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Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Program update

Following the severe ice storm that struck Simcoe County in late March 2025, the Province introduced the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance (MISA) Program to support recovery efforts. The County has estimated storm-related costs at \$6.8 million and will submit all eligible expenses for potential reimbursement under MISA. A Council resolution passed on September 23, 2025, fulfills a key requirement for the application, which is due by October 31.

Unlike previous disaster recovery programs, MISA does not require a minimum spending threshold. Staff continue to compile documentation to ensure all eligible costs are included in the final submission. It is estimated

at this time that 75% of these costs will be eligible for MISA funding. The 25% differential will be funded by reserves and/or operating surplus to be determined at year end.

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



2025 Forecast Report

Council received the 2025 Forecast Report on September 23, outlining a projected operating deficit of \$2.5 million, representing 0.36% of the County's \$693 million budget. The deficit is largely attributed to unexpected costs from the March ice storm and harsh winter, which impacted Solid Waste Management, Transportation & Engineering, and Community Housing.

To address the shortfall, Council approved Option 2: covering the deficit using reserve funds from the affected departments. Final amounts will be confirmed at year-end, with \$1.7M from the Waste Management reserve, \$700K from the Roads contingency reserve, and \$100K from the Social Housing reserve. This approach ensures compliance with the Municipal Act's requirement for a balanced budget.

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



County of Simcoe hosts 2025 Age-Friendly Recognition Program and Awards Ceremony

The County of Simcoe hosted its 2025 Age-Friendly Recognition Program and Awards Ceremony on October 7 at the Administration Centre in Midhurst. The event celebrated 13 local businesses for their commitment to creating more inclusive and accessible environments for older adults, as outlined in the Age-Friendly Business Recognition Guide. These businesses were recognized for implementing best practices that support individuals of all ages and abilities.

In addition, seven individuals received the Age-Friendly Individual Recognition and Achievement Award for their leadership, compassion, and dedication to enhancing the lives of older adults in their communities. Hosted by CTV's KC Colby and featuring a performance by UpBeat Groove, the evening highlighted the County's ongoing efforts to build a vibrant, age-friendly Simcoe.

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County hosts public meeting concerning proposed municipal boundary adjustments

On Tuesday, October 14, the County hosted a public meeting in the Council Chamber at the Simcoe County Administration Centre to provide the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposed municipal boundary adjustments initiated by the City of Barrie.

To view details of the public meeting, please [click here](#).

To view the YouTube recording of the public meeting, please [click here](#).

To view Warden Basil Clarke's statement regarding the annexation, please [click here](#).



Councillors visit newly renovated Simcoe County Archives

Following eight months of transformative renovations, County Council officially helped re-open the Simcoe County Archives on October 7 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and guided tour led by Archives staff.

Key improvements at the Archives include a revitalized Reading Room, enhanced staff workspace, a new digitization area, and sustainable flooring installed throughout the facility.

To view more details, please [click here](#).



County honours emergency communication heroes at Tri-Service Public Safety Awards Ceremony

On October 10, the Simcoe County Tri-Service Public Safety Communications Awards Ceremony shined a spotlight on the exceptional dedication and service of call-takers, dispatchers, supervisors and a young 9-1-1 caller whose behind-the-scenes work help to keep our communities safe.

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