and gender representation.

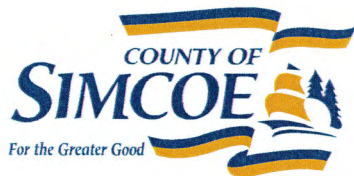
Submission

A completed application and supporting material must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) Friday, February 10, 2023**. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted beyond that time and date.

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

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

*Disclaimer: The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is unable to provide any warranty regarding the accuracy or completeness of third-party submissions. Distribution of these items does not imply an endorsement of the views, information or services mentioned.



Release

County of Simcoe, Office of the Warden and CAO
1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario L9X 1N6
simcoe.ca

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe and area partners showcase local newcomers' *Work in Simcoe County* success stories

Midhurst/January 18, 2023 – The County and area partners, including member municipalities, the cities of Barrie and Orillia and several supporting partners, are working together to promote the region as a great place to live and work. This year's *Work in Simcoe County* campaign is part of a collaborative effort to support recruitment and retention among area businesses.

"The County continues to work hard to support our businesses, promote our economic opportunities and support job seekers in finding long-term employment in Simcoe County," said County of Simcoe Warden Basil Clarke. "We know from our outreach that recruitment and retention are key areas of focus for our businesses. This year's *Work in Simcoe County* campaign focuses on these issues and demonstrates the growing diversity of Simcoe County and our workforce."

Made in Simcoe County has run annually and features the people who make our businesses so successful and the wide range of products produced locally. This year, the campaign highlights perspectives of newcomers living and working in the region in key sectors such as advanced manufacturing, engineering, entrepreneurship, tourism and agricultural industries. Social media advertising will promote the regions natural beauty and year-round recreation along with local success stories, including international students from Georgian College and Lakehead University. The campaign is featured across a variety of platforms including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and TikTok. To watch our video, visit youtube.com/CountyofSimcoe.

The County's Work in Simcoe County site is a great tool for job seekers and businesses to connect and identify opportunities. In December, www.workinsimcoecounty.ca hosted 9,073 active job openings in the region in various fields, including sales and service occupations; trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations; business, finance and administration occupations; health occupations and more. This year's Work in Simcoe County campaign will promote our web resources and job fairs on social media and help link job seekers to these vacant positions.

About Work in Simcoe County

The Work in Simcoe County site includes local resources and job opportunities, as well as vital information to empower and inspire residents. Using an automated fetching tool to aggregate job listings from over 30 popular job boards and career sites and new user-friendly features, the portal provides services for job seekers, students, parents and local government and helps to link residents with local opportunities. The video is featured as one of many stories highlighting that Success is Made in Simcoe County. The 2023 campaign is partially funded by the Government of Ontario. To learn more, visit www.workinsimcoecounty.ca.

About the County of Simcoe

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



Release

County of Simcoe, Office of the Warden and CAO
1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario L9X 1N6
simcoe.ca

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe and Bradford West Gwillimbury announce upcoming site work and impacts for new affordable housing build

Midhurst/January 23, 2023 – The County of Simcoe has begun site work and preparation for the new affordable housing project in Bradford West Gwillimbury and is slated to begin drainage channel realignment and storm pipe installation at the end of the month.

The upcoming site works will cause pedestrian and vehicular impacts starting January 30, 2023, and are expected to last four weeks.

Pedestrian impacts

Pedestrian impacts during the works will include the ***closure of the east sidewalk on Simcoe Road from Marshview Boulevard to Edward Street***. Pedestrians are advised to use the west sidewalk during this time. Directional signage will also be erected in the affected area, directing pedestrians to the proper route.

Vehicular impacts

Vehicular impacts are also expected as the project team commences with the excavation and realignment of the existing channel on Simcoe Road. ***The east lane of Simcoe Road, from Marshview Boulevard to Edward Street, will also be closed during this time***. Motorists travelling in the area should expect some delays during this phase of the project.



Update on work completed to date

Excavation and site work has been ongoing, with the following work completed in November and December 2022:

- Tennis courts fencing and ground surface demolition
- Playfield light poles and lights demolition
- Underground site services investigation
- Tree removal and preservation (where possible)
- Topsoil excavation and removal
- Fill excavation and removal
- Drainage channel temporary sediment control measures implementation

About the Bradford West Gwillimbury Affordable Housing Hub

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 add 50 new affordable housing units toward the County's target of creating at least 2,685 new units by the completion of this 10-year strategy in 2024.

The 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. More information on this project can be found at simcoe.ca/bwg-development.

Application Process and Inquiries

The application process to live in this new building is expected to open approximately six months prior to building occupancy being finalized. Interested residents may request updates and information on the application process for this building by e-mailing BWGdevelopment@simcoe.ca. Direct requests for housing application(s) may be directed to cwl@simcoe.ca.

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 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.

About the County of Simcoe

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

- 30 -

Collin Matanowitsch
Manager, Public Relations
County of Simcoe, Service Simcoe Department
705-734-8386 (mobile)
Collin.Matanowitsch@simcoe.ca

Victoria Simoes
Community Relations Officer
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
289-383-6234 (mobile)
vsimoes@townofbwg.com

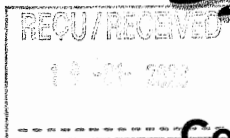


**County of Simcoe
Transportation and
Engineering**
1110 Highway 26,
Midhurst, Ontario L9X 1N6

Main Line (705) 726 9300
Toll Free 1 866 893 9300
Fax (705) 719 4626
simcoe.ca



A3c



County Road 27 Widening & Improvements

County Road 21 (Innisfil Beach Road) to County Road 90 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

Notice of Study Commencement

Background

The County of Simcoe's *Transportation Master Plan Update Final Report* (October 2014) identifies the need to widen County Road 27 from County Road 21 (Innisfil Beach Road) to County Road 90 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes. Improvements were also identified for the intersection of County Road 27 with County Road 90 to mitigate the delays to northbound left turn traffic. These improvements are necessary to support the arterial function of this primary travel corridor and accommodate planned growth in immediately adjacent areas in both the City of Barrie and Town of Innisfil.

The County is proceeding with the engineering and design of these improvements, which are expected to include a widening and resurfacing of the road to improve traffic operations, upgrades to the roadside drainage features and watercourse crossings, and a review of illumination and roadside safety needs. Intersection configurations and/or controls will be reviewed and possibly improved at County Road 90, Ardagh Road, Essa Road and County Road 21 (and other intersections as deemed appropriate).

The study area is shown on the map provided on the reverse of this notice.

Study Process

The County is proceeding with a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider the impacts associated with the proposed upgrades. The Class EA process will address the following:

- existing traffic operations and conditions on County Road 27, including operations at key intersections and access points;
- alternative design concepts for implementing the improvements as identified in the *Transportation Master Plan Update* and addressing the identified future needs;
- alternative design concepts for intersection configurations and control at Ardagh Road and Essa Road;
- the location, extent and sensitivity of the existing environments within the area;
- the potential impacts of each alternative design concept on the noted environments and possible mitigating measures;
- public and agency consultation and participation; and
- an assessment and evaluation of the alternatives culminating in a preferred solution.

Purpose of Notice

The purpose of this notice is to invite public/agency input and comment early in the study such that they can be incorporated into the planning and overall study design. Comments should be directed to the County and/or Consultant as noted below. A further opportunity for public input and comment will be provided at a Public Information Centre (open house) to be held in the upcoming months, during which time the various alternative solutions and assessment of each will be presented. Further details with respect to the Public Information Centre will be provided closer to the date.

Project Contacts

Owner

County of Simcoe
1110 Highway 26
Midhurst, ON L0L 1X0

Claire Walker, P.Eng. PMP
Project Engineer
claire.walker@simcoe.ca
705-726-9300 ext 1168

Consultant

Tatham Engineering Limited
115 Sandford Fleming Drive, Suite 200
Collingwood, ON L9Y 5A6

Michael Cullip, P.Eng.
Project Manager
mcullip@tathameng.com
705-444-2565 ext 2020

A3c

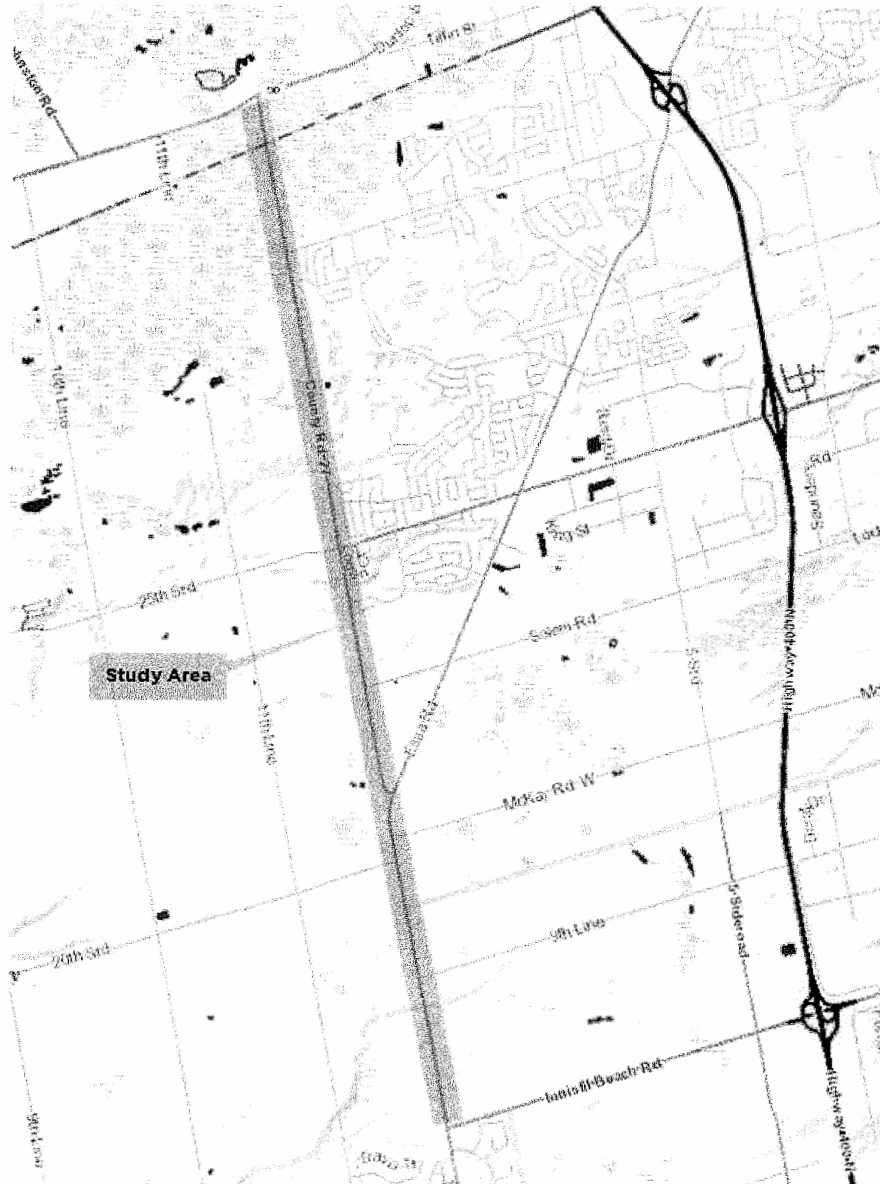


County of Simcoe
Transportation and
Engineering
1110 Highway 26,
Midhurst, Ontario L9X 1N6

Main Line (705) 726 9300
Toll Free 1 866 893 9300
Fax (705) 719 4626
simcoe.ca



Study Area



source: <https://maps.simcoe.ca/public/>

Any input received during this process will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in the project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

This notice issued January 2023

13



AMANDA FUSCO
 Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk
 Corporate Services Department
 Kitchener City Hall, 2nd Floor
 200 King Street West, P.O. Box 1118
 Kitchener, ON N2G 4G7
 Phone: 519.741.2200 x 7809 Fax: 519.741.2705
amanda.fusco@kitchener.ca
 TTY: 519-741-2385

January 20, 2023

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

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a special meeting held on December 12, 2022, passed the following resolution regarding the Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022:

"WHEREAS the provincial government passed Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 on November 28, 2022 with regulations and changes to several provincial acts which will have a significant impact on municipalities in the province;

WHEREAS notwithstanding there are parts of Bill 23 that will help build homes faster, Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) have written to Premier Doug Ford and Minister Steve Clark regarding their concerns with Bill 23, and have presented to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy;

WHEREAS the OBCM mayors have noted significant concerns relating to the impact on the collection of development charges and parkland levies, that will result in billions of dollars worth of infrastructure deficits that, without offsetting, will severely impact the current tax base as well as impact how municipalities will fund parkland spaces;

WHEREAS the impacts of this revenue shortfall will result in property tax increases and severely impact a municipality's ability to build the infrastructure needed to support the creation of new homes including roads, sewer and water systems, and supports for the delivery of fire and police services, delaying the building of new homes;

WHEREAS municipal audits announced by the province in selected municipalities will show how these reserve funds are allocated by each municipality to pay for the cost of this needed infrastructure, based on legislation from the province that strictly sets out their uses;

WHEREAS all partners in the homebuilding process, including municipalities who have responsibility for permitting, approvals and servicing, and developers who are responsible for getting shovels in the ground, can improve processes geared toward their part of creating a new housing supply;

WHEREAS while the municipal sector can help cut red tape and speed up the municipal approvals process, it is the responsibility of the province to look at delays within their ministries, and the responsibility of developers and home builders to further coordinate the building of homes in a timely manner once development approvals are in place;

WHEREAS the province has not identified accountability measures for all parties involved in creating housing, nor has the province identified annual targets to demonstrate incremental goals to build 1.5 million homes over the next decade;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Kitchener endorse and support the OBCM mayors request to the province immediately pause the implementation of changes to the development charges act and parkland fee reductions in Bill 23 until cities have been consulted on finding solutions to the impacts that these changes will have to our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City request the province put in place the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Table immediately and establish a terms of reference for the implementation table, and that Bill 23 is considered a priority in consultation with municipalities and other stakeholders in the home building industry;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City request the province work with municipalities to re-open the discussion on a new long-term permanent municipal funding strategy to maintain services and fund critical infrastructure projects, and include the federal government to discuss joint solutions such as allocating a portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) to cities, allowing municipalities to build the housing that Ontarians need without having the burden fall on the existing property tax base; THAT while this work on an additional long-term municipal funding strategy is underway, municipalities are made whole, dollar-for-dollar, by the province to eliminate the unintended consequences of revenue reductions associated with Bill 23 changes;

-3-

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Kitchener endorse and support the OBCM request to hold all stakeholders (provincial ministries, municipalities, developers, and homebuilders) jointly accountable for their part of the home building process through the upcoming housing unit pledge exercise, due to the province by March 1st;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Kitchener endorse and support the OBCM request to urge the province work with each municipality and all other partners in the homebuilding process to identify annual targets, with agreed upon accountability measures and metrics put in place based on each partner's role in the homebuilding process;

THEREFORE IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that City request the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Table regularly identify to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing legislative and regulatory amendments to mitigate or eliminate unintended consequences of Bill 23, inclusive of the effects of outside and market forces that may impact the achievement of these targets."

cc: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus
Ontario Municipalities

Yours truly,



A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

**Nottawasaga Police Services Board
(Serving New Tecumseth/Essa/Adjala-Tosorontio)**

**Resolution Number: 2023-05
January 23, 2023
Moved by: Sandie MacDonald
Seconded by: Paul Whiteside**

Whereas revenues generated from Criminal Records Checks has historically been used to fund the Police Services Board budget;

And Whereas the revenue generated through Criminal Records Checks for 2023 is estimated to be \$85,000;

And Whereas the Province has indicated that starting in 2023, the Criminal Records Check process will be centralized through the Ontario Provincial Police and moved to an on-line service to be administered by the Province through a third party vendor;

And Whereas it is expected that the revenues generated from the online service will begin to go directly to the Province in 2023 resulting in a loss of approximately \$85,000 to the Police Services Board budget resulting in the need for Police Services Boards funding to be added to the tax levy of participating municipalities of the Nottawasaga Police Services Board;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Police Services Board request the Councils of the three participating municipalities of the Nottawasaga Police Services Board to add a line item to their 2023 budget deliberations to include funding for the Nottawasaga Police Services Board in the following amounts based on percentage of population served:

Municipality	Percentage of Population	Actual Costs
New Tecumseth	55	46,750
Essa	30	25,500
Adjala-Tosorontio	15	12,750

NEWS RELEASE

Building All of Ontario

Government's investments supporting economic growth, protecting jobs and building infrastructure in rural communities

January 24, 2023

Municipal Affairs and Housing

TORONTO — The Ontario government is working with its rural municipal partners to build housing, encourage economic growth and development, reduce red tape, strengthen the agri-food sector and promote rural municipalities as great places to live, work and do business.

"Our government has a plan that's building all of Ontario," said Premier Doug Ford. "No matter the size of your community or where you live, we're making sure every inch of Ontario benefits from our investments to support economic growth and protect jobs, including by building infrastructure in rural communities. We want every part of Ontario to be the best place to live, work and raise a family."

During the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, announced that the government is providing more than \$936 million in much-needed funds to municipal service managers and Indigenous program administrators in 2023-24 and 2024-25 through initiatives under the National Housing Strategy to maintain and create more community housing. This includes an increase of over \$23 million in funding under the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit for women and children fleeing violence. These funds are the result of Ontario's ongoing advocacy and recent negotiations with the federal government to help ensure our partners in the housing sector have the resources needed to protect, renew and expand community housing across the province.

Minister Clark also announced the province is extending the deadline for implementation projects approved under Intake 3 of the Municipal Modernization Program (MMP) to streamline, digitize and modernize their services, including managing and approving applications for residential developments. Ontario is also extending the deadline for final reports for projects under the Streamline Development Approval Fund.

Ab

“Rural communities are the backbone of Ontario’s success and key to the province’s economy,” said Minister Clark. “Our government sees a bright future for rural Ontario with opportunities for growth, enhanced education and training, and increased workforce productivity – all while providing a high quality of life and housing options that Ontario families can afford.”

Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs also announced the launch of a new intake of the Rural Economic Development (RED) program. The RED program supports projects that help increase economic opportunities, create and retain jobs, and support the economic growth and resilience of rural and Indigenous communities. Applications for the new RED intake will be accepted until February 23, 2023. This program aligns with the government’s priorities of removing barriers to investment, opening doors to rural economic development and creating good jobs across the province.

The ROMA conference is an important opportunity for provincial and municipal leaders to discuss and collaborate on rural priorities. This year’s conference was held in-person in Toronto for the first time since 2020, and rural municipal officials had an opportunity to interact face-to-face with Ministers, Associate Ministers and Parliamentary Assistants. They exchanged ideas, discussed opportunities and identified ways to address some of the key priorities facing rural municipalities today, including increasing housing supply, strengthening local infrastructure, tackling homelessness, improving mental health supports, economic development and more.

Quotes

“Rural Ontario has always played an essential role in the prosperity of this province. The Rural Economic Development program provides rural municipalities, Indigenous communities, and not-for-profits with the tools they need for projects that contribute to local economic vitality,” said Minister Thompson. “Going forward our government will continue to build on rural successes.”

“Rural communities and those who call them home are what make Northern Ontario an incredible place to live, work and raise a family,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Minister of Indigenous Affairs. “Our government is focused on a robust approach to promoting economic development across the North and we are supporting rural businesses as they look to grow their operations and workforces.”

R

“Rural Ontario is full of untapped potential. ROMA has spent the past two years exploring ways to ensure rural municipalities recover from the pandemic and realize their promise,” said ROMA Chair and Mayor of the Village of Westport, Robin Jones. “We thank the Ontario Government for participating in the ROMA conference and we look forward to partnering to find creative solutions that will strengthen our communities for a more prosperous Ontario where no one is left behind.”

Quick Facts

- The National Housing Strategy (NHS) bilateral agreement between Ontario and Canada provides more than \$5.75 billion over nine years to protect, renew and expand community housing and deliver direct affordability support to Ontarians in need of housing.
 - The Ontario government has invested nearly \$4.4 billion over the past three years to grow and enhance community and supportive housing, respond to COVID-19 and address homelessness for vulnerable Ontarians – including over \$1.2 billion to service managers and Indigenous program administrators through the Social Services Relief Fund.
 - Since 2019, Ontario has committed more than \$17.2 million to fund 308 economic development projects through the RED program.
 - Ontario is providing up to \$28 million through Intake 3 of MMP to support 321 projects led by small and rural municipalities.
 - In January 2022, the province launched the Streamline Development Approval Fund to provide more than \$45 million to help Ontario’s 39 largest municipalities modernize local approval processes for residential developments.
 - Ontario is investing nearly \$4 billion to bring access to reliable high-speed internet to every community across the province by the end of 2025.
 - Ministers, Associate Ministers and Parliamentary Assistants held more than 320 delegation meetings with rural municipalities and municipal organizations at the 2023 ROMA conference.
-

Related Topics

Government

Learn about the government services available to you and how government works.

[Learn more](#)

Home and Community

AL6

Information for families on major life events and care options, including marriage, births and child care. Also includes planning resources for municipalities. [Learn more](#)

Media Contacts

Victoria Podbielski

Minister's Office

victoria.podbielski2@ontario.ca

Conrad Spezowka

Communications Branch

MMA.Media@ontario.ca

[Accessibility](#)

[Privacy](#)

[Contact us](#)

© King's Printer for Ontario, 2012-2023

January 25, 2023

Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton
County of Lambton
Municipalities of Lambton County and Ontario

Via email

During the December 12, 2022, regular meeting of council, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Bill Clark Seconded: Debb Pitel

WHEREAS in the Province of Ontario, municipalities are responsible to conduct the election process on behalf of the school boards; and

WHEREAS an extensive amount of resources, time and management to advertise, co-ordinate and complete these trustee elections is placed on the municipality; and

WHEREAS municipalities do not receive any compensation or re-imbusement for use of orchestration of the school board trustee elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia request that staff forward this motion to the Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Bob Bailey, Ontario Municipal Councils and the County of Lambton requesting that school boards become responsible for conducting their own trustee elections or at minimum municipalities be compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee elections;

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Clerk/Operations Clerk

Phone: (519)882-2350 • Fax: (519)882-3373 • Theatre: (800)717-7694

411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, ON, N0N 1R0

www.town.petrolia.on.ca



www.town.petrolia.on.ca