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Simcoe County launches Transit Service Delivery Review

The County has launched a project to explore a more connected transit system across the region. Based on feedback from residents and the 2024 Transportation Master Plan, the County hired Dillon Consulting to study options for improving transit, including how it's run, funded, and governed.

The project will review current services, explore opportunities to improve access to public transit across the County, identify potential service integration, and better understand the needs and priorities of the region. Public input, local transit coordination, and Council direction will guide the process.

A final plan is expected by summer 2026, with updates shared along the way.

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Council approves funding for Stevenson Memorial Hospital

In 2024, Stevenson Memorial Hospital requested \$1 million in capital funding from the County under the Hospital Alliance Funding Policy. Before approving payments, the County reviewed each hospital's ambulance offload times to ensure compliance with the 30-minute target set in the 2014 Memorandum of Understanding.

To support long-term healthcare planning, the County awarded a contract to Ernst & Young LLP to lead a regional review of hospital capital needs. This strategic project, running through 2025, will assess current infrastructure, engage stakeholders, and recommend a coordinated, sustainable funding approach.

The \$1 million allocation for Stevenson Memorial will be drawn from the Hospital Reserve Fund, which will retain a balance of over \$8.6 million after

disbursement.

Currently, the County has committed \$45 million to support area hospitals between 2017-2031 (a total commitment of \$107 million since 1994).

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Paramedic Services – Special events bicycle deployment update

The County of Simcoe launched Paramedic Bicycle Teams in 2024 to improve emergency response at crowded public events where vehicle access is limited. Equipped with essential medical gear, these teams provide rapid on-site care and ease pressure on ambulance services. Now a core part of the county's event planning, the program will continue in 2025 with ongoing evaluation.

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2025-2028 IRCC grant agreement

The County has received a new three-year agreement with Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to support the Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) from April 2025 to March 2028. The latest funding application emphasizes employer support, talent retention, and applied research, backed by strong community support.

The new agreement includes annual activities such as partnership meetings, anti-racism initiatives, and the development of a multicultural centre. With a total funding allocation of over \$738,000, the initiative aligns with Simcoe County's strategic goals to enhance social and educational opportunities.

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Update on status of recycling services

As a Provincial-directed change (outside the control of the County and other municipalities), starting January 1, 2026, the County of Simcoe will stop collecting recycling at the curb. A new company, Emterra Environmental, will take over recycling collections for homes, schools, and not for profit Long-Term Care Homes.

People who don't get curbside pickup now won't be able to use County depots for free recycling anymore. The County is waiting to hear from the new recycling program about where these residents can drop off their recycling for free. County staff are also pushing for rule changes so more places can be included in the recycling program.

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Matchedash transfer station update

County staff are proposing three options regarding the Matchedash Transfer Station in Severn, which is a small and outdated waste site originally built for seasonal use. It lacks electricity, internet, and a weigh scale, and often faces overcrowding and traffic issues due to growing demand from full-time residents.

The three options include moving the station to a larger site in Medonte, expanding the current site, or limit it to curbside waste only while upgrading basic facilities. Public consultation will be held to gather feedback before a final recommendation is made to Council.

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