

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

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- p. 5 2. Essa Building Department January 2025 Report.
- p. 6 3. Correspondence from the Town of Halton Hills dated January 29, 2025, re: Sovereignty of Canada.
- p. 9 4. Policy Update from AMO, re: Statement on Trade and Update on Provincial Election Advocacy.
- p. 12 5. Correspondence from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) dated February 11, 2025.
- p. 13 6. Correspondence from the County of Simcoe:
 - a) January 30, 2025 – Release - .County Funds Expanded Access to Barrier-Free Healthcare for Marginalized Communities.
 - p. 14 b) January 29, 2025 – Release – County Celebrates Age-Friendly Champions.

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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Jan-25

Current

Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	9	9	\$2,565,600.00	\$2,565,600.00	\$27,015.20	\$27,015.20
Commercial	4	4	\$263,000.00	\$263,000.00	\$979.50	\$979.50
Industrial		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Institutional	2	2	\$260,000.00	\$260,000.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural	1	1	\$800,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$422.91	\$422.91
TOTAL	16	16	\$3,888,600.00	\$ 3,888,600.00	\$30,367.61	\$ 30,367.61

Y.O.Y.	18	18	\$8,380,016.00	\$8,380,016.00	\$58,699.80	\$58,699.80	-48.27%
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

Dwelling Units Created

Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	3	3	\$2,015,599.00	\$2,015,599.00
Mult Res Bldgs	0	0		\$0.00
Dwellings within a Bldg	1	0		\$0.00
TOTAL	4	3	\$2,015,599.00	\$2,015,599.00

Reviewed by Chief Building Official:



Y.O.Y	8	8	\$2,977,616.00	\$2,977,616.00
	-50.00%	-62.50%	-32.31%	-32.31%



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January 29, 2025

All Municipalities in Ontario
Via Email

Re: Sovereignty of Canada

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, January 20, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding Sovereignty of Canada.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0010.

Respectfully,

Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

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THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0010
Title: Sovereignty of Canada
Date: January 20, 2025
Moved by: Councillor D. Keene
Seconded by: Councillor J. Brass

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS incoming President Trump has suggested that with the use of "economic force" such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS residents of our community, known as Canada's Most Patriotic Town, have demonstrated passion for and loyalty to our nation by opposing past "Buy America" trade measures; by celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary by simultaneously flying over 57,000 Canadian flags and along with other activities, by annually hosting popular Canada Day festivities throughout our municipality; and

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867; and

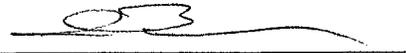
AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Ford and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.

Mayor Ann Lawlor

Sarah Corbett

Subject:

FW: AMO Policy Update – Statement on Trade and Update on Provincial Election Advocacy



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Tariffs, Trade Disruptions and Migration

Ontario's local economies, our natural and human resources as well as the businesses and industries situated in Ontario municipalities are the foundation of Ontario's economy. These elements are fundamental to the national economy and Canada's prosperity.

On December 9, 2024, [AMO wrote to the Prime Minister, Ontario's Premier](#) and leaders of both the official federal and provincial opposition pledging the support of AMO and its members to assist Canada and Ontario in the face of challenge and uncertainty.

Tariffs and international trade disruptions have the potential to seriously harm Ontario's economy. Other changes in American policy and practices affecting immigration and social policy could create mass migration of American residents seeking the safety and protection afforded by Canada, with massive resource implications for municipalities in Ontario.

AMO and its members stand ready to play our part in protecting our shared social and economic prosperity in Ontario and Canada.

AMO's Provincial Election Campaign

While we collectively turn our eyes toward the real threats we face from outside our borders, AMO and its members must also consider the long-standing challenges we face closer to home.

With an early election in Ontario now underway, AMO's efforts to promote the interests of municipalities in the election will enter its second phase with additional print ads in the days ahead and continued social and digital media postings.

The campaign was launched at the ROMA conference and has garnered considerable notice. The ultimate purpose of the campaign is to ensure that all parties understand that the voice of Ontario's \$68 billion-a-year municipal sector will not be silent in an important debate on Ontario's future.

Since the launch of the campaign on January 19, AMO has received considerable positive feedback from members and some expressions of concern. The impartiality of the campaign has been questioned by some members. The media has asked if it is possible to have an impartial campaign when one party has been governing for more than 6 years.

Through months of planning, the commitment to a non-partisan campaign has been at the forefront of every discussion at the AMO Board. The campaign asks voters to consider the needs of their communities when voting. All parties have the opportunity to compete for their vote by making commitments that help municipalities succeed.

The challenges faced by communities that are caused by provincial policies are complex and caused by both long-standing, historical arrangements and by recent actions and inactions.

No party or individual government is to blame for decades of provincial policies that undermine the social and economic prosperity of Ontario's communities. However, provincial policies that result in declining infrastructure investment, higher property taxes and homelessness in your communities are both bad social policy and bad economic policy. These policies will need to be addressed by whoever forms the next government of Ontario.

AMO is steadfastly non-partisan and looks forward to working with whoever the people elect to form the next Government. These efforts are intended to ensure that whatever party is selected to govern, it will have made clear and measurable commitments to the success of municipalities in every part of Ontario.

This update is also available on [AMO's Website](#).

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Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

February 11, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council of Township of Essa

The year 2025 represents a transformational period for the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) as a new CAO will soon lead the organization. As the newly elected Chair, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and express NVCA's commitment to working collaboratively with you and your municipality.

Our Board is committed to leading the organization to foster a culture of continuous improvement, particularly when it comes to customer service and our planning and permitting processes. As a Councillor, I know how important it is for residents, farmers, businesses and developers to receive timely responses to their enquiries, with clear and consistent application standards. Our goal is to ensure our processes are efficient, fair and aligned with your municipality's needs. As one of the fastest-growing watersheds in Ontario, NVCA understands that our municipalities are under enormous pressure to develop their communities in a responsible manner.

So, it is imperative that NVCA is available and accountable to our municipal partners. Accordingly, NVCA's Interim CAO and I are happy to meet to hear your ideas and priorities for how NVCA can better support your community. This includes identifying opportunities for collaboration on key initiatives, addressing shared challenges, and advancing new projects that benefit both the natural environment and our local economies.

NVCA's mission is to protect and preserve the rivers, streams, forests and wetlands deeply connected to the economic and social well-being of the communities we serve. Whether by safeguarding agricultural land, mitigating flooding or maintaining the natural beauty that attracts residents and visitors, our work has an impact across the entire watershed.

Please email Sheryl Flannagan, NVCA's Interim CAO at sflannagan@nvca.on.ca if you would like to meet. We look forward to connecting with you soon.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to your community. I am optimistic about the work we can accomplish together to strengthen the watershed for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Scott".

Jonathan Scott
Chair, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Councillor, Bradford-West Gwillimbury



Joint Release

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

County funds expanded access to barrier-free healthcare for marginalized communities

Midhurst/January 30, 2025 – In response to the growing need for alternative healthcare options for those facing financial pressures, the County of Simcoe has stepped forward to fund Compassionate Care Without Barriers (CCWB) which will support in expanding their hours of operation.

Located at Trinity Anglican Church in Barrie, CCWB provides barrier-free, all-encompassing health care services for acute and chronic conditions, primarily to the unhoused and marginalized populations, including refugees and newcomers. This initiative is supported through the County's Social & Community Services division.

Quick Facts

- **Location:** Trinity Anglican Church, 24 Collier Street, Barrie
- **Hours of Operation:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Thursday, by appointment only.
- **Booking Phone Number:** 705-417-2763

Quotes:

"Thank you to the team at Compassionate Care without Barriers for all their efforts in supporting those in need. By investing in community partners and programs such as this, the County of Simcoe is reinforcing our commitment towards building up the care, lives and hope of our most vulnerable residents." ~ *Warden Basil Clarke*

"Having the support of the County of Simcoe has enabled us to provide a much-needed service for our most vulnerable population." ~ *Jo-Anne Flood, Founder and President, CCWB*

"We are very excited to be involved in the expansion of Compassionate Care Without Barriers addressing the primary care needs of the homeless and marginalized in our community." ~ *Brenda Brown, Nurse Practitioner, CCWB*

"Many people in our community are denied the right to accessible healthcare. This is especially true for our neighbours who are unhoused, don't have money, or don't have OHIP. I am grateful that CCWB and Simcoe County are working to address this discrepancy, and I am excited to contribute to this effort." ~ *Dr. MacKenzie Chown, Physician, CCWB*

About Compassionate Care without Barriers Barrie

Since opening their doors in July 2023, CCWB has been committed to promoting wellness through barrier-free health care services that address the unique needs of the marginalized: treating the whole person with dignity & respect. [Visit their Facebook page](#) for more details.

About the County of Simcoe

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County celebrates age-friendly champions

Midhurst/January 29, 2025 – Last evening, the County of Simcoe hosted the second annual Age-Friendly Recognition Awards, celebrating the achievements of those who have taken significant steps to create inclusive, age-friendly communities

Honorees were chosen by a selection committee in two categories: businesses and individuals. Businesses were acknowledged for their efforts in enhancing services and accessibility, while individuals were celebrated for their dedication to fostering age-friendly communities and improving the quality of life for older adults across the region. The public nomination process took place throughout the second half of 2024.

Congratulations to Individual Age-Friendly Recognition Award recipients:

- Frieda Baldwin, Midland
- Betty Hancey, Collingwood
- Sharon McLean, Barrie
- Tamara Nowak-Lennard, Barrie
- Sylvia Naughton, Barrie
- Keara Sweet, Orillia
- Joe and Jim Soriano, Barrie
- Catherine Ecker, Barrie
- Joe Fecht, Orillia
- Kelly Ritchie, Barrie
- Gertrude King, Wasaga Beach
- Melanie Hopkinson, Collingwood
- Deb Bobechko, Barrie

Congratulations to Age-Friendly Business Recognition Award recipients:

- Information Orillia, Orillia
- Saunders Book Company, Collingwood
- Windlee Farms Maple Syrup, Tiny
- RTO District 17 – Unit 1 (Retired Teachers Organization), Springwater
- 54 Plus Seniors Centre Alliston, New Tecumseth
- The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, Barrie
- Topline Feed and Farm, Tay
- Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, Springwater
- Habitat for Humanity Huronia Restores, Barrie
- The Transformation Station, Barrie
- Alliston Legion – Branch 171

Quotes:

"We are grateful to the individuals and businesses who are leading the way in helping to create age-friendly communities across Simcoe County. Their dedication to improving the lives of our older adults is inspiring and essential as we continue building an even more inclusive and supportive environment for all." ~ *Basil Clarke, County of Simcoe Warden*

"It is an honour to recognize the outstanding contributions of those who have gone above and beyond to support our older adults. From businesses advancing services to individuals advocating for inclusivity, their efforts are integral to shaping a future where all ages can thrive. These exceptional individuals and organizations are showing how important it is to prioritize the well-being and dignity of all." ~ Jane Sinclair, General Manger, Health and Emergency Services

About the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Community Program

The Age-Friendly Community Program was established in 2016 to increase awareness of the County's aging population and help businesses and organizations evaluate their environment and service delivery. The County continues to provide resources and assessment tools to help organizations implement age-friendly goals and strategies and adapt to our aging population. For more information on our Age-Friendly Community program visit <https://simcoe.ca/residents/seniors/>, email agefriendly@simcoe.ca or call 705-726-9300 ext. 3127.

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