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Simcoe Village Campus Project Update

The following provides an update on the Simcoe County Village Campus Project being built in Beeton.

Construction is making good progress on-site and there are no changes to the construction schedule as previously reported. Occupancy of the Simcoe Manor, Village Centre and Supportive/Affordable Housing buildings is still on pace for October, 2026 with occupancy of the Life Lease/Market Rental building, Co-Housing, Garden and Town Homes following in 2027.



No changes to leaf and yard waste collection

The County of Simcoe has a comprehensive special collections schedule throughout the year, collecting leaf and yard waste from residents as well as Christmas trees during the winter. The Solid Waste Management department brought forward four different options of service to Council with the current contract set to expire in 2026.

County Council approved staying status quo and continuing current level of service. As it stands, the County offers bi-weekly collection of Christmas trees for four weeks starting the first full week of January. The County offers bi-weekly leaf and yard waste collection three times throughout the year; eight weeks in Spring, four weeks in Summer, and 10 weeks in Fall.



Organics capture program defeated

An item was recently brought forward regarding a program to increase organics capture throughout the County of Simcoe. After being recommended at the Committee of the Whole on May 14, it was defeated at Council on May 28.

Although the motion was defeated, Council determined that there are other ways that should be explored to support residents with their waste disposal habits at this time, including investing in further education and awareness about proper waste diversion. This program will not move forward as presented in the staff report, but Council requested that staff continue to look for opportunities and options to continue to improve organics capture.

The Warden's statement on the matter can be viewed [here](#).



County celebrates Paramedic Services Week, AccessAbility Week

The County celebrated National Paramedic Services Week from May 19 to 25. This year's theme, "Help Us Help You", shined a light on paramedics' tireless efforts assisting and supporting those in need, often in challenging and high-pressure situations.

Events such as the Paramedic For A Day Swearing-In Ceremony and the grand opening of a new paramedic station in Bradford West Gwillimbury were some of the many highlights of the week.

Additionally, the County of Simcoe recognized National AccessAbility Awareness Week that began on May 26 and ran until June 1. National AccessAbility Awareness Week celebrates Canadians with disabilities, raises awareness for the critical need of accessibility and inclusion in our workplaces and communities, and recognizes the work continually being done to remove barriers wherever possible.

Throughout the week, the County highlighted a number of its own initiatives such as its recent approval of a multi-year accessibility plan for 2024-2028, and initiatives being performed by others such as the Easter Seals' Red Shirt Day.



Tourism Simcoe County gears up for busy summer months

Tourism Simcoe County has turned its attention to its busy summer

months, gearing up for another great season across the region. In anticipation, they've produced a captivating video that showcases everything the County has to offer, which is being promoted inside and outside our borders.

The video can be viewed [here](#).

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