



**BUILDING UP**

The County of Simcoe is the regional service provider for the benefit of residents and visitors, building up communities and exemplifying Ontario's modern-day active lifestyle.

Through a constant introspective lens of efficiency, the County's 2,000 plus professionals ensure value for every dollar while delivering leading-class services and innovative programs in such fields as community paramedicine, affordable housing, poverty reduction, aging-in-place strategies, road enhancements and sustainable solid waste and forest management practices.

The County's commitment to the well-being and success of residents is further bolstered by our ongoing funding investments in local hospital, hospice and post-secondary institutions.



*Providing regional services since 1843*

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**LARGEST**

County in Ontario by population

**530,000**

regional population

**\$774 M**

budget for 2024

**CRITICAL SERVICES**

delivered to 16 member municipalities plus the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia

**OUTSTANDING**

four-season tourism destination

**LEADERS**

in residential waste diversion rates

## Road and Transportation Infrastructure

Delivers operational, maintenance, and construction services across an inventory of more than 900 kms of critical regional roads, 60 signalized intersections and 120 bridges, including winter maintenance and large engineering projects.



## LINX Transit

Launched an inter-municipal transit system in 2018 to connect residents to communities across the region. Now providing six successful routes and looking to continue to grow to support more residents, businesses and communities.

## Paramedic Services

Provides emergency medical response to the region including the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. County of Simcoe Paramedics receive more than 87,400 calls annually averaging 240 calls per day with 17 paramedic stations across the region.



## Solid Waste Management

Provides residential waste collection services to approximately 150,000 locations across 16 municipalities. Manages eight public drop-off facilities (three with active landfill sites, five with Household Hazardous Waste depots), and 32 closed landfill sites.

## Long-Term Care and Seniors Services

The County owns and operates four long-term care facilities for 541 residents, while also providing state-of-the-art adult lifestyle communities that offer a continuum of housing and supportive services combined with a unique opportunity to age in place.

## Social Housing

Oversees 4,169 social housing units (2,802 rent-geared-to-income units) and manages the centralized waitlist for the region. Created more than 2,775 new affordable homes, exceeding its 10-year goal more than one year ahead of schedule. Since 2018, the County has invested more than \$300 million in creating affordable rentals across the region.

## Ontario Works

Provides financial and employment assistance to people in financial need across the region, managing a monthly caseload of approximately 4,900.



## Children Services

Responsible for managing the regional child care system in Simcoe County. The County's Early Learning and Child Care Growth Strategy creates more licensed child care spaces, increases affordability, enhances quality and stability, builds up the workforce, and increases knowledge in the community about the importance of quality child care.

**20%**  
of the County's  
population is  
over age 65



The County is home to  
**82,000**  
immigrants





## Poverty Reduction

The County has built a 10-point homelessness prevention and poverty reduction strategy to address core needs, shelter retention, social planning, and emergency social services.

## Land Use Planning

Administers the County of Simcoe Official Plan and serves as the approval authority for local Official Plans to ensure conformity to provincial policy. Supports community growth through various strategic plans, policy innovation, and development acceleration. Manages trails and transit funding programs.

## Forestry

Simcoe County Forest is Ontario's oldest, largest and most productive municipal forest and spans more than 33,000 acres. The County Forestry Department is responsible for the Forest Management Plan, managing recreation uses and Municipal Law Enforcement of the County Forest.

## Economic Development

Responsible for regional efforts to support the attraction, retention, and expansion of businesses and business opportunities within Simcoe County. Promotes all areas of Simcoe County to potential investors including key regional assets such as airports, railway, health and education services.



## Tourism Simcoe County

Promotes Simcoe County as a first class tourist destination by further developing the tourism industry and community partnerships, providing grants to local businesses, and supporting the marketing of Simcoe County beyond our borders.

## Local Immigration Partnership

Supports area immigrants and support agencies to position Simcoe County as a welcoming community and to ensure newcomers have access to services.

## Emergency Management

Provides resources and response support to local communities during emergency events as well as develops and implements programs and plans to ensure the County and its residents are prepared for emergencies and disasters. The Emergency Management Department is also responsible for the area's 9-1-1 contract administration with area partners.

# \$107M

in local funding commitments to  
area hospitals between 1994-2031





Approximately  
**40%**

of lands in the County are designated and protected as Greenlands through the County Official Plan

## Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Implements, operates, administers, and promotes the use of spatial information technologies within the region. GIS services include the provision of complex analytical mapping, 911 and property database maintenance, and advanced database services for the general public, partner/stakeholder groups and internal departments.

## IT Security and Server Support

The County hosts a number of municipalities on its network and provides security and firewall supports, as well as general IT services to the region and various external partners.

## Municipal Law Enforcement

Responsible for enforcing County by-laws such as the Forest Conservation By-Law, Sign By-Law, Traffic and Parking By-Law, Anti-Dumping By-Law, Solid Waste Management By-Law, and County Forest Recreation By-Law amongst others.

## Lake Simcoe Regional Airport

The County owns and operates an international airport with customs services. The County continues to invest in the growth of the airport and development of surrounding economic lands to serve our residents and businesses.

## Simcoe County Archives

Containing more than 45,000 records in our database, the Archives preserves and promotes Simcoe County's cultural and visible heritage and provides efficient permanent-records management services to the executive, management, and administrative departments of the County of Simcoe, and partner municipalities.

## Simcoe County Museum

Created in 1928, the Museum is composed of a five gallery facility with 16 outdoor heritage and display buildings, and welcoming approximately 30,000 visitors annually, while providing education programming, special events, and public programming to residents and visitors.

## Service Simcoe

Provides support and communication to residents and stakeholders, increasing public access to the County's information, services and offerings. The Service Simcoe Contact Centre manages more than 10,000 requests a month through multiple channels, including phone, email, social media, and in-person inquiries. Service Simcoe also provides communications and marketing services.



**\$34M**

in funding committed to local  
Post Secondary Education (since 2010)

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