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- p. 4 2. Media Release from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) dated December 5, 2019, re: Start your Kids' New Years by Spending Time Outdoors.
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 - p. 14 a) Council Approves 2020 County of Simcoe Budget.
 - b) New Year New Curbside Collection and FAQs on Waste Collection.
- p. 19 6. Correspondence from the Township of Essa's Fire Department, re: Emergency Calls for the month of November 2019.

C 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.

From: AMO Communications [<mailto:Communicate@amo.on.ca>]

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Subject: November 29th AMO Board Highlights

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November 29, 2019

November 29th AMO Board Highlights

AMO President Jamie McGarvey created a [video overview](#) of today's AMO Board meeting.

Flood Advisor's Report

The Board received preliminary highlights on the Flood Advisor's report. While there are many recommendations that touch on municipal operations, it is expected that they will likely not create new municipal costs. There is a strong focus on stormwater management, promoting green infrastructure, improved floodplain mapping and avoiding construction on floodplains. Many of the recommendations reflect previous AMO asks regarding adequate funding to infrastructure programs and provincial support for robust prevention and response.

- Craig Reid, Senior Advisor creid@amo.on.ca and Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor cathiebrown@amo.on.ca

Public Health and EMS modernization consultations

AMO will be very active in the current Public Health and EMS modernization consultations. Staff are reviewing the Ministry of Health discussion papers and associated questions. The AMO Health Task Force will be meeting with Jim Pine, Municipal Advisor, and Ministry officials in January. The AMO Board will be considering its response at its January 31st Board Meeting.

- Monika Turner, AMO Policy Director, mturner@amo.on.ca and Michael Jacek, Senior Advisor, mjacek@amo.on.ca

Blue Box Program & Waste Management Issues [separate]

Provincial consultations on the Blue Box regulation have started, which are complementary to the recent municipal consultations held across the province by AMO. The AMO Board discussed the mechanism to decide the transition schedule as one has not been determined yet. The Board also received information on steward obligation decisions for Blue Box funding in both 2019 and 2020 funding decisions, and an update on municipal say in landfill siting approvals.

- Dave Gordon, Senior Advisor dgordon@amo.on.ca and Amber Crawford, Policy Advisor acrawford@amo.on.ca

Ontario Data Strategy – Better, Smarter Government discussion paper

The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services released its final discussion paper as part of its Ontario Data Strategy consultations. The Board reviewed and approved the AMO's response to "Better, Smarter Government" which will detail how the provincial government can help the municipal sector leverage data and data driven technologies, including emphasizing the development of a common repository for municipal reports to alleviate the burden of reporting to multiple ministries. AMO looks forward to how action plans that emerge from the consultations will be phased-in and measured to demonstrate success to Ontarians.

- Nicolas Ruder, Research Advisor, AMO Enterprise Centre and LAS nruder@amo.on.ca

Bill 132 - Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019

Bill 132 covers dozens of proposed amendments to legislation, some of which will have municipal impacts. On November 25th AMO President, Jamie McGarvey presented Bill 132: Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019 concerns regarding below water table extraction of aggregates to the Standing Committee on General Government. Where contaminated water from aggregates operations gets into municipal drinking water, municipal council members should not be held liable for provincial decisions to license. AMO will continue to watch this and how regulations for waste, off road vehicles, pesticides, and the repeal of the *Line Fences Act* progress.

- Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor cathiebrown@amo.on.ca

Bill 108 - Municipal/Conservation Authority Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The Board considered the change to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, regarding MOUs that will be required between municipal governments and conservation authorities. A draft template for planning related services was received and will be shared soon on the AMO website so staff can begin to consider what might be negotiated in this MOU. Many municipalities are already using similar MOUs.

- Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor cathiebrown@amo.on.ca

Indigenous Relations

AMO staff reported on their work with the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres (OFIFC) to support Indigenous peoples in Ontario municipalities in the spirit of reconciliation. AMO and the OFIFC have created a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will frame our joint association work moving forward. As well, AMO is having preliminary discussions with the OFIFC about an Ontario Friendship Declaration between AMO, the OFIFC, Friendship Centre Executive Directors, and corresponding municipal governments. The declaration's intent is to build relationships and identify common priorities for serving Indigenous people in communities.

- Monika Turner, AMO Policy Director, mturner@amo.on.ca

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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Start your kids' New Years by spending time outdoors

Christmas Bird Count for Kids and Winter Camp Tiffin returns to the Tiffin Centre for Conservation

UTOPIA, Ontario (December 5, 2019) – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is hosting two outdoor events for kids this coming new year – Christmas Bird Count for Kids (CBC for Kids) and Winter Camp Tiffin.

This is a special year for CBC for Kids because it's taking place at the same time as Winter Camp Tiffin. Kids who want to attend both events can sign up for Winter Camp Tiffin, and will participate in the bird count with camp councillors.

"Exploring nature in the winter is a unique experience," said Naomi Saunders, Manager of Environmental Education at NVCA. "Kids get to encounter nature in our coldest season, which for some is a new experience. This broadens their curiosity about the natural world and deepens their connection to it."

CBC for Kids is on January 3rd, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. It is a family-friendly citizen science event that provides families with the opportunity to learn about local bird populations in the winter. Volunteers from Nature Barrie will show participants how to use binoculars and how to identify the birds they may encounter on the trails at Tiffin Conservation Area.

Winter Camp Tiffin is on January 2-3, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities include forest exploration, animal tracking, shelter building, winter games and kick sledding. Winter appropriate clothing, including waterproof boots and gloves are a must. Registration fee for each camper is \$90 for two days, or \$45 for one day. Extended care is available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for \$10 per day.

For more information about these programs, or to volunteer for CBC for Kids, visit nvca.on.ca.

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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Ontario Provincial Police Municipal Policing Bureau

News Bulletin

December 2019

Greetings from OPP Municipal Policing Bureau!

We are pleased to present you our News Bulletin for Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)-policed municipalities.

The results of the survey, we sent you in Spring 2019, indicated your interest for enhanced communication with more frequent updates on OPP municipi-

pal policing. You spoke and we listened.

We will issue publications as news on OPP innovations, efficiencies and updates on municipal policing matters become available.

Now that your municipality has

received the 2020 Annual Billing Statements, we encourage you to visit www.opp.ca/billingmodel and review our updated documents.

Should you require additional information or wish to send us feedback please contact us at (705) 329 6200 or OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca

2020 Annual Billing Highlights

● 2019 was the last year of the phase-in strategy that capped cost increases and decreases

● The 2020 estimated Base Services cost is the lowest since 2015 at \$183.23 per property

● Almost ¾ of all OPP-policed municipalities under the current billing model pay less than the average cost per property of \$358 in 2020

● The average cost per property has been relatively stable and overall cost recovery has increased by approximately 1% since 2015

Come visit us at booth 414 at 2020 ROMA conference

The OPP Municipal Policing Bureau actively participates in events and conferences that add value to our relationships with our municipal policing partners. We would like to remind you that Municipal Policing Bureau representatives will be available to meet with you at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference held in Toronto, ON, January 19-21, 2019. We will be at booth #414 in the Lower Concourse, Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel. Drop in to have a casual discussion and meet Municipal Policing Bureau members.

Should you wish to have a more formal discussion in relation to the billing model, your municipality's Annual Billing Statement or municipal policing arrangement with the OPP, please contact us at OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca. Submit your request along with a brief description of the topic you wish to discuss, and specify any time you are not available on January 21, 2019.

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Wastewater Servicing for Baxter

A Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) was completed in 2012 by CL Marshall Farms Ltd and identified a Preferred Alternative that was based on a municipal wastewater collection system bringing wastewater to a central sewage pumping station that would pump all wastewater to the Angus Wastewater Treatment Plant by force-main.

During the development of detail design for the approved system, additional information is now available, particularly regarding requirements for operations and maintenance. Information on treatment technologies has also changed since 2012. The inclusion of this new information could result in different conclusions for the previous Class EA. Brookfield Residential is re-commencing a Class EA to assess the alternative solutions to meet the projected demands and identify and evaluate the alternative designs for the wastewater treatment systems in the Community of Baxter. Costs for the study are being paid by the developer.

The evaluation of servicing for the community is also associated with an approved housing subdivision within the community. Essa Township will have direct input to the Class EA and will review and administer the municipal approvals for the housing subdivision.

In accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, the project will include detailed public and agency consultation process. The Class EA process is intended to assess alternative solutions and system designs, which include "Do nothing" as well as the establishment of new municipal services or expansion of the existing services. As the study documents are prepared, they will be available for viewing from the Township Office and can be downloaded from the Azimuth Environmental web site (www.azimuthenvironmental.com - follow the tab under "Reports").

Azimuth will be reviewing all available data including current and historic environmental monitoring data for the site and updating field studies such that a detailed evaluation may be conducted for the site in accordance to all applicable guidelines and approval requirements established by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The public are encouraged to view information, to participate in the study and to provide comments directly or at public open houses. Comments on the project will be incorporated into the final Environmental Study Report.

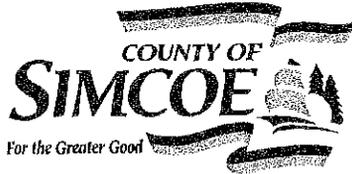
Azimuth are contacting surrounding property owners, government agencies, and First Nations communities in the area to identify and discuss their concerns regarding the project. The first public open house is expected to take place in February 2020 to discuss alternatives and opportunities and constraints for the various alternatives. The project schedule is being developed now and details regarding the first open house will be advertised in early 2020.

Any questions, comments or requests for information can be directed to the people listed below. You can also contact them to be sign up for an information mailing list for the project.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Council approves 2020 County of Simcoe Budget

Midhurst/December 4, 2019 – On December 4, 2019, County of Simcoe Council approved a \$530-million budget for 2020, which focuses on the resources necessary to maintain existing services and service levels in the region, while continuing to invest in County services and assets such as infrastructure, Transit, Paramedic Services, Roads and Engineering, Long Term Care, Children Services and Social Housing.

Economic development and job creation continue to be significant priorities for the County. In January 2020, the County will officially increase its ownership shares in the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport from 20 per cent to 90 per cent, and act on the long-term strategic plan to grow and expand the airport as a critical economic development asset for the entire region.

“The County is committed to a fiscally responsible approach to municipal services that helps enhance our vibrant communities and support our local residents and businesses,” said Warden George Cornell. “Our 2020 budget is built to maintain valuable health, community and social services, while making critical investments in infrastructure, capital projects and partner initiatives that address demands and growth in our region in 2020 and for years to come.”

Residents will see an overall 2 per cent increase on the County portion of their municipal property taxes in 2020, an impact of approximately \$5.58 per \$100,000 of property assessment across the region.

The County maintains a strong financial position having received, for the fifth year in a row, an AA long-term issuer credit rating from S&P Global Ratings, a provider of high-quality market intelligence in the form of credit ratings and research. The 2020 budget ensures the County continues along this path of long-term fiscal stability, and contains items that address areas of growth, as well as initiatives directed by Council to enhance and maintain service levels for the region, support infrastructure, increase efficiencies, and prepare for the future of our region.

2020 Budget Highlights include:

Total County expenditure for 2020: **\$530 million:**

- Long Term Care and Seniors Services **\$71 million**
- Paramedic Services **\$58 million**
- Social Housing **\$59 million**
- Ontario Works **\$71 million**
- Transportation and Engineering **\$77 million**
- Solid Waste Management **\$49 million**
- Children and Community Services **\$60 million**

Attached to this news release is the 2020 County of Simcoe Budget Overview.

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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2020 COUNTY BUDGET OVERVIEW



Responsibly Managing Your Services

The 2020 County of Simcoe budget has been approved by County Council with expenditures at \$530 million with a taxation levy revenue of \$178 million.

This prudent financial plan, which will account for an overall 2.0 per cent increase on the County portion of municipal property taxes in 2020, focuses on the resources necessary to maintain or improve existing crucial County services while continuing to invest in regional economic enhancements, roads and bridges, Paramedic Services, Solid Waste Management, Transit, and Affordable Housing.

Provincial funding changes have significantly impacted Children and Community Services, Ontario Works, and Long Term Care with more moderate impacts to Paramedic Services and Housing. The 2020 budget contains provisions to address these impacts, enhance services, increase efficiencies, and continue to prepare Simcoe County for a future of long-term fiscal stability.

Economic development and job creation continue to be significant priorities to the County. The County is entering the sixth year of its 10-year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy and continues investment in 2020, building upon the 1,536 new affordable housing units already created since the strategy's inception.

The County has a target of 2,685 units by 2024, which includes development projects in Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Orillia and Tay.

Homelessness funding to support programs and services for homeless and at-risk populations will continue as part of the 2020 budget. The County has also committed municipal resources to support early learning and licensed child care programs, services, and access.

The budget directs additional spending in Health and Emergency Services,

including resources for Paramedic Services to address demand and facilities in Barrie and Springwater to optimize response time performance.

The County will continue to demonstrate leadership in Long Term Care and Seniors Services and will invest \$9.4 million in 2020 towards land considerations, design and building requirements for the future redevelopment of Simcoe Manor.

Work continues in 2020 to grow the inter-municipal transit system. The budget includes the addition of two new routes: Alliston via Beeton to Bradford and Penetanguishene/Midland via Tay and Severn Townships and Orillia. A capital budget of \$4.2 million has been allocated for conventional and specialized bus purchases.

Major road projects for 2020 include County Road 4, County Road 2, and County Road 22.

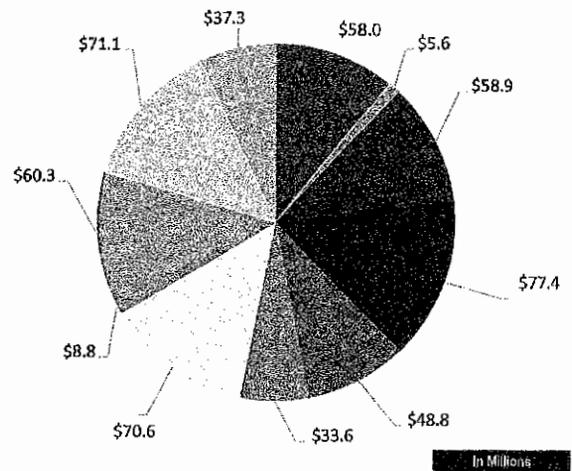
County Council will also continue its major financial commitments to local hospitals, hospice and post-secondary education institutions.

Because significant growth in the region impacts demand for all County services, we continue to work closely with our community and municipal partners to ensure residents receive the best value for their tax dollars.

The 2020 budget allows the County to maintain its important role in our communities and set in motion the required initiatives to meet the increasing demands of our residents, while continuing to keep a strong long-term financial outlook.

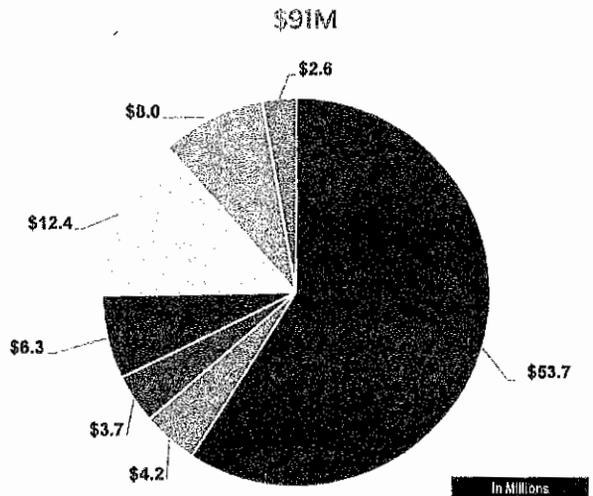
For the fifth year in a row, the County's strong financial position was affirmed, having received an AA long-term issuer credit rating for 2019 from S&P Global Ratings, a provider of high-quality independent market intelligence in the form of credit ratings and research.

Total County Expenditures
\$530M Operating and Capital



- Transportation & Engineering
- Solid Waste Management
- Social Housing
- LTC and Seniors Services
- Transit
- Children & Community Services
- Ontario Works
- Administrative & Statutory Support
- Paramedic Services
- Planning, Economic Development
- General Municipal Services including Health Unit, MPAC, Hospital & Educational Support

County Capital Expenditures



- Transportation & Engineering
- Transit
- Solid Waste Management
- Paramedic Services
- LTC and Seniors Services
- Simcoe County Housing Corp.
- Other

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County Council will also continue its major financial commitments to local hospitals, hospice, transportation, and post-secondary education institutions.

Working together for the greater good

The County of Simcoe understands that strong community partnerships play a vital role in providing high-quality services to residents. In order to maintain and foster these established partnerships, the County provides funding to other community impact services. Some strategic investments the County is proud to support in 2020 include:

- **Simcoe County Hospital Alliance**
\$3.0 million
- **Hospice capital funding**
\$0.5 million
- **Age Friendly grant**
\$0.6 million
- **Post-secondary capital support**
\$1.5 million
- **Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**
\$5.1 million
- **YMCA initiative**
\$1 million

expenditure **breakdown**

Engineering, Planning and Environment

The Engineering, Planning and Environment Division is comprised of Transportation and Engineering, Solid Waste Management, Forestry, Planning, Economic Development, and Transit.

TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING

2020 Expenditures: \$77M

The 2020 budget includes construction and road maintenance projects totalling more than \$77M. Expenditures include \$3.1M (CR 22), \$9.5M (CR 21), \$4.2M (CR 4), \$4.4M (Tioga Bridge), and rehabilitating approximately 48.5km of roads.

Funding for these projects includes development charge reserve funds of \$21.8M and Gas Tax funds of \$14M.



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

2020 Expenditures: \$49M

The Solid Waste Management Department manages the waste management facilities and collection of curbside waste and diversion programs. Capital projects include equipment replacement, development work on the Environmental Resource Recovery Centre, and the planned landfill closure of Site 12 (Sunnidale).

In January 2020, the County will officially increase its ownership share in the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport from 20% to 90%. The long-term strategic plan is to grow and expand the airport as a critical economic development asset for the entire region.

expenditure **breakdown**

Health and Emergency Services

LONG TERM CARE AND SENIORS SERVICES

2020 Expenditures: \$71M

The County of Simcoe provides a broad range of Long Term Care and Seniors Services to residents living throughout the region, supporting more than 1,000 seniors.

They include four long-term care homes accredited with "Exemplary Standing" by Accreditation Canada, supportive housing, retirement living, assisted living, affordable housing, life lease

suites and garden homes, adult day programming, and an entire suite of home support services.

This vast diversity of programs and services address a wide spectrum of needs that support residents to age in place and assist in a seamless transition for individuals as they move across the continuum of care from community to long-term care.



PARAMEDIC SERVICES

2020 Expenditures: \$58M

Paramedic Services provide land ambulance services at a Primary Care Paramedic and Advanced Care Paramedic level, training programs, public education, Public Access Defibrillator, and Community Paramedicine programs.

The 2020 budget includes costs associated with equipment replacements and upgrades related to emergency medical response in the region, including the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia, with annual call volume/responses in excess of 80,000. Capital projects include facility development and vehicle and equipment replacements.

Social and Community Services

CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

2020 Expenditures: \$60M

Children Services

As the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager, the County of Simcoe provides system leadership, management, and funding administration to the local system of Licensed Child Care, Special Needs Resourcing, and EarlyON Child and Family Centres.

This includes administration of licensed child care fee subsidy, child care centre operating funding, program supports, and wage enhancement for agency staff.

Homelessness Prevention

The County of Simcoe works collaboratively with local service providers and other community partners to ensure coordinated and integrated supports for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Local Immigration Partnership

The Local Immigration Partnership provides leadership to community planning intended to support improved social and economic outcomes for immigrants and newcomers.



Simcoe County Housing Corporation's 2020 capital budget includes development projects in Orillia and Tay Township (above) creating an additional 140 units.

ONTARIO WORKS

2020 Expenditures: \$71M

The County of Simcoe administers the Ontario Works program, with a projected monthly caseload of 5,600, providing both financial and employment assistance to individuals in financial need. Program outcomes focus on individual goals that lead to financial independence and self reliance. Initiatives include:

- Targeted, locally focussed employment programs to address current and emerging skilled trades' requirements
- Enhanced supports for clients with multiple barriers

SOCIAL HOUSING

2020 Expenditures: \$59M

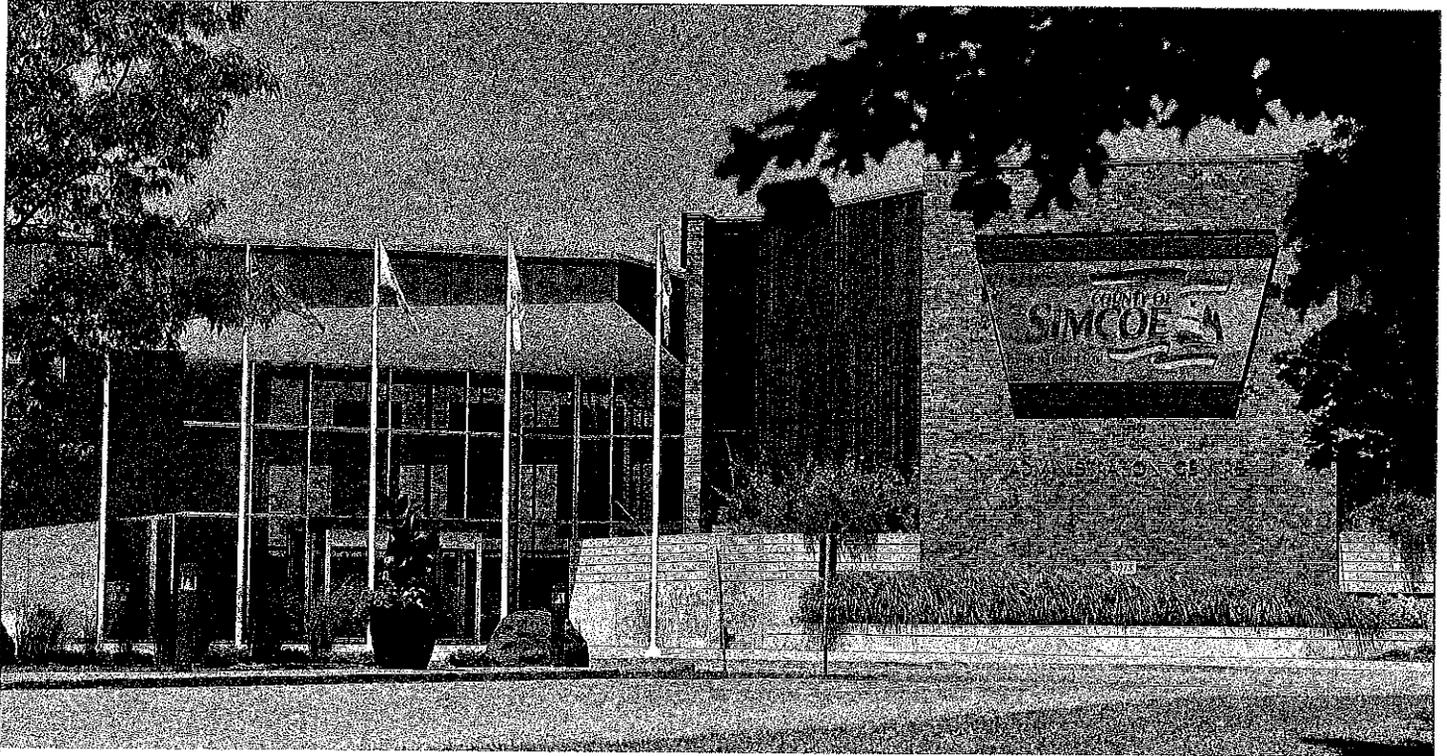
The County is responsible for the administration and funding of numerous mandated social housing programs.

Programs include the Simcoe County Housing Corporation and the many non-profit and co-operative housing providers.

In addition, the County participates in a number of initiatives that enhance the range of affordable housing options/ programs available to our residents.

There are approximately 4,000 social housing units within the County's housing portfolio, of which approximately 2,800 are rent-geared-to-income.

The Simcoe County Housing Corporation 2020 capital budget includes Tay Township and Orillia affordable housing development projects (\$35M). These two projects will create approximately 140 additional units of affordable housing during 2020-2022.



How your tax dollar works

While the County's expenses are \$530 million, they are offset by the County revenues and funding from both provincial and federal levels of government. Residents will see a 2.0 per cent increase on the County portion of their municipal property taxes in 2020. Overall, due to revenues and provincial funding, the County's approximate tax requirement of \$178 million is broken down as follows:

COUNTY LEVY SUPPORT PER AREA	%*	(\$000s)	PER \$100,000 RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT VALUE*
Paramedic Services	12.4%	22,054	\$35.27
Long Term Care and Seniors Services	8.8%	15,688	\$25.09
Ontario Works	2.3%	4,031	\$6.46
Children and Community Services	2.8%	4,987	\$7.97
Social Housing	10.8%	19,207	\$30.72
Transportation and Engineering	13.1%	23,288	\$37.24
Solid Waste Management	22.1%	39,253	\$62.77
Planning, Economic Development	3.4%	6,072	\$9.71
Transit	3.4%	6,037	\$9.65
Administrative and Statutory Support (CAO, Clerk Dept, Service Simcoe, Corporate Performance)	7.5%	13,409	\$21.44
General Municipal Services (SMDHU, MPAC, LSRA, Age Friendly grant, hospital and educational support)	13.4%	23,928	\$38.26
Total Taxes based on Services	100.0%	177,953	\$284.58

* All numbers are rounded

APPROXIMATE TAX INCREASE PER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT		
County Tax Rate Increase		
%	\$	per \$100,000 assessment
2.0	3.4M	\$5.58

COUNTY ONLY (excluding Barrie & Orillia)	#	AVG. COST PER UNIT*
Households	144,628	\$23.60
Population	322,949	\$10.25

* Approximate increase

NOTE: Actual taxation impacts do not parallel assessment change because of Ontario's variable tax rate system. Tax rates vary by property class and assessment based on tax ratios, which affect the distribution of the tax levy across classes. The numbers noted are for illustration purposes only.

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NEW YEAR NEW CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Starting **February 3, 2020**,
garbage and recycling alternating weeks,
green bin collection weekly.

WEEK ONE

Garbage
Green Bin Organics

WEEK TWO

Recycling
Green Bin Organics

simcoe.ca | 1-800-263-3199

Does not apply to Barrie and Orillia

FAQS



County of Simcoe New Curbside Waste Collection | December 2019

Q: What is changing?

A: Starting February 3, 2020, garbage and recycling collection will occur on alternating weeks, while green bin collection will continue every week.

What this means...

- No change to your regular collection day. Collection times will change, so have your materials out by 7 a.m. on your collection day
- Green bin collection will continue to occur every week
- Garbage and recycling collection will alternate every other week (one week garbage the next week recycling)
- Residents can set out two bags/containers of garbage every other week (weight and size restrictions still apply)
- Recycling no longer needs to be separated into different bins. Materials will be sorted later in the process
- Excess recyclables can be placed in bins, cardboard boxes or see-through plastic bags

Q: Will my collection day and time change?

A: No. Collection days are not changing; however, collection times will be adjusted. Collection times may continue to change over the following few collection weeks as crews learn and adjust to the new routes. To ensure collection, residents are reminded to have materials out to their curb by 7 a.m. on their regular collection day.

Q: Why are we making this change?

A: In late 2019, County residents experienced service delays and missed collections as a result of the labour challenges affecting our contractor, Waste Connections of Canada. The shortage of available labour is an industry-wide issue and continuing to bring in additional resources from other companies to fill open routes is not feasible long-term. This change will immediately assist our contractor with their staffing challenges by reducing the number of drivers required each day. This transition will also mitigate the need to increase our costs for alternate solutions, benefit the environment by promoting greater participation in our green bin program and help restore confidence that our residents' waste materials will be collected on schedule.

Q: What are the benefits of making this change?

A: This change will help restore predictability, lead to long-term environmental benefits, encourage residents to positively adjust their waste habits and control costs, since it:

- Reduces the number of trucks required each day, which will assist in addressing the labour shortages that our contractor is facing
- Lowers greenhouse gas emissions produced by collection vehicles by reducing the number of trucks on the road each day
- Encourages use of green bins and promotes increased diversion (40 per cent of the average garbage bag consists of items that should go in the green bin)
- Helps keep organic materials out of landfills and thereby extends the lifespan of landfills
- Encourages reduction of single-use plastics, cans and containers
- Helps control contractual costs

Q: Do other municipalities in Ontario provide bi-weekly / alternating collection service?

A: Yes. Many other municipalities in Ontario already have variations of bi-weekly/alternating collection schedules. The cities of Barrie, Orillia and Toronto, as well as Peel, Durham, Halton, Waterloo and York Regions all offer variations of bi-weekly/alternating collection programs. This change will help the County to better conform to future waste management legislation promoting increased diversion and help prepare residents for potential industry-wide changes to recycling collection services in future..

Q: Is this a permanent change?

A: The change to collecting garbage and recycling on alternating weeks and green bins weekly will bridge us until a new contract can start in late 2021. The County is currently expediting the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the next collections contract. Many options are being considered including automated cart collection. However, this will not happen quickly given the significant lead time required to order and take delivery of a fleet of up to 60 collection trucks and to get the staffing and yard / service shops required to support such a fleet.

Q: What happens if I have extra recycling, garbage or organics?

A: Residents will still be entitled to the same limits and volumes of garbage/recycling/green bin as before just on alternating weeks.

On garbage collection weeks, residents can place out 2 untagged bags of garbage, each being no larger than 80 litres and no heavier than 20kg. Up to 6 additional tagged bags of garbage may be placed curbside in regular garbage bags with a purchased bog-tag attached (weight and volume guidelines still apply) on garbage weeks.

Residents may place unlimited recycling out on their recycling week. Extra recycling may be placed in cardboard boxes (which will also be collected) or clear plastic bags beside their recycle bins. Residents may place out unlimited green bin materials each week.

Q: Will the County provide additional blue and green bins?

A: Extra recycling materials be placed in recyclable containers such as cardboard boxes, or bagged separately in clear plastic bags. To support overflow of recyclables due to alternating collection weeks, the County is offering a FREE Blue Bin to residents. Vouchers for the free blue bins will be mailed to each home early in the new year. Blue Bins are available for pick-up at County Waste Facilities (one per household with proof of a County of Simcoe address, while quantities last until the end of February, 2020). For a list of waste facilities, click here. The County is not providing additional green bins as weekly collections will continue as before, however residents may continue to purchase additional green bins from County Waste Management Facilities or at home improvement stores.

Q: What items can go in my green bin?

A: Using the green bin reduces greenhouse gas production. Methane is emitted during the decomposition of organics in the landfill and is 25 times more harmful than carbon dioxide. Removing green bin material from the garbage also saves disposal capacity for other materials which cannot be diverted and saving space now avoids increased costs to manage your waste in the future.

Currently, 40 per cent of items in the average garbage bag should go in the green bin. This includes all food scraps, pet waste and tissues. To find out what goes in the green bin, consult the Waste Wizard through the Simcoe County Collects app, or download our Sorting Guide.

Q: Do I still need to separate/sort my recycling?

A: Residents will not have to separate their paper fibres from their containers. Materials can be set out at the curb mixed together in the same bins which will simplify the process for residents and reduce recycling being left behind due to improper sorting. Collected recycling will be sorted at a processing facility. Single-stream collection is the predominant method in Ontario.

Q: Will recycling still be diverted through single-stream collection?

A: Yes, recycling will still be diverted. Recycling will now be collected in a single stream, meaning residents will not have to separate their paper fibres from their containers. The recycling materials collected will be transferred to our processor who will then sort the materials into multiple streams at their facility. Single-stream collection is the predominant method in Ontario.

Q: What do I do if any of my materials are missed?

A: Additional collections due to weather delays will be provided based on truck and crew availability and include collection on Saturdays. Notifications and alerts to residents will be provided through the Simcoe County Collects App as well as posting the information online at www.simcoe.ca

Q: How do I get the Simcoe County Collects App?

A: The Simcoe County Collects app is available for free through Google Play or the App Store. More than 20,000 residents have already downloaded the app to receive notifications specific to their address.

Q: If I don't have the app, what other tools are there to be notified if missed?

A: If the app is not an option for you, there are other tools such as visiting <https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/swm/when> to sign up for email alerts or phone call alerts. Notifications are also posted on www.simcoe.ca and through Twitter (@simcoecountycs, @simcoecounty) and Facebook (@CountyofSimcoe). If you do not have access to the internet, you can contact 1-800-263-3199 to be signed up for phone alerts.

Q: If my recycling or garbage is missed can I take it to the landfill for free?

A: Yes. Residential recycling and organics can be brought to any County Waste Management Facility free of charge. If your garbage is missed, you can drop off up to 2 bags of untagged garbage at County of Simcoe Waste Facilities. Identification indicating your 911 address is required.

Q: As a seasonal resident, how will this impact me?

A: All units will be treated equally under this system. Seasonal residents receive the same collection as full-time residents. Waste collectors will continue to service garbage boxes from locations that elect to keep their waste neatly contained in a garbage box. Please download the Simcoe County Collects app (available at google play and the Apple App store) to determine your collection week and receive reminders.

Q: Will this impact other curbside collection services such as Leaf and Yard or Christmas Tree Collections?

A: No. Special collections such as leaf and yard waste, Christmas trees, batteries and textiles will not change. The 2020 dates for these programs can be found in your Waste Calendar (which will arrive at households in January), on the Simcoe County Collections App and/or can be found on simcoe.ca.

Q: Why can't the County just hire another contractor?

A: Unfortunately, there is not another contractor able to supply over 60 trucks and associated staff to service our region. The County has already hired all available outside contractors to assist with collections. The County is working on a Request for Proposals (RFP) document for a new contractor to take over collections. However, this will not happen quickly given the significant lead time required to order and receive a fleet of collection trucks and to get the staffing and yard / service shops required to support such a fleet. A new contract is anticipated to start in late 2021.

Q: How did we get to this point in the process?

A: Efforts to obtain alternative service providers confirmed that it is not possible to secure a large fleet of 60+ vehicles quickly. The County hired all available outside contractors to assist with collection and fill open routes, and prioritized garbage and green bin organics collection; however, ongoing costs to source additional contractors from outside the County to fill routes are unsustainable long-term. The County had to determine the best option to provide predictability and consistency of collection, while promoting diversion and benefitting the environment. The County is also expediting the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the next collections contract.

Q: Will I be getting a refund on my taxes?

A: We certainly understand that our residents are upset when their waste materials are not collected. This service is paid for through the County of Simcoe's tax levy, at an average cost of approximately \$165 per year, per serviced unit. This covers the full net cost of waste collections, transfer, haulage and processing/disposal costs. The County is holding our waste collections contractor responsible for costs incurred to County taxpayers.

Q: How is it that my taxes are going up, but the service level is changing?

A: Waste Management is paid for through the County of Simcoe's tax levy. The average cost is approximately \$165 per year, per serviced unit. This cost covers not only the full net cost of waste collections, but also transfer, haulage and processing/disposal costs. The weights and volumes of materials being serviced for collections are not being reduced. The frequency of collection is moving to alternate weeks to provide increased consistency on collection days and reduce the carbon footprint of collections from emissions and promoting diversion of organic materials from the garbage to the green bin. This is an interim mitigation strategy to the current labour shortages being experienced by our current contractor and a frustrating inconsistency of collections experienced by our residents. We certainly understand that our residents are upset when their waste materials are not collected, and we are holding our waste collections contractor responsible for costs incurred by the County.



TOWNSHIP OF ESSA FIRE DEPARTMENT
STATION NUMBER ONE
Month of November 2019

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Emergency Calls for the Month	
Structure Fires -	0
Vehicle Fires - 451	1
Overheat Condition --	0
Grass/Bush/Rubbish Fires --	0
Vehicle Accidents -- 427, 428, 434, 435, 442, 444, 445, 449, 455, 433	10
Vehicle Extrications -- 436, 437	2
Tiered Medicals- 414, 443, 452	3
Rescues --	0
Burning Complaints -	0
False Alarms -- 418	1
CO Calls --	0
	2
Other Responses (List) -- 415, 438	
Sub-total of Emergency Calls	19
Assist Stn #2 - 417, 424, 425, 426, 429, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 411	27
Mutual Aid Responses --	0
Total Emergency calls	46
Training and Activities for the Month	
Regular Training and Special Training -- Nov. 8 -- NFPA Haz Mat., Nov. 9 -- NFPA Haz Mat, Nov. 10 -- NFPA, Nov. 17 -- NFPA, Nov. 21 -- Stn. 1, Nov. 27 -- Stn. 1, Nov. 30 -- Stn. 1, Nov. 20 -- Orientation	8
Theory Training - Nov. 07	1
Work Details (List) - Nov, 15 -- Rust Proof, Nov. 27 -- Recall Ford, Nov. 20 Truck Checks, Nov. 25 -- Gear Cleaners, Nov. 29 -- Utility to Parks	5
Public Education --	0
Inspections/Prevention -- Nov. 11 -- Burn Permit (2), Nov. 04 -- Fire Drill	3
Special Activities (List) -	0
Officer Meeting --	0
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Total Training and Activities for the Month	

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**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA FIRE DEPARTMENT
STATION NUMBER TWO
Month of November 2019**

<u>Emergency Calls for the Month</u>	
Structure Fires -	0
Vehicle Fires - 417	1
Overheat Condition -	0
Grass/Bush/Rubbish Fires -	0
Vehicle Accidents - 416, 424, 426, 429, 453	5
Vehicle Extrications - 447	1
Tiered Medicals- 419, 421, 423, 425, 430, 431, 448, 454(VSA)	8
Rescues -	0
Burning Complaints - 412, 432	2
False Alarms - 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 400, 401, 402, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 410, 411, 422, 439, 441, 446,	25
CO Calls - 387, 399, 413, 420	4
Other Responses (List) - 403-call error, 409 - duplicate call, 440 - water heater, 450 - perceived emergency	4
Sub-total of Emergency Calls	50
Assist Stn #1 - 415, 427, 433, 436, 444	5
Mutual Aid Responses -	0
Total Emergency Calls	55
<u>Training and Activities for the Month</u>	
Regular Training and Special Training - Nov. 08 - Hazmat, Nov. 09 - Hazmat, Nov. 10 - Hazmat, Nov. 17 - Hazmat testing, Nov. 19 - Regular, Nov. 20 - Recruit Orientation, Nov. 21 - Nottawasaga OPP - PTSD, Nov. 24 - Recruit training, Nov. 26 - Recruit training, Nov. 26 - Driver training, Nov. 27 - Driver Training, Nov. 27 - Regular training, Nov. 30 - Recruit Training	13
Theory Training - Nov. 05	1
Work Details (List) - Nov. 01 - P2-Orillia, Nov. 02 - SCBA Battery change, Nov. 10 - Belly pans on pumps, Nov. 13 - T2 - Dependable, Nov. 18 - P2 - Orillia, Nov. 20 - Orillia - P2, Nov. 22 - Clean trucks Santa Claus Parade	9
Public Education -	0
Inspections/Prevention - Nov. 8 - complaint, Nov. 04 - Vulnerable Occupancy (2), Nov. 15 - Fire Protection	4
Special Activities (List) - Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day, Nov. 23 - Santa Claus parade	2
Officer Meeting - Nov. 13 - Deputy meeting	1
Total Training and Activities for the Month	30

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