



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 **Special Abbreviated Council Meeting** on April 8 and **Committee of the Whole** meeting on March 25, 2025. Please note, the council composition item was not discussed and will be postponed to a later date. 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.

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Council approves further support to enhance brush collection

County Council approved further support to enhance brush collection across communities impacted by the March 27th ice storm, as well as other measures to assist residents and communities in need.

Measures approved include waiving brush drop-off fees at all County waste sites until the end of May (extended from April 28) and enhancing curbside brush collection measures. The County is actively procuring additional support with its municipalities to bring in resources and equipment to collect and process larger brush debris.

To view the full report, please click [here](#).
All resident information is available [here](#).



County awards 2025 Tourism, Culture and Sport Enhancement Funding to 63 recipients

The County has approved 63 successful applications totalling \$400,864.34 through the 2025 Tourism, Culture and Sport Enhancement Fund. The program aims to support and enhance tourism, culture and sport initiatives throughout the County.

In 2025, the County received 80 applications requesting more than \$660,000 in financial support for the \$400,000 fund. Of the 80 applications, 63 were successful and received funding.

To view the press release, please click [here](#).



Living Classroom partnership with Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board

Council approved the Living Classroom partnership between Trillium Manor and the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB) which will offer Personal Support Worker (PSW) students practical skills and theoretical knowledge within a long-term care (LTC) environment.

SMCDSB provides an instructor and necessary materials for the PSW cohort at Trillium Manor, where students can complete their full-time clinical placement with the goal of recruitment after successful program completion. This initiative aims to facilitate positive student experiences in LTC and create future recruitment opportunities.

To read the full report, please click [here](#).



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Simcoe Strong Volunteer Update

In Long-Term Care and Seniors Services (LTCSS), 206 volunteers contributed over 9,646 hours in 2024, a 40% increase from the previous year. The County of Simcoe Museum also benefited from 1,055 volunteer hours from 50 volunteers.

The Simcoe Strong Volunteer Program aims to provide meaningful experiences for volunteers and residents across LTCSS sites and the Museum. Volunteers support residents through various activities, including bus outings, socials, meal assistance, and palliative care visits. The Museum volunteers assist with outdoor activities, special events, and educational program preparations. The County will host appreciation events throughout April to recognize volunteers' contributions and celebrate their commitment to enhancing residents' lives.

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Council Agenda - April 8, 2025

Committee of the Whole Agenda - March 25, 2025

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