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2024 Year End Report

Council received the County of Simcoe 2024 Year End Report and allocated the 2024 year-end surplus of \$615,000 to the General Contingency

Reserve. The year end report informs Council of the financial results and year-end performance indicators of 2024. The report provides the County's statement of operations, with a comparison to the 2024 budget, in addition to the balances for both the reserves and the financing requirements.

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



Additional 2025 Road Rehabilitation Projects

All the 2025 identified road rehabilitation contracts have been released and closed, resulting in \$2.168 million in savings compared to the budget. The savings are a result of a scope reduction along County Road 9, competitive pricing from early tender release and an overall reduction in asphalt price.

Engineering staff have reviewed the road network requirements and identified several projects that should now be advanced to reduce maintenance costs and strategically increase the Pavement Condition Index.

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



City of Barrie Boundary and Suggested Land Needs

The County reaffirmed its commitment to a collaborative process that balances regional prosperity with local interests regarding the City of Barrie Boundary and Suggested Land Needs.

The County's Warden, CAO, and Senior staff are authorized to engage in technical assessments, seek professional advice, and participate in negotiations to support beneficial outcomes for the Township of Oro-Medonte, Township of Springwater, and the County itself.

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LINX Transit 2024 Status Update

Simcoe County's LINX Transit service continued to grow in 2024, with a 12.32% increase in conventional transit ridership and a 25% increase in specialized transit usage. While operational challenges persisted, key initiatives and performance indicators continue to be maintained. In total there were 295,340 riders on conventional transit routes in 2024.

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2025 Ontario Child Care and Early Years

Funding Updates

The County approved updates to the 2025 Ontario Child Card and Early Years Funding Guidelines, which were released by the Ministry of Education on March 31, 2025. These updates focus on expanding the licensed childcare sector.

The County has endorsed the program strategies and guidelines proposed by Early Learning and Child Care System Management in response to these changes. Additionally, Council has approved the creation of one new full-time position to help co-ordinate and support the expansion of licensed childcare spaces in the region.

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