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CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

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B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None

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

None.

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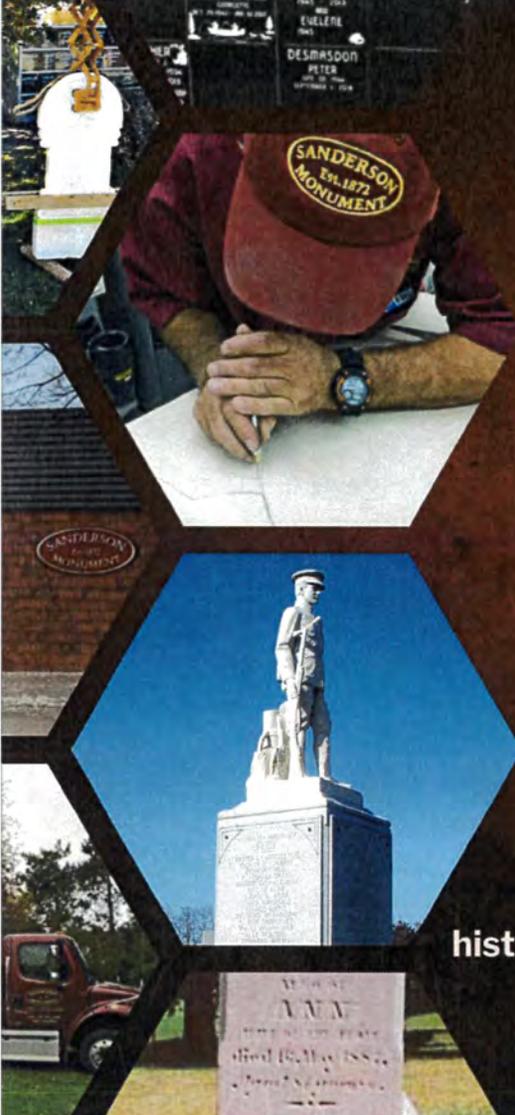
The Simcoe County Historical Association is changing. For the foreseeable future we will not be publishing a News and Views Newsletter. We do not have a Editor. So to help keep in touch, there will be a President's E-NEWSFLASH sent out by e-mail. We want you to know that we are still here promoting and protecting our County's history. Thanks for your understanding.

I wish to thank Deb Crawford for her work in putting out our last few editions of News and Views. She did a great job and will be missed. If you know of anyone interested in editing News and Views, let me know please.

THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THIS NEWSFLASH!

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You are invited to join
**Simcoe County
Historical Association**

For a presentation of the
SCHA Heritage Business
Award to:

**SANDERSON
MONUMENT**

Saturday October 21
1-3 PM
(Remarks at 2 PM)

33 Peter Street South,
Orillia, ON

RSVP to Lindsay at
historycoordinator@orilliamuseum.org



Get To Know your Long Ago

Simcoe County Historical Association's Business Heritage Award for 2023

For the last few years, SCHA has presented an annual Heritage Business Award to a successful Simcoe County Family company that has been in operation for upwards of 100 years. This year the recipient is the Sanderson Monument Company. Starting in Orillia in 1872, Sanderson's has served the County well providing all kinds of monuments for families honouring their loved ones, to memorials in remembrance those lost in War. Please join with

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us to honour this great company this Saturday October 21 at their business
on Peter St. in Orillia. See poster below!

ORILLIA OPERA HOUSE PRESENTATION October 27, 2023

1 West St N, Orillia, Ontario

[View on Google Maps](#)

Tickets: Complimentary to SCHA Members for The
Outerbridges "Mysteries of the Keyhole House"

E-Mail President Ted Duncan at tedcansher@sympatico.ca to get tickets.
(50 tickets available - first come first served) Tickets can be picked up
before the performance at the box office. Get your name on the lucky
member list for the show!

Description:

In their new show, illusionists Ted and Marion Outerbridge highlight
the historical artifacts they discovered as they restored their heritage
home, which is rumoured to be haunted.

The story of Ted and Marion's mysterious Keyhole House has been
featured on the CTV National News, CBC Radio, TVO and The Golf
Channel. Don't miss your chance to see one of the most anticipated
magical experiences of 2023.

They've performed at the famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, and
toured the world!

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Critics across the globe have hailed Ted and Marion Outerbridge as "Champions of magic" (Bergedorfer Zeitung, Germany), described their performance as "A visual feast" (Jinhua Daily, China), "A master of Illusion" (CBC-Radio Canada), and exclaimed "An astonishing performance" (Ottawa Life Magazine).

The show can be frightening for some but it's suitable for ages eight and up.

For more information here's a recent article in *Ottawa At Home Magazine*

https://www.ottawaathome.ca/homes_article.php?articleID=914



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NOTICE OF PASSAGE OF EDC BY-LAWS

SIMCOE COUNTY, BARRIE AND ORILLIA

On October 16, 2023, Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board passed Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board Education Development Charges By-law No. 55-01-23 and Simcoe County District School Board passed Simcoe County District School Board Education Development Charges By-Law, 2023. No number was given to the latter By-law.

Under s. 257.65 of the *Education Act*, any person or organization may appeal either or both of the By-Laws to the Ontario Land Tribunal by filing with the secretary of the appropriate School Board a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to that School Board's By-law and the reasons supporting the objection. The last day for appealing the By-laws is November 27, 2023.

The Education Development Charges imposed by the By-laws are set out in the following table:

Board/Type of Development	October 30, 2023 to October 29, 2024	October 30, 2024 to October 29, 2025	October 30, 2025 to October 29, 2026	October 30, 2026 to October 29, 2027	October 30, 2027 to October 29, 2028
Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board					
Residential EDC Rate per Dwelling Unit	\$1,772	\$2,072	\$2,372	\$2,672	\$2,972
Non-residential EDC Rate per Sq. Ft. of GFA	\$0.25	\$0.35	\$0.45	\$0.55	\$0.65
Simcoe County District School Board					
Residential EDC Rate per Dwelling Unit	\$3,111	\$3,411	\$3,711	\$4,011	\$4,311
Non-residential EDC Rate per Sq. Ft. of GFA	\$0.55	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$0.85	\$0.95

The By-Laws apply to all the land in the County of Simcoe and the Cities of Barrie and Orillia. Accordingly, no key map showing the lands to which the By-Laws apply is provided.

Persons interested in examining a copy of the By-Laws may do so during regular office hours at the School Boards' administrative offices or at anytime on the School Board's websites (www.smcdsb.on.ca and www.scdsb.on.ca).

Notice of a proposed by-law of either School Board amending its Education Development Charge By-Law or the passage of such amending by-law is not required to be given to any person or organization, other than to certain clerks of municipalities or secretaries of school boards, unless the person or organization gives the secretary of the School Board proposing to pass or passing such amending by-law a written request for notice of any amendments to its Education Development Charge By-Law and has provided a return address.

Any questions respecting the By-laws or the application thereof may be directed to:

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Ontario Continues to Support Municipalities through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

Province providing \$500 million to support northern, rural and small municipalities

October 20, 2023

Finance

TORONTO — Ontario is continuing to support northern, rural and small municipalities through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), which will once again provide funding of \$500 million for 2024. The funding, which is unconditional, will be distributed to 390 municipalities across the province to help local priorities and specific community needs.

“Maintaining a close relationship with our municipal partners is critical as we build a strong Ontario together,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “Our government recognizes the unique challenges northern, rural and small communities face. This is why the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, along with other programs, are critical in building stronger and resilient communities across the province.”

The OMPF is one part of Ontario’s overall support to municipalities, which continues to increase. The government has doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and, since 2021, has introduced new supports such as the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) and the Building Faster Fund, a \$1.2 billion program that supports community growth throughout the province, including in small, rural and northern communities. Ontario also recently announced that it will restore provincial annual base funding for public health units in 2024.

“As municipalities begin annual budget planning this fall, ongoing economic uncertainty threatens their ability to make informed decisions for the long-term,” said AMO President Colin Best. “Stable and predictable funding like the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund remains critical to municipal governments who remain key partners in helping to build a strong Ontario.”

Announcing municipal allocations in the fall provides municipalities with predictability ahead of their annual budget planning cycle.

Quick Facts

- The OMPF is providing \$500 million to 390 of Ontario’s 444 municipalities in 2024. The funding is unconditional and can be used to support the local priorities and specific needs of each community.

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- Ontario increased its annual investment in the [Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund \(OCIF\)](#) by \$1 billion over five years, starting in 2022. OCIF provides investment to help 425 small, rural and northern communities renew and rehabilitate roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure.
- The Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program is providing up to \$15 million annually over five years to northern municipalities to support infrastructure projects.
- Starting January 1, 2024, the Province will restore annual base funding (\$47 million) for public health units to the level previously provided under the 2020 cost-share ratio.
- The Building Faster Fund will [provide up to \\$1.2 billion](#) over three years for municipalities that meet or exceed the housing targets they have pledged to achieve by 2031.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund](#)

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NOTICE OF A RATE HEARING

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to increase its natural gas distribution rates

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to increase its natural gas rates effective April 1, 2024, to recover costs associated with meeting its obligations under the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* and the regulations under the *Ontario Emissions Performance Standards*, as well as to recover other related account balances.

If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer of Enbridge Gas Inc. would see the following annual increase:

EGD Rate Zone (2,400 m³)	\$69.91
Union South Rate Zone (2,200 m³)	\$63.72
Union North Rate Zone (2,200 m³)	\$63.97

For a typical residential customer, these increases include an annual bill increase arising from the 2024 carbon charges of \$68.79 (EGD) and \$62.91 (Union South and Union North); plus, a one-time charge of \$1.12 (EGD), \$0.81 (Union South) and \$1.06 (Union North) to recover the balances in the related deferral and variance accounts.

Other customers, including businesses, will also be affected. It's important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by the proposed changes.

The federal government's *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* establishes a carbon pricing program under which a natural gas utility in Ontario, such as Enbridge Gas Inc., is required to pay a carbon charge to the federal government on the volume of natural gas that it delivers to its customers, and on the volume of natural gas used in the operation of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s natural gas distribution system. The federal carbon charge came into effect on April 1, 2019, has increased annually on April 1st between 2020 and 2023 and will increase again on April 1, 2024.

The *Ontario Emissions Performance Standards* program is the Ontario government's carbon pricing system for industrial emitters that came into effect on January 1, 2022, and replaced the federal government's Output-Based Pricing System in Ontario.

This hearing will be held under section 78 of the **Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998**.

Ce document est aussi disponible en français.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicant has applied for, and the OEB intends to proceed with, a written hearing. If you think a different hearing type is needed, you can write to us to explain why.

During this hearing, we will hear questions and arguments from participants about this case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenors. After the hearing, we will decide whether to approve the application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit www.oeb.ca/notice and use file number **EB-2023-0196** to:

- Review the application
- File a letter with your comments
- Apply to become an intervenor

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **November 7, 2023** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

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Ontario Energy Board

■ /TTY: 1 877-632-2727

● Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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Enbridge Gas Inc.

■ 1 877-362-7434

● Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

🌐 <https://www.enbridgegas.com/en/about-enbridge-gas/regulatory>



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Committee Business

[Other matters referred to the committee \(www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/committees/heritage-infrastructure-cultural-policy/parliament-43/other-business\)](http://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/committees/heritage-infrastructure-cultural-policy/parliament-43/other-business)

Study on regional governance as overseen by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy will meet to conduct a study on regional governance as overseen by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The Committee intends to hold public hearings in Barrie, Ontario on Monday, November 6, 2023.

Interested people who wish to be considered to make an oral presentation to the Committee are required to register by **12:00 p.m. (EDT) on Monday, October 30, 2023.**

Those who do not wish to make an oral presentation but wish to comment on the issue may send a written submission by **7:00 p.m. (EST) on Monday, November 6, 2023.**

To register or send a written submission, please visit the following link: ola.org/en/apply-committees (www.ola.org/https://ola.org/en/apply-committees).

The Committee will stream live from location when available. For the link to the webcast, and to find times and availability, please visit the Legislative Assembly website at ola.org (www.ola.org/https://www.ola.org).

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Collect calls will be accepted.

Ces renseignements sont disponibles en français sur demande.

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POLICY UPDATE

October 18, 2023

Policy Update - Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Municipalities across Ontario are facing increasingly complex challenges, such as tackling homelessness and climate change, without the financial tools to solve them. It's time for the province and municipalities to work collaboratively towards solutions for the long-term stability and sustainability of municipal finances.

[AMO has called on Premier Ford](#) to propose an update of the partnership between provincial and municipal governments to build sustainable communities, a solid foundation for economic growth and quality of life.

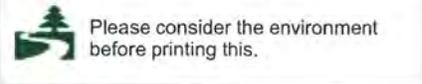
A [social and economic prosperity review](#) would help to create a sustainable, accountable provincial-municipal relationship where both orders of government can meet their responsibilities, grounded in:

- Affordability and fiscal sustainability for both orders of government
- Fairness for taxpayers and affordability for residents
- Coordinated and timely infrastructure investment resilient to climate realities
- Increased housing supply and affordability
- Robust health and social services supporting increased economic participation
- Long term economic development and prosperity for Ontario and its communities
- Modern, effective and streamlined service delivery

It's the right time for a province-wide conversation.

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POLICY UPDATE

October 23, 2023

Policy Update – Official Plans, Income Security and the Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment

Unwinding Changes to Official Plans

Today, the province [announced](#) plans to reverse its official plan amendments made in the following select municipalities with housing targets: Barrie, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Ottawa and the City of Peterborough, the Regional Municipalities of Halton, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York, as well as Wellington County. This includes winding back changes to urban boundaries, which some municipalities have said were not needed to build housing. The province will introduce legislation to enact the change. It is engaging the impacted municipalities on the reversal, recognizing projects and investments may have already been made.

AMO welcomes this change. In previous submissions to the legislature, AMO has highlighted that pervasive or indiscriminate provincial intervention in development risks undermining broader local planning efforts with implications for financing, timing and complete communities. AMO has urged the government to use Ministerial planning authorities, such as Municipal Zoning Orders (MZOs) only in collaboration with municipalities and in situations of extraordinary urgency.

Municipalities believe Ontario can build housing and grow faster, and that growth should dovetail with good planning and responsible environmental protection. The provincial government moved unilaterally in directions that it clearly regrets. AMO is pleased that it is changing course to work collaboratively with municipalities on housing.

Income Security for Housing and Homelessness

AMO continues to highlight the importance of improving Ontario's income support system to help address root causes of homelessness across the province. The following changes to the Ontario Disability Support Program

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and the Ontario Works program can help those who are homeless to find permanent housing, and prevent more Ontarians from falling into homelessness:

- **Provide base shelter amount to unhoused people on Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW).** Currently, because unhoused individuals do not have shelter costs, they are not entitled to receive shelter benefits. Having enough income to pay rent is a critical part of moving out of homelessness.
- **Increase the amount of money individuals on OW can earn without impacts to monthly benefits (i.e., "earnings exemptions").** Allowing workers to keep more of what they earn will help people on OW to afford rent while encouraging them to work.
- **Increase the cap on discretionary benefits administered by municipal system managers to 10% from 5%.** Giving municipalities more ability to help cover emergency costs can keep individuals and families' from losing their homes.

Further, AMO is asking the government to realize the full potential and promise of social assistance transformation by better enabling municipalities to deliver the wrap around supports many individuals need to succeed in sustainable employment.

As part of our recommended income security changes, AMO is supporting calls for federal and provincial investments in enhanced housing subsidies outside the social assistance system to help people afford rent. There is a variety of tools for the municipal toolkit to work with, but more targeted ones are needed.

AMO is supporting the implementation of the proposal for a [Homelessness Prevention and Housing Benefit](#) developed by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness.

Significant Climate Impacts Foreseen in Provincial Report

The provincial government has published the final report of the [Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment](#) (PCCIA). The PCCIA was originally launched by the provincial government in 2020 as part of its Made-In-Ontario Climate Change Plan. The Assessment examines regional impacts of climate change on Ontario to help the government forecast needed responses to ensure resilience for Ontario's communities, residents, and environments.

The final PCCIA report lays out some significant impacts from a changing climate that will affect communities and residents. AMO has written to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks to request that the government respond to the report and work with municipalities to develop

a climate resilience plan for the province. In the interim, municipalities are encouraged to review the report to understand regional changes.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BUILDINGUP

County unveils innovative data tool as part of its 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy

Midhurst/October 13, 2023 – The County of Simcoe is introducing its new data tool to support its 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy and further assist people in need in our communities. This new tool will help inform enhancements, resourcing and strategies that support homelessness prevention and shelter efforts by tracking real-time data of shelter usage and other trends across the region. The tool was built to support County Council, municipalities, system operators, residents and service providers in better understanding the ever-changing needs of regional shelter and homelessness prevention system, and is available at open.simcoe.ca.

"County Council is committed to making the right investments that make the biggest impact, while continuing to support our unhoused residents, our agency partners and our community at large," said Warden Basil Clarke. "This important data now available to us will further assist in continuing to make well-informed, system-wide decisions to improve outcomes for our most vulnerable residents, when and where they need it the most."

The County will now be able to share the occupancy and capacity through its Daily Shelter & Motel Voucher Program dashboard, offering a holistic view of shelter system usage across the county. This data, which includes individuals who are known to have used shelter services at least once over the preceding three months and includes an anonymous analysis of key variables that affect vulnerable populations and shelter users.

Real-time data at our fingertips through this tool will help us gain access to:

- Accurate data and point-in-time information
- Shelter capacity on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis
- Community trends and priority areas
- Flow of clients within the system
- Identifiable gaps to address where investments and resources can be adjusted if needed
- Overall accountability for the system

The data tool is now available at open.simcoe.ca. For further information and ongoing updates on the homelessness prevention plan and other community-building initiatives, visit simcoe.ca/HomelessnessSystem or call 211.

This is just one more way that the County is **#BuildingUp** our communities. For updates on how the County of Simcoe is investing in our region, visit simcoe.ca/BuildingUp.



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About the County's 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy

The County of Simcoe's 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy provides a strong, data-driven plan to help vulnerable residents and our communities. The strategy includes a considerable added investment toward the goal of preventing and ending chronic homelessness.

The strategy makes affordable housing even more attainable by increasing supply, creating "deep rent subsidies," increasing eviction prevention services and improving available shelter. It commits the County to finding new housing opportunities, enhancing community shelter services and standards, and improving safety and well-being throughout the community. For further details and ongoing updates to the homelessness prevention plan, visit simcoe.ca/HomelessnessSystem.

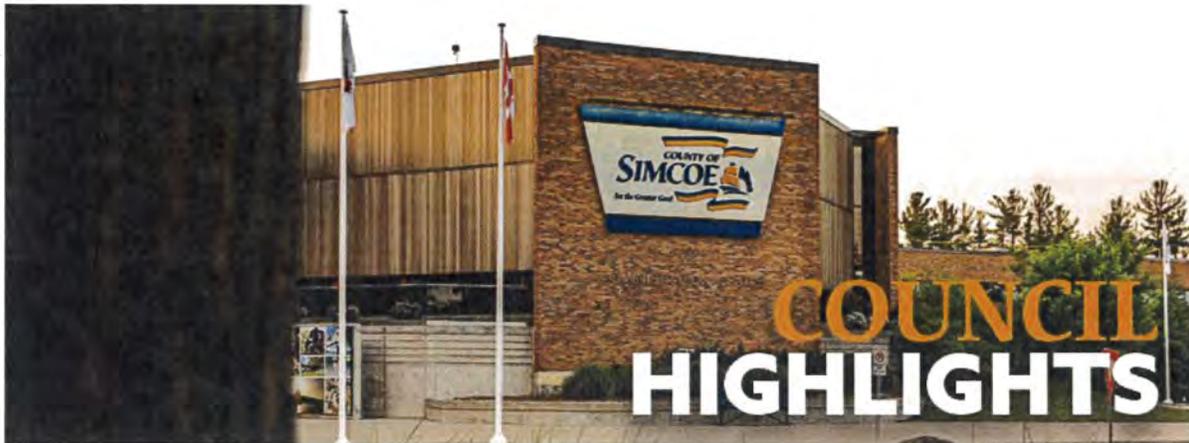
About the County of Simcoe

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

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Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. The information contained within the Highlights is based on approved material from within the associated agenda packages, linked at the bottom. These reports were part of the agendas from the **Council Meeting on October 10, 2023** and the **Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 26, 2023**. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate report, which can be accessed by clicking on the title. Images are also linked to relevant resources.

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

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Click on the image above to learn more about the Newcomer Recognition Awards.

2023 Newcomer Recognition Awards

In 2012, the Simcoe County LIP published a Community Settlement Strategy, providing recommendations to enhance the development of welcoming communities in Simcoe County. The strategy is based around four themes of Readiness, Opportunity, Celebrate and Inspire.

Since 2016, the Newcomer Recognition Awards have been funded entirely through community sponsorship. This year, the eleventh annual Newcomer Recognition Awards will be held at The Heights Ski and Country Club (1106 Horseshoe Valley Road West) on Thursday, October 26, 2023.

Simcoe County Hospice Alliance Funding
Request

On May 24, 2022, the Simcoe County Hospice Alliance submitted a request to the Warden asking County Council to consider continuing its capital funding support for local hospices in the amount of \$500,000 per year for an additional five-year period from 2021 – 2025. This request was reviewed and approved by Council on June 28, 2022.

On September 14, 2023, the Alliance submitted a letter requesting its funding allocation for 2022 (funds are provided based on completed projects and initiatives and provided to the organizations the following calendar year once proof of work can be confirmed).

On October 10, 2023, Council approved the 2022 Simcoe County Hospice Alliance capital funding allocation, including approximately \$135,000 for Hospice Georgian Triangle in Collingwood, \$118,000 for Matthews House Hospice in Alliston, \$140,000 for Hospice Simcoe in Barrie, and \$96,000 for Mariposa House Hospice in Orillia.



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Age-Friendly Housing Grant Update

The Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant program is recommended within the Simcoe County 2018–2023 Positive Aging Strategy. In 2018, County Council approved \$500,000 in annual funding towards implementing this program. This annual program supports the development of age-friendly housing by including accessible, adaptable, and inclusive designs and/or incorporating a range of support services that would allow older adults to continue to live independently in their homes and participate in their communities for as long as possible.

On September 26, 2023, Council received a report on the Age-friendly Housing Grant's performance. In 2023, there were 110 applicants. The County of Simcoe was able to support 83 various projects; 50 bathroom modifications, 16 stair lifts, 16 ramps, handrails or entrance ways, and one dementia modification. Over the past five years, the program has approved 346 housing renovations and seen an average of 31.5% growth in the number of approved applications year over year.

County Forest Land Acquisition - Current Practice & Policy Update

The County of Simcoe owns and operates Ontario's largest municipally owned forest network, spanning more than 35,000 acres. Growing Simcoe County Forest remains a priority due to its many benefits. Using the Ecological Land Classification system, the Annual Ecosystem value for the Simcoe County Forest is approximately \$75 million.

The key acquisition principles for the continued strategic expansion of the County Forest are that additional properties enhance the environmental,

social, and economic benefits. Priority is given to acquire available lands which:

- Enlarge or consolidate existing forest tracts;
- Provide opportunities for forest restoration / management;
- Contribute to natural heritage protection;
- Increase or protect woodland cover in underrepresented areas of the County

Working within the context of these principles, the County Forester has been delegated authority to investigate potential additions to the Forest and negotiate an offer of purchase which is subject to approval by County Council. This has resulted in a total of 1,969 ha (4,865 acres) added to the County Forest over the previous two decades (since 2004 and including additions to date in 2023).

On October 10, 2023, Council approved the updated County Forest Growth, Investment & Protection Policy, which includes an amendment to help increase County Forest within underrepresented areas of the County.



Bursary Program

2023 County of Simcoe Bursary Program Status

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The County's 2023 Bursary Program was open to Simcoe County-based full- and part-time students enrolled in an undergraduate program at a post-secondary institution in Canada. Eligible candidates must have graduated or be eligible for graduation in the year of application with an Ontario Secondary School diploma in Simcoe County. This typically includes students who graduated from high schools in Simcoe County but also includes diplomas received through an accredited institution including some home-schooling programs.

The County's 16 member municipalities participated resulting in 21 \$3,000 bursaries for 2023 (16 from the member municipalities and a further 5 fully funded by the County).

In 2023, the County received a record number of submissions. A total of 485 applications were received of which 261 were eligible for an award - a marked increase from past years. Members of the Bursary Committee independently reviewed all anonymized applications prior to their meeting on September 19, 2023, then met in closed session to determine a recommended list of recipients. On October 10, 2023, Council confirmed the list of recipients, and successful applicants will be notified shortly.



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October 24, 2023

Township of Essa
5786 Simcoe County Road 21
Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

To whomever it may concern,

As a participating municipality in the County of Simcoe Bursary Program we are pleased to provide an update on the Bursary Program. This year we received a record-breaking number of applications, reflecting the growing interest and enthusiasm within our communities for continuing education. Our Bursary Committee reviewed each application and after careful deliberation identified the recipients who best demonstrated exceptional promise, commitment to their community and alignment with the program's objectives.

The County of Simcoe is delighted to share that your resident **Julia Mancuso** was selected by the Bursary Committee to receive a Simcoe County Bursary and has been notified as such. In submitting their application, applicants have agreed to have their name posted publicly on your website and/or an upcoming agenda should you wish to do so.

While we were unable to grant the bursary to all applicants due to the overwhelming response, we want to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone in your municipality who took the time to apply. We also would like to thank the Township for their continued support and commitment to the Simcoe County Bursary Program.

Thank you once again for your support and we look forward to sharing details about the upcoming 2024/2025 Bursary Program!

Regards,

County of Simcoe

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Public Notice

County of Simcoe, Office of the Warden and CAO
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County of Simcoe and City of Orillia to host a Public Information Centre to discuss the Housing - Attainable Supply Action Plan (Housing ASAP) Project

November 8, 2023

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

The County of Simcoe and the City of Orillia are partnering to build up our communities through a new Housing - Attainable Supply Action Plan (Housing ASAP). This plan will support moderate-income households who are looking for housing that is attainable to their income in the communities that they love.

The Housing ASAP project will help create the conditions needed for more attainable housing offered by the private market in communities throughout the region. It aims to identify and develop strategies and tactics for the regional and local governments to implement or advocate for over the next five years.

This project will answer three fundamental questions related to attainable housing within Simcoe County and the City of Orillia, including what is attainable across the region, what kinds of dwellings are missing in the region and at what price point, and how local governments can help to facilitate the creation of privately-owned affordable and attainable housing. The project has been divided into four components:

- **Component 1** - Gap Analysis, Background Review
Details can be found on the [County's Housing ASAP Project Website](#)
- **Component 2** - Public and Stakeholder Engagement
- **Component 3** - Best Practices & Potential Solutions Review
- **Component 4** - Recommended Action

As part of Component 2, the County and the City are hoping to garner public and stakeholder input.

Meeting Information

Housing ASAP Project: Public Information Centre

When

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where

Virtual Meeting

Registration

To register for this virtual meeting, please e-mail your name and contact information to housingasap@simcoe.ca with "**RSVP - Housing ASAP Project: Public Information Centre**" in the subject line. Upon successful registration, a link to the meeting will be sent to you directly.

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BUILDING UP

THE HOUSING CONTINUUM



The housing continuum represents the spectrum of housing types available for low, moderate, and high-income households. The Housing ASAP focuses on moderate-income needs, which includes affordable and market-rate rental and ownership housing.

Attainable Housing is only a segment along the Housing Continuum. Attainable Housing is providing affordable rental and homeownership opportunities offered by the private market, as opposed to social housing, subsidized housing, transitional housing, emergency shelters, etc.

For more information on the Housing – Attainable Supply Action Plan (Housing ASAP) and other local strategies for housing across Simcoe County, visit simcoe.ca/housing. For information on the City of Orillia's plans for housing, visit orillia.ca/housing.

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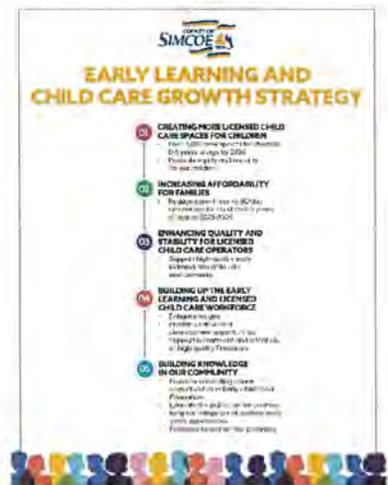
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County Council building up futures through Early Learning and Child Care Directed Growth Strategy

Midhurst/October 25, 2023 – County Council is building up futures through the region's new Early Learning and Child Care Directed Growth Strategy, a five-point plan that creates spaces, increases affordability, and builds knowledge of the positive impacts that a strengthened early learning and child care system will have in our communities.

In 2022, the Federal/Provincial Government announced an agreement to make significant investments in early learning and child care through regional governments. The County is pleased to report that through system planning and funding allocations, it has successfully created over 1,000 new child care spaces, surpassing the provincial target of 600 this year. By 2026, the County of Simcoe aims to create more than 3,000 new spaces for children 0-5 years of age and County Council has a proactive strategy to reach these goals.

“Council and County staff are committed to creating greater access to affordable licensed child care in Simcoe County,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “We would like to thank our partners in the federal and provincial governments for providing additional funding. Through this innovative and forward thinking strategy, we look forward to helping more families and child care providers throughout Simcoe County.”



Additional spaces will be created in [priority areas for directed growth](#) identified across the region.

This plan:

- **Creates more licensed child care spaces for children**, with over 3,000 new spaces by 2026 for children 0-5 years of age, and promotes equity and equality for children
- **Increases affordability for families** by reducing parent fees to \$10 per day on average for children 0-5 years of age by 2025/2026
- **Enhances quality and stability for licensed child care operators** by supporting high quality early learning and child care environments
- **Builds Up the early learning and licensed child care workforce** through enhanced wages, professional development opportunities, and support for recruitment and retention
- **Builds knowledge within the community** by promoting rewarding career opportunities in Early Childhood Education, educating the public on the positive long-term impacts of early years experiences, and providing evidence-based service planning

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About the County of Simcoe

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

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EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE GROWTH STRATEGY

01

CREATING MORE LICENSED CHILD CARE SPACES FOR CHILDREN

- Over 3,000 new spaces for children 0-5 years of age by 2026
- Promote equity and equality for our children

02

INCREASING AFFORDABILITY FOR FAMILIES

- Reduce parent fees to \$10/day on average for children 0-5 years of age by 2025-2026

03

ENHANCING QUALITY AND STABILITY FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE OPERATORS

- Support high-quality early learning and child care environments

04

BUILDING UP THE EARLY LEARNING AND LICENSED CHILD CARE WORKFORCE

- Enhance wages
- Provide professional development opportunities
- Support recruitment and retention of high quality Educators

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BUILDING KNOWLEDGE IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Promote rewarding career opportunities in Early Childhood Education
- Educate the public on the positive long-term impacts of positive early years experiences
- Evidence-based service planning



2024 REGULAR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CALENDAR

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FAMILY DAY - 19						

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CIVIC HOLIDAY - 5/ AMO 18-21						

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LABOUR DAY - 2/ NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION - 30						

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THANKSGIVING - 14						

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REMEMBRANCE DAY - 11						

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CHRISTMAS 25-26						

 Joint Council/CCW (in-person)	 Council/CCW/Mid-term Nomination (in-person)	
 Council/CCW (in-person)	 Special Budget Meeting	
 Joint Council/CCW *virtual	 Mid-term Inaugural (if required – in-person)	

There are no Regular Council/CCW meetings in July or December. The yearly schedule is Subject to change.

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