

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
CONSENT AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

**A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

- p. 1 1. Correspondence from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services dated January 30, 2020, re: Survey - Ontario's Next Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- p. 3 2. Media Release from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) dated February 1, 2020, re: NVCA Conservation Areas Have Gone Smoke-free.
- p. 5 3. Resolution No. 29-2020 from the Township of South Glengarry dated February 3, 2020, re: Supports Bill 156 – *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*, 2019.
- p. 6 4. E-News from SWIFT Rural Broadband dated February 5, 2020.
- p. 11 5. Resolution No. 2020-057 from the County of Prince Edward dated February 10, 2020, re: Council's Support for Lobbying the Federal Government to Review the Regulations Related to Consumer Packaging on Single-use Wipes.
- p. 13 6. Correspondence from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit dated February 11, 2020, re: COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update for Partners.
- p. 17 7. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) dated February 11, 2020, re: AMO Response to Public Health and Emergency Health Services Consultation and Cannabis Consultations Underway.
- p. 20 8. Correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry dated February 13, 2020, re: Proposed Regulatory Changes under the Aggregate Resource Act.
- p. 22 9. County Council Highlights – Committee of the Whole of January 14, 2020 and Council Meeting of January 14 and 28, 2020.
- p. 24 10. Correspondence from the Essa Public Library, re: County of Simcoe Delivers Cost Benefits to Member Libraries.

**B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION**

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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January 30, 2020

Dear Municipal Partner:

First, I want to take the opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

Further to the letter I sent you on December 16, 2019, I am pleased to notify you that our survey to inform the development of Ontario's next Poverty Reduction Strategy is now live on [Ontario.ca/povertysurvey](http://Ontario.ca/povertysurvey) and will be available online until March 30, 2020.

Our government believes that the people of Ontario are the province's greatest asset and when the people of Ontario succeed, our economy and province succeed. It is our shared responsibility to create the best conditions for people to reach their potential. We need and we want to listen to municipalities, Indigenous partners, members of the community, service providers, employers, and local partners to find new and innovative ways to support people during challenging times and create the conditions that will help them build a better life.

To support the development of our new Poverty Reduction Strategy, we are asking residents of Ontario to take 30 minutes and answer our survey as we seek new ideas on how we can:

- Encourage job creation and connect people to employment
- Provide people with the right supports and services
- Lower the cost of living and make life more affordable.

As part of a new strategy, we will set a target for poverty reduction and identify indicators to measure progress to ensure we are achieving results.

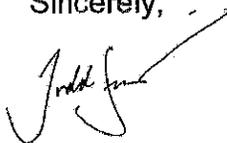
The survey can be accessed at [Ontario.ca/povertysurvey](http://Ontario.ca/povertysurvey). Please feel free to share the survey link with your community members and colleagues.

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In addition, we are also welcoming written submissions that can be sent by e-mail to [prso@ontario.ca](mailto:prso@ontario.ca) or by mail to Poverty Reduction Strategy, 3rd Floor, 315 Front Street West, Toronto ON, M7A 0B8. If there are any questions on how any personal information such as names and addresses that are included with a submission will be used, please contact: Manager, Strategic Policy Unit, MCCSS by e-mail at [prso@ontario.ca](mailto:prso@ontario.ca) or by telephone at (647) 308-9963.

I encourage you to share information about this consultation, including the survey link, with service providers, Indigenous partners and businesses in your community. I look forward to receiving input from Ontario residents as we work together to make a difference in reducing poverty in the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Smith", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Todd Smith  
Minister



**Nottawasaga Valley**  
Conservation Authority

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **NVCA Conservation Areas have gone Smoke-free**

UTOPIA, Ontario (February 1, 2020) – Starting in 2020, all forms of smoking will be prohibited in all conservation areas and other outdoor spaces owned and managed by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), except in parking lots.

The restriction on smoking includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing any form of tobacco, smoking, using medical and non-medical cannabis and electronic cigarettes (vaping).

Smoke-free outdoor spaces can help reduce health risks of second hand smoke, as there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke, even in outdoor spaces. Seeing and smelling smoke can normalize smoking for youth, and can provide sensory cues, triggering relapse for people who are trying to quit smoking.

Tobacco is also a major source of litter in communities and on beaches. The plastic in cigarette butts are made from a type of plastic that does not biodegrade. It eventually breaks down into smaller components which remains in the natural environment.

"Conservation authorities play a vital role in the health and wellness of communities," said Kyra Howes, Manager of Lands and Operations at the NVCA. "This new policy strengthens NVCA's commitment to the health of the community and also reinforces the importance of living smoke free."

#### **NVCA's Conservation Areas include:**

Edenvale Conservation Area (Township of Springwater)  
 Elba Wetlands (Township of Amaranth)  
 Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area (Township of Springwater)  
 Glencairn Conservation Area (Township of Adjala-Tosorontio)  
 Minesing Wetlands (Township of Clearview and Township of Springwater)  
 New Lowell Conservation Area (Township of Clearview)  
 Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area (Township of Clearview)  
 Osprey Wetlands Conservation Area (Municipality of the Grey Highlands)  
 Petun Conservation Area (Town of Blue Mountains)  
 Tiffin Conservation Area (Township of Essa)  
 Tottenham Conservation Area (Town of New Tecumseth)  
 Utopia Conservation Area (Township of Essa)

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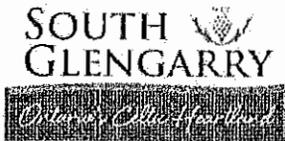
For more information about the dangers of smoking, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website at <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/>.

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**About NVCA:** The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Sam McDonell

RESOLUTION NO 29-2020

SECONDED BY Martin Lang

DATE February 3, 2020

WHEREAS the Township of South Glengarry has a strong agricultural tradition and continues to play an important role in Ontario's agri-food sector.

AND WHEREAS the Township of South Glengarry recognizes the importance of the safety of those working in the agri-food sector and the need to protect the safety of our food chain.

AND WHEREAS in December 2019, the Ontario government introduced legislation in Bill 156 – Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019 which will ensure farm businesses have a legal standing to protect their farm, family and employees, livestock, crops and ultimately the entire food supply.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of South Glengarry appreciates the effort being made by the Ontario government to protect those working in the agri-food sector.

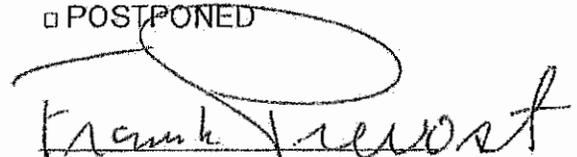
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry strongly supports Bill 156 and urges all members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to pass this legislation to protect all Ontario farm families and food processors.

AND FURTHER that this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, premier of Ontario, the Honourable Ernie Hardman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

CARRIED

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Mayor Frank Prevost

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor Prevost	___	___
Deputy Mayor Warden	___	___
Councillor Lang	___	___
Councillor Jaworski	___	___
Councillor McDonell	___	___

**Krista Pascoe**

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**From:** Colleen Healey  
**Sent:** February 5, 2020 1:04 PM  
**To:** Krista Pascoe  
**Subject:** FW: SWIFT eNews- February 2020

For the next Consent Agenda. Thanks

**From:** SWIFT <info@swiftruralbroadband.ca>  
**Sent:** February 5, 2020 9:16 AM  
**To:** Colleen Healey <chealey@essatownship.on.ca>  
**Subject:** SWIFT eNews- February 2020



## **SWIFT Awards Funding to Connect 10,700 Underserved Homes and Businesses**

SWIFT has awarded approximately \$19 million in provincial and federal funding to significantly increase access to broadband services to more than 10,700 underserved homes and businesses across the counties of Wellington, Norfolk, Lambton and in Kettle and Stony Point First Nation.

The collective investment value of the newly announced projects is approximately \$35 million, including over \$16 million in contributions from service providers.

**Overview:**

AREA	PROJECT VALUE	SWIFT (\$)	ISP (\$)	PREMISES PASSED	FIBRE KMS*
Norfolk County (3 sub-projects)	\$11.5M	\$5.3M	\$6.2M	3,947	129.5
Wellington County (4 sub-projects)	\$12M	\$7.5M	\$4.5M	2,896	187.9
Lambton County (3 sub-projects)	\$11.4M	\$6.5M	\$4.9M	3,926	244.9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$34.9M</b>	<b>\$19.3M</b>	<b>\$15.6M</b>	<b>10,769</b>	<b>562.3 KMs</b>

\*Kilometres of underserved roads

## **SWIFT Announces Fibre Projects in Lambton County**

SWIFT has awarded contracts to expand high-speed fibre-optic broadband services to more than 3,900 households and businesses across 17 communities within Lambton County, including Kettle and Stony Point First Nation.

A total of \$6.5 million in provincial and federal funding was awarded by SWIFT to support four new fibre-to-the-home projects to improve access to broadband services within Lambton. The total value of the newly announced projects is approximately \$11.4 million, including \$4.9 million in contributions from the service providers.

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## **SWIFT Announces Wellington County High-speed Broadband Expansion Plan**

SWIFT has awarded contracts to expand high-speed broadband services to nearly 2,900 homes and businesses in Wellington County throughout the townships of Guelph Eramosa, Centre Wellington, Mapleton, and Wellington North.

A total of \$7.5 million in provincial and federal funding has been awarded by SWIFT to support four broadband infrastructure projects across 15 underserved communities within Wellington County. The total value of the newly announced projects is approximately \$12 million, including nearly \$4.5 million in contributions from the service providers.

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## **SWIFT Announces High-Speed Broadband Projects in Norfolk County**

SWIFT has awarded contracts totalling an estimated \$11.5 million to support the construction of three fibre-to-the-home broadband projects. Delivering internet speed up to 1 gigabit per second, the fibre networks are expected to significantly increase access to broadband services to more than 3,900 homes and businesses within Norfolk County in the areas of Long Point, Old Cut, Walsh, Turkey Point, Normandale, Wilsonville, Boston, Bealton, Dundurn, Waterford, Townsend Centre, Villa Nova, and Bloomsburg.

A total of \$5.3 million in federal and provincial funding was awarded by SWIFT to support three new fibre-to-the-home projects. The value of the newly announced projects is approximately \$11.5 million, including \$6.2 million in contributions from the service providers.

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# Updates



## Connecting Communities

Learn more about SWIFT funded projects, including location details and construction timelines. [Learn more.](#)



## SWIFT Launches New Website

SWIFT is pleased to announce the launch of its new website. The new site features improved navigation and functionality aimed to provide users with quick and easy access to project information, announcements and updates. [Read More...](#)



## How Connected Are You?

Explore Southwestern Ontario's 50/10 broadband footprint. [View Map](#)

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## News Update

SWIFT was recently featured in: [The London Free Press](#)

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February 10, 2020

Please be advised that during the regular meeting of Council on February 4, 2020 the following motion was carried;

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-057**

**DATE:** February 4, 2020  
**MOVED BY:** Councillor Nieman  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Margetson

**Council's support for lobbying the Federal Government to review the regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes**

**WHEREAS** many municipalities in Ontario have endorsed a similar resolution urging the Federal Government to review the regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes to remove the word flushable;

**AND WHEREAS** single-use wipes are a \$6-billion industry and growing, and are now being advertised as the clean alternative to toilet paper and are safe to flush;

**AND WHEREAS** there is no one standard for what the word "flushable" means;

**AND WHEREAS** single-use wipes may in fact not be safe to flush as they are buoyant; are not biodegradable; and, are unable to break down into small pieces quickly;

**AND WHEREAS** single-use wipes may accumulate in the sewer system and eventually clog the sanitary sewer system costing municipalities hundreds of millions of dollars in additional repairs and maintenance costs each year to municipal sewer systems across the country;

**AND WHEREAS** there is a lack of public awareness of the impact caused by non-flushable wipes being flushed down toilets and consumer education and outreach could play a large part in reducing the impact;

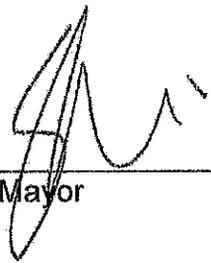
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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

1. **THAT** the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward requests that the Federal Government to review regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes to remove the word flushable;
2. **AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.



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Mayor

# COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update for Partners

## Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

February 11, 2020

Message from the Medical Officer of Health

Current Situation (as of 15:00 February 11)

Risk Assessment

Public Health Planning and Response

Other Available Resources

### ***Message from the Medical Officer of Health***

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) continues to actively monitor the rapidly evolving outbreak of respiratory illness caused by the novel coronavirus which has now been renamed by the WHO as COVID-19. We will continue to provide weekly updates as needed as a means to support your information needs, planning, communications and access to resources. Previous updates can be found at [www.smdhu.org/coronavirus](http://www.smdhu.org/coronavirus).

Dr. Charles Gardner  
Medical Office of Health

### ***Current Situation*** (as of 15:00 February 11, 2020)

#### **World**

- There are over 43,000 cases of COVID-19 worldwide.
- The vast majority of these cases are being reported from China where over 42,000 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed, resulting in over 1000 deaths.
- Two deaths from COVID-19 have been reported outside of China, one in the Philippines and one in Hong Kong.
- Human infections of COVID-19 have also been confirmed in 27 other countries outside of China, including in other parts of Asia, Europe, North America and Oceania.
- For up-to-date information see the [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control website](#).

#### **Canada**

- There are 7 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Canada – three in Ontario and four in British Columbia.

## Ontario

- There are three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario and 8 cases currently being investigated.
- For up-to-date information on the situation in Ontario see the Ontario Ministry of Health (OMOH).

## Simcoe Muskoka

- There are no presumptive or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Simcoe Muskoka.

## ***Risk Assessment***

- The Public Health Agency of Canada continues to assess the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as **low** for Canada and for Canadian travelers (although there is a Canadian federal government advisory against travel to China at this time – see content under National below).
- The risk of the spread of COVID-19 within Ontario remains low at this time.
- Public health risk is continually reassessed as new information becomes available.

## ***Public Health Planning and Response***

### International

- **NEW** - On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) named the virus COVID-19, referred to up to this point as 2019-nCov.
- WHO declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern on January 30, 2020.

### National

- **NEW** - The recommendations with regards to people travelling from China have changed:  
Travellers from Hubei Province: If you have travelled to Hubei Province in the last 14 days:
  - Limit your contact with others for a total of 14 days from the date that you left Hubei. This means self-isolate and stay at home.
  - Contact your local public health department within 24 hours of arriving in Canada (in Simcoe Muskoka contact SMDHU at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520).Travellers from Mainland China: If you have travelled from mainland China in the last 14 days:
  - Monitor yourself for respiratory symptoms including fever, cough and difficulty breathing.

- Should these respiratory symptoms develop within 14 days after returning to Canada, stay home and seek medical care immediately.
- Call your healthcare provider or your local public health department about symptoms and travel history before seeking medical care.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada is working within Canada and with international partners, including the WHO, to actively monitor the situation.
- The Chief Public Health Officer of Canada is in close contact with provincial and territorial Chief Medical Officers of Health to ensure that any cases of COVID-19 occurring in Canada continue to be rapidly identified and managed in order to protect the health of Canadians.
- The Government of Canada (GOC) continues to advise all Canadians to:
  - Avoid all non-essential travel to China; and
  - Avoid all travel to Hubei Province in China.
  - For up to date travel advisories see Government of Canada Travel Advice and Advisories
- The GOC is also advising Canadians to leave China if their presence is not essential.
- The GOC arranged for the repatriation of Canadian citizens in Wuhan, China via airlift. Returning passengers are under quarantine at the Canadian Forces base in Trenton, Ontario for 14 days.

### Provincial

- The Ontario Ministry of Health (OMOH) is updating signage and guidance materials for the health care sector to reflect a change in the case definition (travel history has expanded to include all of mainland China) and will share with partners once available.
- The OMOH is finalizing simplified one page summaries and guidance documents for other sectors.
- Health sector and other system partners are responding in a coordinated manner to detect, respond to and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the province.
- The ministry continues to work with health system partners to understand their needs with respect to personal protective equipment and other supplies.
- Local public health units continue to perform case and contact management related to presumptive and confirmed cases in Ontario.

### SMDHU

- Simcoe Muskoka residents who have travelled to Hubei Province in the last 14 days are to contact SMDHU within 24 hours of arriving in Canada at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.
- SMDHU continues to work with health sector partners as per our Infectious Disease Emergency Response Plan to ensure screening and infection prevention control measures in health care settings.
- The SMDHU Health Connection line continues to respond to calls about COVID-19 from public and health sector partners.
- New and updated information, resources and provincial guidance for health care providers is available on our health professional portal for easy access.

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- Screening signs for any sector/location are available in multiple languages.
  - Our partners and the public are being kept up to date through the SMDHU website, social media, press releases, media interviews and fact sheets (available in multiple languages).

***Other Available Resources***

- Ontario Ministry of Health (OMOH)
- Government of Canada (GOC)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

**From:** AMO Communications [<mailto:Communicate@amo.on.ca>]  
**Sent:** February 11, 2020 5:01 PM  
**To:** Lisa Lehr <[lehr@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:lehr@essatownship.on.ca)>  
**Subject:** AMO Response to Public Health and Emergency Health Services Consultation and Cannabis Consultations Underway

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February 11, 2020

## **AMO Response to Public Health and Emergency Health Services Consultation and Cannabis Consultations Underway**

### **Public Health and Emergency Health Services Modernization Consultation**

AMO provided comprehensive, written submissions to the Minister of Health this week in response to the Public Health and Emergency Health Services Modernization consultations. Our members heard assurances in Minister Elliott's remarks at the 2019 AMO conference that nothing is "set in stone". Underlying both submissions is the notion that municipal governments and the Province can work together to collectively preserve what is working well and fix what needs fixing.

The outcome of public health modernization should achieve better population health outcomes through effective, cost efficient, and locally responsive services. Investments in public health make sense to keep people healthy through a focus on the social determinants of health. It contributes to ending halfway health care and saves provincial health costs in the long term. AMO feels that a separate discussion on 2020 and 2021 funding is needed urgently prior to any consideration of restructuring. Municipal governments cannot be expected to make up for reductions in provincial funding. Nor can they bear the costs of provincial restructuring.

When it comes to structure, one size will not fit all. Consistency in service delivery and reducing inefficiencies do not depend on a single governance or leadership type. There are many ways to continuously improve the existing system by building

capacity and better system coordination. With provincial help, new ways to serve our Francophone population and Indigenous People are possible.

On emergency health services, AMO has provided advice with an aim to strengthening municipal EMS services in a way that contributes to helping end hallway health care and meets the local needs of communities. Addressing longstanding municipal priorities should be the focus of current efforts before any potential consideration of restructuring. This includes improvements to dispatch as a first priority. Others include addressing non-urgent transfers, fixing the funding model, expanding fully 100% provincially funded community paramedicine and developing strategies to reduce offload delays. Increasing hospital capacity and having alternative health facilities, especially mental health and addictions programs, for patients who do not need hospital care available in communities will help. The new models of care for low acuity 9-1-1 patients can help improve access and reduce hallway health care, but they need to have alternative 24/7 health facilities that are available in all communities.

The Ministry of Health has committed to further conversations with AMO's Health Task Force. AMO also expects further discussions at the MOU table before decisions are made.

In recognition of the work underway to prepare for, and respond to, the 2019 novel coronavirus the Ministry of Health has extended the deadline for submitting written feedback to March 31, 2020. The technical discussion papers and information on how to respond is found on the [Ministry website](#).

**AMO Contact:**

Michael Jacek, Senior Advisor, [mjacek@amo.on.ca](mailto:mjacek@amo.on.ca), 416-971-9856 ext. 329.

**Ontario Consulting on Cannabis Consumption Venues and Special Occasion Permits**

The Ministry of the Attorney General has announced consultations on cannabis consumption venues and special occasion permits for cannabis in Ontario. The Ministry is seeking feedback on whether to allow these and the rules and parameters guiding their establishment and operation.

The Ministry is specifically consulting on the role of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), the agency responsible for regulating, licensing and inspecting cannabis stores; and the potential role of municipal governments in regulating the proposed cannabis consumption lounges.

AMO's Board has previously supported cannabis consumption venues as a potential tool for local economic development. The Board viewed cannabis consumption venues positively in conjunction with municipal government discretion to allow these

establishments in their communities, local zoning and licensing powers to ensure appropriate locations and community responsiveness.

Special Occasion Permits for cannabis could also be desirable for some events. The AGCO regulates Special Occasions Permits for alcohol and it is possible that a single regulator for these permits may be the most efficient and desirable system subject to municipal government and community input.

Municipal governments are encouraged to review the consultation materials and respond as appropriate by the deadline of March 10, 2020.

**AMO Contact:**

Craig Reid, Senior Advisor, [creid@amo.on.ca](mailto:creid@amo.on.ca), 416-971-9856 ext. 334.

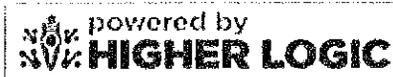
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**Lisa Lehr**

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**From:** Aggregates (MNRF) <Aggregates@ontario.ca>  
**Sent:** February 13, 2020 9:14 AM  
**To:** Keyes, Jennifer (MNRF)  
**Cc:** Desroches, Pauline (MNRF); Zeran, Rebecca (MNRF)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulatory changes under the Aggregate Resources Act  
**Attachments:** ARA-RegER Posting -- Municipality Notification-12Feb2020\_French.pdf

Dear Ontario Heads of Council and Clerks,

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry recognizes the critical role Ontario's municipalities play in the lives of Ontarians. We value our strong collaborative partnership with municipalities and the associations that represent their interests.

We want to advise you that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is proposing changes to the way extraction of aggregate resources are regulated in Ontario, and we are inviting your input on the changes proposed.

The Ministry has gathered perspectives from, industry, municipalities, Indigenous communities, members of the public, and other stakeholders. These proposed changes promote economic growth within the aggregate industry while also maintaining strong protection of the environment and addressing community impacts.

The key areas being proposed for change are summarized below for your convenience. However, we would encourage you to read the details of the proposed regulatory changes which can be found on the Environmental Registry notice# **019-1303** *Proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 244/97 and the Aggregate Resources of Ontario Provincial Standards under the ARA* located [here](#).

The posting notice can also be viewed by searching for notice#**019-1303** at the following web link: [www.ero.ontario.ca](http://www.ero.ontario.ca)

We encourage you to provide feedback through the Environmental Registry process.

If you have any questions about the proposed changes, please call Rebecca Zeran at (705) 749-8422.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Keyes  
Director, Natural Resources Conservation Policy Branch  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

**Proposed regulatory changes include:**

**For new pits and quarries:**

- enhancing the information required to be included in summary statements and technical reports at the time of application
- improving flexibility in how some standard site plan requirements can be implemented and modernizing how site plans are created

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- creating better consistency of site plan requirements between private and Crown land and better alignment with other policy frameworks
- updating the list of qualified professionals who can prepare Class A site plans
- updating the required conditions that must be attached to a newly issued licence or permit
- adjusting notification and consultation timeframes for new pit and quarry applications
- changing and clarifying some aspects of the required notification process for new applications
- updating the objection process to clarify the process
- updating which agencies are to be circulated new pit and quarry applications for comment

**For existing pits and quarries:**

- making some requirements related to dust and blasting apply to all existing and new pits and quarries (requirements which were previously only applied to new applications)
- updating and enhancing some operating requirements that apply to all pits and quarries, including new requirements related to dust management and storage of recycled aggregate materials
- providing consistency on compliance reporting requirements, while reducing burdens for inactive sites
- enhancing reporting on rehabilitation by requiring more context and detail on where, when and how rehabilitation is or has been undertaken
- clarifying application requirements for site plan amendments
- outlining requirements for amendment applications to expand an existing site into an adjacent road allowance
- outlining requirements for amendment applications to expand an existing site below the water table
- setting out eligibility criteria and requirements to allow operators to self-file changes to existing site plans for some routine activities without requiring approval from the ministry (subject to conditions set out in regulation)

**Allowing minor extraction for personal or farm use:**

- outlining eligibility and operating requirements in order for some excavation activities to be exempted from needing a licence (i.e., if rules set in regulation are followed). This would only be for personal use (max. of 300 cubic meters) or farm use (max. 1,000 cubic meters)

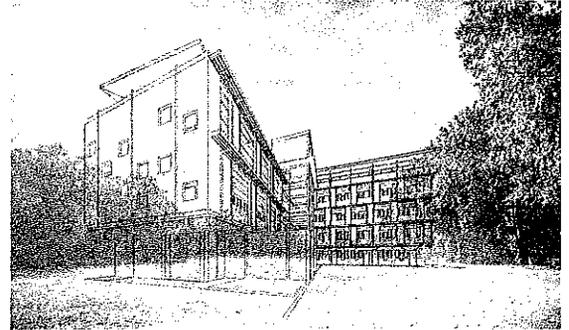
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# COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

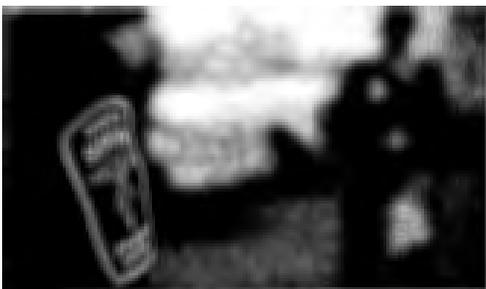
## Next steps for County of Simcoe Hub in Orillia

Council received an update on the vision that has emerged from the consultation process regarding the development of a community hub on the former Orillia District Collegiate and Vocational Institute (ODCVI) property in Orillia undertaken in spring/summer 2019. Based on input from 678 community members and organizations, the vision is one of a vibrant, diverse and inclusive regional hub which provides affordable housing options for seniors and other mixed income households, helps to alleviate the barriers to accessing essential community and social services for residents, and creates a sense of inclusion.



A two-phased approach was recommended to Council, with a multi-building campus design, including affordable housing and community services as well as County corporate and other business services. Council approved extending a Request for Proposal (RFP) for architectural design firms, in accordance with the County's procurement guidelines. In early 2020, the contract will be awarded for a feasibility study, site plan and conceptual design seeking input from staff and stakeholders, including the City of Orillia. Additional studies are required throughout the process.

## Donation to Paramedic Services



In 2019, the Director and Chief of Paramedic Services was contacted by a past user of County Paramedic Services who wished to provide a sizable donation to support the mental health challenges faced by some first responders.

Council approved the establishment of an Interest-bearing Reserve Fund specific to this \$100,000 donation from the anonymous benefactor to support Paramedic Services staff's psychological well-being. Council and staff are incredibly grateful for this generous gift, and staff are working on a long-term plan to utilize this compassionate donation.

## Simcoe County Hospice Alliance – 2019 Funding Request

In March 2017, County Council endorsed the Simcoe County Hospice Funding Policy and approved the allocation of \$500,000 annually for a three-year period extending from 2017 to 2019. The funding was allocated in the amount of \$60,000 per hospice bed over the three-year period as a method of distributing the funds across our area hospices.

This month, County Council approved the 2019 Simcoe County Hospice Alliance's funding request in the amounts specified by the Alliance's Chair. This funding will support our communities through the delivery of sustainable palliative services at Hospice Georgian Triangle, Hospice Huronia, Mariposa House Hospice and Matthews House Hospice.



# Regional Government Review - Service Delivery Task Force

The County has always looked for opportunities to provide efficiencies and good value for tax dollars. The Province was clear in the fall that they wanted to see municipalities continue to identify innovative opportunities that meet the needs of our growing communities. On March 26, 2019 Council formed its own Regional Government Review Task Force to consider and make recommendations regarding service delivery models to the Province. Earlier this month, Council ratified the recommendations from the December 16, 2019 meeting of the County's Regional Government Review – Service Delivery Task Force.

These recommendations included asking Council to approve engaging a third-party consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of Fire Services, Land Use Planning and Library Services. The Service Delivery Task Force also recommended a collaborative municipal staff review of Water and Wastewater, Storm Water Management, Transit and Legal Services. Council voted that costs incurred through the third-party reviews will be drawn from Municipal Modernization and Efficiencies funding provided by the Province. Further collaborative discussions and reviews will occur throughout 2020.



## NEW YEAR NEW CURBSIDE COLLECTION

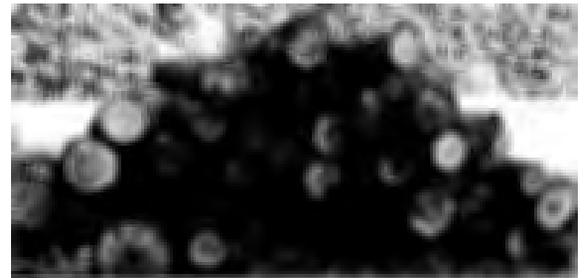
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# Timber Sales Results – Fall 2019

Simcoe County has long recognized the many benefits of our 33,000 acres of municipally managed forests. Operating the largest municipally owned forest in Ontario is very significant for the long-term well-being of our environment, our communities and our economy. The management of our working forests through sustainable practices, such as thinning to promote new growth and forest regeneration, is critical not only to balance competing uses in the short term but to ensure that the many benefits of our forests are available for generations to come. Good long-term planning, promotion and education are key to ensuring continued growth and success, which is anchored by the Simcoe County Forest 20-year Forest Management Plan (2011-2030).

Timber sales revenue for 2019 is \$2,294,000, a historically high total. This is primarily due to the aging red pine growing stock planted during the first few decades after the establishment of the County Forest. As detailed in the 2011 – 2030 management plan, an increasing percentage of these highly valuable stands of timber are nearing the end of their rotation age. As the final harvests are occurring and conversion to mixed natural forest increases, a reduction in timber volume and associated revenue will occur within the next 10 to 20 years.



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## County of Simcoe delivers Cost Benefits to member libraries.

### Simcoe County Library Co-operative

#### Electronic Subscriptions

Overdrive (PULSE) – \$14,400

SirsiDynix Enterprise & E-Resource Central – \$25,254

BlueCloud Mobile - \$5,943

EBSCO Discovery Service – \$20,933

Flipster - \$8,139

Eventkeeper (Cultural Places Pass) & Kitkeeper (Book Club) - \$850 (2019 cost)

BookWhere – \$3,875 (2019 cost)

Faronics Anti-Virus – \$5,706

Library Journals (Horn Book, Library Journal, Quill & Quire, Teacher Librarian, Video Librarian, Voya) - \$700 (2019 cost)

Sub-total: \$85,800

#### Databases

EBSCO Package (Hobbies & Crafts Reference Centre, Home Improvement Reference Centre, Literary Reference Centre, Science Reference Centre, Small Engine Repair Reference Centre) - \$46,960 (2019 cost)

Ancestry Library Edition - \$7,810

Computer Tutorials (Learning Express) 9,032 (2019 cost)

Cypress Resume - \$1,574 (2019 cost)

Mango Languages – \$9,464

Library Aware & Next Reads - \$8,991

SOLS Package 3A (NoveList Select, NoveList Plus, NoveList K-8 Plus, Canadian Reference Centre, Masterfile Premier, Auto Mate, Primary Search, Canadian Points of View Reference Centre, Consumer Health Complete) - \$44,953

Sub-Total: \$128,784

**Total Services financed by Simcoe Library Co-operative: \$214,584**

\* Material purchased for rotations including multilingual material, e-audiobook and e-book collections is not included in the above.

\* Note that consortium pricing is *far more competitive* than prices for above services retained per individual library.

**Simcoe County IT Department**

**Integrated Library System**

Symphony Annual Support - \$76,878 - \$48,223 (charged back to libraries) = \$28,655

Library Servers - \$9,000 (cost over five years)\*

**Wireless Service**

Access Points - \$135,000 (cost over lifetime of devices)\*

Wireless Controller Support - \$7,000

**Connectivity Service**

SCAN Network Connections & Internet for Libraries - \$124,800

**IT Technical Support**

IT Technicians (direct support for ten member libraries) - \$101,000

**Total Services financed by Simcoe Library IT Department: \$405,455**

Total Services financed by Simcoe County: \$620,039

\* note that there are 14 member libraries for a "proportionate" benefit of \$44,288.50

2020 Services billed to Essa Public Library: \$1,386.08

(excluding Symphony Annual Support of \$1,593.26 which is already deducted from the above)