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CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019**

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None to be presented.

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

None to be presented.



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March 6, 2019

Her Worship Sandie Macdonald
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Macdonald:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Township of Essa about poverty and food security. I appreciate having this opportunity to hear your views and concerns, and am pleased to outline some of the concrete steps we have taken to provide a hand up to people in need.

We're committed to making life more affordable for individuals and families, and putting more money back into their pockets, so they can get ahead. As part of that commitment, we introduced the Low-income Individuals and Families Tax (LIFT) Credit, which provides low-income and minimum wage workers up to \$850 in Ontario Personal Income Tax relief and couples up to \$1,700. With this tax relief, a single person who works full time at minimum wage (earning nearly \$30,000) would pay no Ontario Personal Income Tax. In addition, \$308 million in planned tax hikes have been stopped in their tracks.

We've also removed job-killing burdens with the passing of the *Making Ontario Open for Business Act*, and kept the commitment to preserve the minimum wage at \$14 as of January 1, 2019.

When it comes to reforming social assistance, our plan is about a more effective, sustainable approach to helping people find and keep jobs, and achieve better outcomes. We'll redesign the Ontario Disability Support Program to provide annualized income support with far fewer reporting requirements for Ontarians with severe disabilities.

These are some of the measures we have put in place to help ensure everyone in this province has a chance to succeed. My colleagues in the Ontario government and I look forward to working with you and all our municipal partners to build a brighter future for Ontario. Thanks again for writing to me about this important topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Ford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Doug" and the last name "Ford" clearly distinguishable.

Doug Ford
Premier

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AMO watchfile



March 14, 2019

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AMO Matters

Read [AMO's submission on the new policing bill](#), the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019*.

Our new weekly series answers the most common questions on digital dignatures. Q1: why does a professional association choose to issue digital signatures to their members? [Click here](#) for the answer.

Provincial Matters

Ontario is launching an [online consultation](#) for the regional government review of eight regional municipalities and Simcoe County, and their lower-tiers. In total, 82 municipalities are included in the review. The deadline for providing comments is April 23, 2019.

Eye on Events

We are pleased to announce that Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister, Steve Clark, and Globe and Mail health columnist André Picard will address delegates at the OSUM Conference. [Register today!](#)

Showcase your product or service at the 2019 AMO Conference in August. Are you a municipal supplier or vendor? Do you have a product or service that would benefit the municipal sector? Then register today for the AMO Annual Conference Exhibit Hall. Exhibit spaces are still available - [download the exhibitor application today](#).

As a member of Council what do you need to know? The ABC's of municipal government; limiting your risk; budgeting; planning; impacts of new legislation and so much more. Learn what it takes to be an

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effective team member and a municipal leader. Space is limited, [register today](#) and receive access to the So You Want to Run for Council online course for free.

The Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics workshop will reinforce the central role municipalities play in implementing and managing the land use policy framework. It will include a review of the relevant elements of the *Ontario Planning Act* as well as a run-down of the key planning tools and how they are applied in the municipal context. [Register today](#) and receive access to the Land Use Planning: The Basics online course for free.

This is your final chance to register for Richmond Hill and Kingston [RETScreen Performance workshops](#). Registration closes today. [Submit your form](#) or [register online](#) now.

AMO will host a 1-day session on mental health in the municipal workplace at the Holiday Inn Airport on May 29. Save the date and stay tuned for details on registration and the program.

LAS

All good things must come to an end, and our LED Streetlight Program is sadly no exception. Check out the [LAS Blog](#) for an update on one of our most successful programs to date.

Public Sector organizations can now submit their annual energy reports for O.Reg. 507/18 on the [BPS Reporting portal](#). The portal also contains a toolkit with guides, checklists and energy benchmarks to help with your 5-year plan. Log-ins were sent out last week - scratch one more to-do item off your list now.

Municipal Wire*

Durham Region [adopted recommendations](#) of the Works Committee as amended...Whereas plastic waste is an urgent environmental issue creating waste disposal concerns and threatening the health of waterways and oceans...that the federal and provincial governments undertake a full review of single use plastics and duly ban those deemed most dangerous to our environment.

Careers

[Director, Financial Services - County of Lennox & Addington](#). Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Performs all statutory, operational and advisory duties of Treasurer as defined by the *Municipal Act*. For more information and to apply by April 1 2019, please visit our [website](#).

[Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Lakeshore](#). A detailed job description including necessary qualifications and experience is available on our [website](#). Qualified applicants interested in the position are to email a detailed resume outlining their qualifications to jobs@lakeshore.ca no later than noon on April 6, 2019 clearly indicating Chief Administrative Officer in the subject line.

[Economic Development Officer - Township of Hornepayne](#). Starting date: May 13, 2019. Reports to CAO/Clerk/Director of Economic Development. Application forms and Job Description available at the Municipal Office and on the Township's [website](#), under "Employment Opportunities". Applications will be received at the Municipal Office by Gail Jaremy, CAO/Clerk, Township of Hornepayne, until 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 12, 2019 or by email: jaremy.hpayne@bellnet.ca or fax: 807.868.2787.

About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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POLICY UPDATE

March 26, 2019

Federal and Provincial Transit Funding Announced Outside Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area

The Government of Ontario has announced the first intake of federal and provincial funding for public transit infrastructure focusing on public transit systems outside of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). As of April 2, 2019, 85 municipal governments will be able to nominate priority public transit projects through the Grants Ontario website.

Today's announcement is the first step in providing the formula-based federal public transit funding to municipal governments in Ontario. This announcement accounts for \$1.62 billion of the overall \$15.6 billion in federal and provincial transit funds under the Investing In Canada Plan. Ontario notes that additional information on future funding intakes, including for public transit systems within the GTHA, will be available soon.

The Public Transit Infrastructure fund compliments the recent announcement for Rural and Northern Infrastructure stream for roads and bridge projects.

Municipal governments must contribute 27 per cent of funds for individual projects, except under the Rural and Northern stream where federal funding provides a greater share. Generally, the federal and provincial governments provide 40 per cent and 33 per cent of project funding, respectively.

The Canada-Ontario Bilateral Agreement makes up to \$30 billion (including municipal contribution) available to fund infrastructure across four streams:

- Public Transit - \$20.8 billion

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- Rural and Northern - \$500 million
- Green - \$7 billion
- Community, Culture and Recreation - \$1 billion

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March 20, 2019

Warden George Cornell
County of Simcoe
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Dear Warden Cornell: *George*

Our government for the people was elected to restore trust, transparency and accountability in Ontario's finances. As you know, the province has undertaken a line-by-line review of our own expenditures, and we have been clear that we expect our partners, including municipalities, to take steps to become more efficient as well.

Municipalities play a key role in delivering many provincial services that people across Ontario rely on. Taxpayers deserve modern, efficient service delivery that puts people at the centre and respects hard-earned dollars.

Transforming service delivery and identifying more modern, efficient ways of operating is critical and complex work. As Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I recognize that many of Ontario's small and rural municipalities may have limited capacity to plan and manage transformation, depending on the resources they have available and how far they have moved on their own modernization agendas.

That is why we are providing a one-time payment in the 2018-19 fiscal year to support small and rural municipalities' efforts to become more efficient and reduce expenditure growth in the longer term.

To ensure that this investment is targeted to where it is needed most, municipal allocations are based on a formula, which takes into consideration the number of households in a municipality and whether it is urban or rural.

While this investment is unconditional, it is intended to help modernize service delivery and reduce future costs through investments in projects such as: service delivery reviews, development of shared services agreements, and capital investments. Our government believes that municipalities are best positioned to understand the unique circumstances and determine where and how this money is best spent.

I am pleased to share that County of Simcoe will receive a one-time payment of \$725,000 which will flow in this fiscal year.

Staff from our regional Municipal Services Offices will be in touch in the coming days for your acknowledgement of this letter and to discuss any questions that you might have. I encourage you to work with ministry staff as you begin to think about the best way to proceed for your community. The Municipal Services Offices can offer advice and point to examples that may be helpful as you contemplate local solutions. In the future, we would be interested to hear about your modernization success stories.

Thank you once again for your commitment to demonstrating value for money. I look forward to continuing to work together to help the people and businesses in communities across our province thrive.

Sincerely,



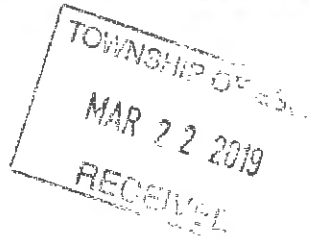
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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Environmental Management Branch

March 20, 2019

Township of Essa
c/o The Clerk
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RE: Notification of NASM Plan Approval

This is to inform you that a NASM Plan has been approved in your municipality.

Approval has been granted to: Angus Clarkson
Date Approved: March 19, 2019
Address: 6393 County Road 27
Innisfil, ON L9S 4V4

The NASM Plan has been assigned reference number **23729**.

The approved NASM Plan **will expire on December 31, 2023**.

The NASM Plan refers to the following NASM and land application sites:

NASM		
Description	Source	Category
Sewage biosolids	Town of New Tecumseth, Alliston	3
Sewage biosolids	OCWA – Arthur	3
Sewage biosolids	OCWA – Angus	3
Sewage biosolids	Corporation of the City of Barrie, Barrie	3
Sewage biosolids	Corporation of the City of Barrie, Oro Station	3
Sewage biosolids	Town of the Blue Mountains	3
Sewage biosolids	Muskoka District Municipality, Bracebridge	3
Sewage biosolids	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	3
Washwater, with food-grade cleaners, from a confectionery	Ferrero Canada, Brantford	3
Washwater, with food-grade cleaners, from a meat processing facility	Golden Ontario Products Limited, Mount Forest	3
Sewage biosolids	OCWA Grand Valley	3
Sewage biosolids	Region of York, Newmarket	3



Sewage biosolids	Innservices Utilities Inc., Innisfil	3
Sewage biosolids	Twp of Ramara	3
Sewage biosolids	Town of Meaford	3
Sewage biosolids	OCWA – Mount Forest	3
Sewage biosolids	City of Orillia	3
Sewage biosolids	Town of Parry Sound	3
Sewage biosolids	OCWA Penetanguishene	3
Sewage biosolids	OCWA – Shelburne	3
Sewage biosolids	Muskoka District Municipality, Huntsville	3
Sewage biosolids	Durham Region, Sunderland	3
Sewage biosolids	Town of New Tecumseth, Tottenham	3
Sewage biosolids	OCWA – Wasaga Beach	3

Land Application Sites			
Concession	Lot	Geotownship	Roll number
11	9	Essa	432101000504800

For more information or questions about compliance and enforcement, visit the Ministry of the Environment's website: www.ontario.ca/nasm-moe or call 1-800-565-4923.

For more information about training, certification, education and NASM Plan approvals, visit the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' website: www.ontario.ca/nasm-omafra or call 1-877-424-1300.



L.A. Senyshyn, Director
Section 28, O. Reg. 267/03, as amended

c: Andrew Barrie, OMAFRA Field Specialist
Dirk Woudenberg, MECP Barrie District Office

March 20, 2019

Honourable Christine Elliott
Deputy Premier
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Hepburn Block 10th Floor, 80 Grosvenor St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister Elliott,

On February 20th the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit indicated its support for the alpha report, *Improving and Maintaining the Health of the People: The Contribution of Public Health to Reducing Hallway Medicine* (attached). This is in recognition of the critical importance of local public health services to protect and promote health, and prevent disease. These services represent excellent value for money, reducing costs to the health care system and to the province, as identified with specific examples in this report. Maintaining the integrity of the public health system is essential to helping the province end hallway medicine. This is accomplished through actions that address the underlying causes of illness in our communities.

As the Province proceeds with fundamental change in the health care system, we do raise the inherent value and effectiveness of the public health system, and its ability to work with a very wide range of sectors to achieve maximum health benefit for minimum cost. The close working relationship of public health with municipalities, schools, community agencies and health care institutions enables for such creative and nimble action, allowing us to successfully address and control health challenges both long standing and emerging, and to help to avoid large scale health incidents.

The public health approach – employing a wide range of professionals, working with a wide range of players across our communities, using both innovation and evidence-informed practice to prevent disease, and keep people healthy and productive – has been a necessary part of the health care system for well over a century, and will always be essential.

The Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has demonstrated these principles and approaches. These include the development of the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy in partnership with over forty local agencies pursuing a full range of activities within five pillars. Another example is the creation of a dental operatory in our Gravenhurst office to provide the oral health services (including

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through the difficult winter months) to clients found with our surveillance data to be at greatest need in our district.

We thank you for considering the importance of maintaining a strong, complete and sufficiently resourced public health system in order to achieve your objectives for an effective and sustainable health care system.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Anita Dubeau
Chair, Board of Health

AD:CG:cm

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cc. Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Ontario Boards of Health
Association of Local Public Health Agencies
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Mayors and Councils in Simcoe Muskoka
Members of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe and Muskoka
Central Local Health Integration Network
North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network

Improving and Maintaining the Health of the People

The Contribution of Public Health to Reducing Hallway Medicine

As the Government of Ontario considers one of its most high-profile election commitments – the elimination of “Hallway Medicine” in Ontario – this paper has been developed to explain the work of the public health sector and to highlight the important role that the sector can play in meeting that challenge.

One of the answers to keeping people out of hospital hallways is to reduce the demand for hospital and primary care services. Building healthy communities through an efficient, proactive and locally managed public health system, mandated to lead on preventative measures to protect and promote the health of Ontarians, can go a long way to reducing that demand.

Ontario’s public health system delivers value for money, ensuring Ontarians remain healthy, and are able to contribute fully to a prosperous Ontario. Studies have shown tremendous return on investment. For example, every \$1 spent on:

- **mental health and addictions** saves \$7 in health costs and \$30 dollars in lost productivity and social costs;
- **immunizing children** with the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine saves \$16 in health care costs; and
- **early childhood development and health care** saves up to \$9 in future spending on health, social and justice services.

A systematic review of international public health investments published in 2017 concludes that cuts to public health budgets in high income countries represent a false economy and are likely to generate billions of dollars of additional costs to health services and the wider economy.

At the same time, the public health system supports an effective health care system by reducing the demand for hospital services through:

- advising and convening diverse stakeholders (e.g. schools, police, healthcare) to improve mental health and addictions treatments in community settings;
- ensuring people are treated for sexually transmitted infections and tuberculosis and preventing infections and related hospital visits;
- safeguarding the community from harms caused by impure drinking water and environmental hazards;
- reducing the impact of outbreaks, such as influenza in Long Term Care Homes and hospitals; and
- providing a point of access to supports and information for people with greater needs, whether rural, newcomers or others isolated in urban environments.

In short, public health actions now can result in fewer emergency room and doctor’s office visits today and in the future.

The geographic breadth of Ontario means that the needs of residents differ from region to region. Public health and community-based programs and services require localised input and delivery, leveraging existing partnerships with schools, municipalities, business networks, health care providers and social services organizations, resulting in the ability to quickly and efficiently respond to the needs

of the people:

- In 2016, the Middlesex-London Health Unit identified an outbreak of HIV in London. Provincially, HIV rates largely driven by men who have sex with men, had been declining for a decade. In London, rates were spiking, and driven by IV drug use. The Health Unit put boots on the ground, assembled an outreach team to find people on the street, and connected them with HIV testing and treatment. Today, the outbreak is over.
- As the opioid crisis became critical in 2017, Ottawa Public Health supported people most at risk, informed schools and parents, made naloxone available across the city, and created a new real-time surveillance system. Today, the public health unit is using the surveillance data to inform and organize a Mental Health and Substance Use Summit, with The Royal Hospital. A broad range of stakeholders is identifying actions to increase prevention and create a more integrated approach to improve mental health assessment and access to treatment.
- Recently, the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit identified a need for enhanced dental services for low-income adults, based on data about high rates of emergency room visits for dental problems. The health unit solved the problem by starting a now well-used dental clinic for people who meet the financial and program criteria.
- Last year, Toronto Public Health completed implementation of a wireless strategy that allows personal services setting inspectors and nurses inspecting vaccine fridges in doctors' offices to complete their visits using tablets that upload results in real time rather than recording the inspection on paper and entering it on the website later. This means that results of inspections, information on the BodySafe website that people use each day to shop for a nail salon or other personal service, is the most current information.
- Local public health units are increasingly using technology to serve people, improving convenience and cost-effectiveness, such as through interactive web-based prenatal education and chats with nurses on Facebook and by using on-line video to observe people taking tuberculosis medication instead of in-person observation. Such innovations begin locally and have spread across the province.

These local solutions show that, when combined with stable, designated funding, the public health system has the capacity to relieve pressure on doctors and hospitals. Furthermore, accountability is firmly established by provincial legislation and policy ensuring that the money spent on public health is spent effectively and with purpose.

Together we serve the people of Ontario to ensure:

- that healthy people can support a strong economy, providing a direct economic impact;
- coordination of responses to community health concerns such as mental health and addictions, in partnership with community level organizations;
- reduction of pressures on doctors and hospitals by concentrating on the health of the community, starting at birth; and,
- a significant, cost-effective contribution to the elimination of hallway medicine.

In conclusion, public health works as a system that is greater than the sum of its parts - leveraging the skills and experience of nutritionists, nurses, health promoters, inspectors, epidemiologists, doctors, dentists and dental hygienists, board members and administrators, and more – to together support and protect the health of the people of Ontario. Public health delivers promotion, protection and prevention services on behalf of, and in partnership with, the Ontario Government.

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From: Ontario News [mailto:newsroom@ontario.ca]
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 10:35 AM



Newsroom

News Release

Ontario Continuing to Strengthen the Public Health Care System with More Support for Ontario Seniors

March 22, 2019

MARKHAM — Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, was joined by Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, Effie Triantafilopoulos, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, and Paul Calandra, MPP for Markham-Stouffville, at Yee Hong Ho Lai Oi Wan Centre in Markham to announce 16 additional long-term care projects that will add 1,157 new beds in facilities across Ontario.

The Government of Ontario is delivering on its commitment to strengthen the province's public health care system by centering it on the needs of patients, including Ontario's seniors.

Our government is building a 21st century health care system that allows seniors to remain at home as long as they can. For Ontario's seniors who need long-term care, our government is committed to ensuring their quality of life remains high and space is available for them when and where they need it.

"Our government is building a sustainable, connected and modern health care system, which is putting patients at the centre and ensures the needs of patients, families and caregivers are driving all our decisions," said Elliott. "These new projects are part of our plan to protect and strengthen our health care system. Ontario's seniors need access to long-term care, they need to be able to have access to a bed when and where they need it, and their families need to be kept informed every step of the way. This is putting patients first. With these additional spaces, our government is working to ease pressures on hospitals, and enable nurses, doctors and other care providers to provide better, faster health care for Ontario families and patients."

This is part of the government's commitment to adding 15,000 long-term care beds in five years, bringing the total number of allocated beds to 7,232.

"We are proud that in just nine months, our government has fulfilled almost half of our commitment toward new long-term care spaces in Ontario over five years," said Elliott. "As we move forward to modernize our public health care system, the people of Ontario, including seniors, have and always will be our government's priority. We will create a health care system that works for them and is finally centred on the needs of patients, families and caregivers."

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Hello Friends, Supporters and Volunteers of the Angus Horticultural Society,

The Angus Horticultural Society (AKA Angus Garden Club or AHS), was registered and chartered under the Ontario Provincial Government and the Ontario Horticultural Association (AKA OHA), on June 21, 1929.

This June 21, 2019, the AHS celebrates a milestone. Ninety (90) years of providing Horticultural to Angus, whether it was for and still is education, planting, creating, selling, installing, distributing or displaying – we have stayed the course for those years.

As June is busy for many members and their families, we will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary with dignitaries and special guests on:

Date: Saturday September 21, 2019.

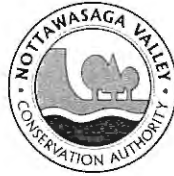
Time: 1pm to 3pm

Location: Angus Mobile Home Park Recreation Centre, 35 Third Street (off Cecil Street).

Please mark your calendars for this very special event to join us for a nostalgic and remembrance and celebratory afternoon. Formal invitation letters will be sent by regular mail once we finalize our 90th Anniversary Celebration plans.

Thank you

Wendy Harry
President
Angus Horticultural Society



NVCA Board Meeting Highlights March 22, 2019

Next Board Meeting: April 26, 2019
at Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit [nvca.on.ca/about/boardofdirectors](https://www.nvca.on.ca/about/boardofdirectors)

NVCA's 2019 Budget Approved

The board of directors approved NVCA's 2019 budget. The budget came in at \$4.9 million, up \$184,600 from 2018. Funds from municipal levy represent 49% of NVCA's revenues. Grants for special projects, revenue generated by the authority through user fees, and donations make up the remaining portion.

The budget document is available on the authority's website at <https://www.nvca.on.ca/about/PlansFinancials>

Provincial Approach to Improving Client Experiences and Streamlining Services Endorsed

The board endorsed recommendations put forth by Conservation Ontario, the umbrella organization for the province's 36 conservation authorities, to improve client experiences and streamline services in response to the Government of Ontario's priority for housing supply in high growth areas.

Conservation authorities have mandated responsibilities with regards to the planning and development approvals process. Led by Conservation Ontario, conservation authorities identified three key solutions to aid the government in meeting their housing priorities while effectively carrying out the conservation authority mandate for hazard management and plan review.

These solutions will be worked on with development community, municipalities, and other stakeholders.

1. Improve client service and accountability
 - Provide client service training and establish client service standards.
 - Report on the commitment to timely approvals annually.
 - Initially, focus efforts on conservation authorities with high growth areas where housing supply is needed immediately.
2. Increase speed of approvals
 - Assess current application review/approval timelines, identifying problem areas where timelines are not being met and developing solutions to meet timelines.
 - Establish timelines that match the complexity of development applications (e.g. simple and complete applications can be processed more quickly).
3. Reduce "red tape" and regulatory burden
 - Examine where conservation authorities can improve or change our processes to speed up or simplify permitting in hazard areas.
 - Explore additional legislative or regulatory amendments to achieve increased housing supply and decreased approval timeframes.

NVCA staff will review these solutions against existing policies and protocols to look for opportunities for streamlining and improved service delivery. These actions will be reported back to the board at a future meeting.

In brief

During their meeting, the board also:

- approved funding to purchase seedlings in support of NVCA's forestry program, which anticipates planting more than 146,000 trees in the watershed this year. These funds are recouped through agreements with local landowners and a generous grant from Forests Ontario.
- received an update on the development of the new Integrated Watershed Management Plan. A draft of the plan will be circulated in April, with a final plan anticipated to be brought to the board for review/approval in June of this year.

Future Meetings and Events

Friends of Minesing Wetlands: Tour of Fort Willow and AGM

Saturday, Mar. 30, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Fort Willow Conservation Area, Grenfel
Member of the public are welcome to attend.

Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival

Saturday, Apr. 6 and Sunday, Apr. 7
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Friends of Minesing Wetlands Spring Paddle

Sunday, Apr. 28, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Minesing Wetlands Conservation Area

Family Nature Days - Wilderness Survival

Friday, May 3, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

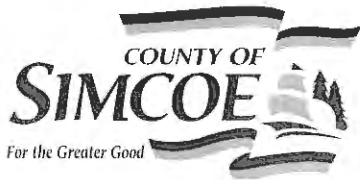
NVCA Arbour Day Tree Sale

Saturday, May 11, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Friends of Minesing Wetlands Spring Paddle

Saturday, May 11, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Minesing Wetlands Conservation Area

For more information on these events, please visit the [NVCA website](http://www.nvca.on.ca).



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe invests in regional health care

Midhurst/ March 26, 2019 – County of Simcoe continues to invest in and support the region's health-care system through numerous programs, initiatives and funding streams.

County Councillors were joined today by representatives from the Simcoe County Hospital Alliance (SCHA), which is comprised of CEOs from the seven hospitals that serve Simcoe County residents, to receive an update about future allocations of the County's substantial funding commitment, which accumulates to \$107 million toward area hospitals between 1994 and 2031.

The County's commitment to regional health care extends beyond hospitals. Councillors also received information through a staff report regarding the County's \$1.5 million pledge to local hospice centres (2018-2020).

During a brief presentation about the County's commitment to health care, Warden George Cornell also shared details on the County's annual investments in social, mental health and wellness initiatives as well as the County's provincial leadership in providing the very best in Long-term Care and Paramedic Services.

The County of Simcoe manages regional social and affordable housing, homelessness and poverty reduction initiatives, children's services and Ontario Works. The County manages Paramedic Services responding to approximately 75,000 calls annually as well as operates four long-term care homes and a continuum of seniors housing and services that supports more than 1300 seniors across this region.

Cheque presentations to receiving hospitals and hospice centres will be made throughout 2019. Cheque presentations to receiving hospitals and hospice centres will be made throughout 2019.

Quotes:

"The County takes great pride in our significant investments and contributions to the area's health-care system," said Warden George Cornell. "Our investments enhance the health and quality of life of our residents and demonstrate our commitment to serving almost half a million residents who live in our region across 16 member municipalities and the cities of Barrie and Orillia."

"Although Simcoe County is not obligated to provide hospital funding, this generous investment demonstrates the county's commitment to improving residents' access to care wherever they live across our region," says Gail Hunt, chair, Simcoe County Hospital Alliance and president and CEO, Georgian Bay General Hospital. "All of the hospitals in the Alliance are currently planning for significant expansions or redevelopments. The County's support is vital to ensuring these projects can move forward."

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

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Subject: Thornton Community Clean-up [AECOM DAY OF SERVICE]

As part of AECOM's "DAY OF SERVICE" in our North American Business Line that is in support of the [AECOM Blueprint for a Better World Program](#); the Barrie office of AECOM will be carrying out a clean-up along the [Thornton-Cookstown Trans Canada Trail \[TCTCT\]](#) on **Saturday April 13th, 2019.**

Staff and family members of AECOM will be meeting at 8am on Saturday April 13th at the **TIM HORTON** location in the [Thornton Crossing Plaza](#) at Innisfil Beach Road /Barrie Road. We will all have proper footwear, Personal Safety Vests, and Gloves; and AECOM will be providing large garbage bags for the clean-up. We will however require a location to leave the collected material in the garbage bags.

The clean-up will commence around 8:30am at the north limits of Innisfil Beach Road and the TCTCT, and proceed southerly to the south limits of Thornton, just south of Meadowland Boulevard; and would also include general clean-up at the intersecting streets.

On the return walk to our starting location, we will be doing clean-up at the adjacent parks at #19 Meadowland Boulevard; the abutting Kevin Crescent Park; the Cunningham Park between Cunningham Drive & Henry Street; and the Parkette at Kallen Boulevard & Robert Street. We would also do clean-up for those whom are walking along Cunningham Drive and William Street.

The undersigned, [Al Lees](#) will be coordinating staff and family members during that morning, once the number of participants are known. We possibly could split into a few groups to task the various clean-up areas.

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March 27, 2019

Essa Council

This communication is to share that Essa Public Library recently established a Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement with Georgian College Library at its various campuses in Barrie, Midland, Orillia and Owen Sound.

As of April 1st, 2019, Essa Public Library card holders may borrow materials, use Reference resources on campus, and obtain a guest account for computer login use. In exchange, Georgian College students may visit Essa Public Library to borrow resources and to find spaces in which to study.

The Essa Public Library Board supports this initiative as part of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan, ***Striving for Excellence, Community-focused Service***, Initiative 3, *Successful Children & Youth* to “Connect with education partners for enhanced learning programs”.

If you know a student or lifelong learner who would benefit from access to academic library resources, please share this valuable information with them.

This agreement is for a 5-year term and may be considered for renewal for April 1st, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by

Laura Wark, CEO



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TRAILS CONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM - 2019 Information Sheet and Application Guide

1. Introduction

The County of Simcoe has dedicated funding in 2019 to assist local municipalities in the development of active transportation and recreational trail opportunities, with a focus on enhancing and/or expanding the trail network for non-motorized uses. The following information is intended to outline the basic information regarding the Trails Connecting Communities Program (TCCP).

For enquiries relating to the Trails Connecting Communities Program, please contact Kaitlyn Blake, TCCP Coordinator at 705-726-9300 x1969 or Trails@Simcoe.ca

2. Eligibility

The TCCP is available to local municipalities within the County of Simcoe. Trail projects may be initiated by community groups, trail associations, recreation associations, institutions, crown corporations and conservation authorities. However, both local municipalities and the TCCP applicant must be financially committed to the project. It should be noted that the TCCP is a reimbursement program. Applying municipalities should be prepared to incur all of the costs of construction and then request reimbursement from the County of Simcoe at project completion.

As a minimum, projects are required to meet the following criteria:

- Project will enhance an existing trail or establish a key trail linkage to improve network connectivity.
- Project will be constructed to specifications that improve trail accessibility to people with disabilities.
- Projects will work towards linking local municipalities and/or settlement areas.
- Construction will begin and end in 2019 (unless alternate scheduling is confirmed).
- Project/trail design is satisfactory to County staff (i.e. access, signage, width, etc.)
- All construction activities will occur in accordance with applicable policies, bylaws, standards and regulations.

Note: The Applicant is required to pre-consult with County staff to discuss the proposed plans prior to submitting their application.

3. Available Assistance

Projects will be funded up to 50% of the total eligible costs, to a maximum of **\$30,000**, with County funds matched by the contributions of the local municipality. Exceptions to the maximum may be granted for projects involving partnerships between municipalities.

4. Expenditures

a. Expenses eligible to receive matching funding include:

- Construction materials, bridges, signage, benches, access barriers, ramps, trailhead shelters/pavilions, surfacing material, contracted workers and equipment
- Trail property purchase
- Technical and/or Feasibility studies

b. Ineligible expenses include:

- Wages for part-time and full-time municipal employees or trail group
- Municipal equipment costs
- Property taxes, insurance
- Legal and/or Administration Costs
- Food related expenditures – food expenses for banquets, dinners, fundraisers and celebrations
- HST

5. Application Process & Requirements

The **primary intake** period for TCCP applications is from **March 25 to April 30, 2019**. Applications received during this period will be given first consideration depending on budget availability and compliance with the TCCP criteria. Applications received after the primary intake period may be considered for any remaining funds on a first come-first served basis. The following materials are to be submitted in support of a complete application:

- Trails Connecting Communities Program 2019 Application Form
- Letter briefly identifying how the project will benefit the local community and the active transportation network within the County of Simcoe. The letter should also address trail connectivity, accessibility, economic benefit, respect for the environment and sustainable trail development.
- Map identifying the location and length of the proposed trail segment where work is to be completed
- Outline of proposed trail specifications – width, height, surface material, signage, etc.
- Cost estimate of project
- Project plan with proposed timelines
- Proposed construction/engineering drawings (if any)

Note: Any required permits shall be obtained prior to commencement of construction.

Applications and supporting materials are to be submitted to:

Trails Connecting Communities Program
c/o Kaitlyn Blake, TCCP Coordinator
County of Simcoe
1110 Highway 26
Midhurst, ON L9Z 1N6
Tel: 705-726-9300 Ext. 1969
Trails@Simcoe.ca

Successful applicants will be notified, in writing, of the County of Simcoe's commitment to fund their respective project. Following receipt of the County's Letter of Commitment, applicants will be subject to periodic project progress updates over the course of the project.

6. Obligations

By receiving assistance funding from the County of Simcoe, applicants acknowledge that certain obligations must be adhered to. These include the following:

- All projects receiving TCCP funds will be completed by **Friday, November 29, 2019**.
- Upon completion of the project, the County of Simcoe requires the following materials to be submitted to the TCCP Coordinator by **December 13, 2019** to confirm the eligibility of the project:
 - Photocopies of actual receipts/invoices for eligible expenses
 - Municipal Invoice sent to the County of Simcoe (No PO# required on invoice)
 - Minimum of 5 digital pre-construction trail photographs and 5 digital photographs of the finished trail project
 - Proof of appropriate trail insurance held by the municipality that also identifies the County of Simcoe as "Additional Insured")
 - Related building permits, crossing permits, Conservation Authority permits (if applicable)
 - Land Owner Agreements/Easements (if applicable)
 - Property purchase documentation & survey (if applicable)
- The County's funding will be forwarded to reimburse the municipality once the County reviews the supporting materials and agrees that the expenses are consistent with the project as agreed to.
- Please note that failure to provide the required information may result in a reduction or withdrawal of the County of Simcoe's funding commitment.
- Funds granted through the TCCP are not transferable. The County of Simcoe must approve, in writing, prior to any significant change in the use of committed funds.
- Unused funds, or funds that were spent incorrectly, must be returned to Simcoe County.
- Signage related to the trail project construction shall acknowledge the County of Simcoe as a partner in the project and shall be reviewed by the TCCP Coordinator, and
- All applicants will save harmless the County of Simcoe for any liabilities, problems or issues that arise either during or after the TCCP 2019 funding process.