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Confirmed funding allocations for Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative, Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative, and Expansion Target

The County has received its confirmed funding allocations for the 2025–26

fiscal year under the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI), Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI), and the National Housing Strategy Expansion Target (NHS-ET). These allocations, which span through 2027–28, support the final phase of the National Housing Strategy and aim to expand rent-assisted housing across Ontario.

To ensure full utilization of the funding and avoid any loss, staff will amend the Investment Plan as needed. The total allocation over three years amounts to \$24.2 million, which will be administered without impacting the County’s budget.

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Paramedic Driving Enhancement Program

The County of Simcoe’s Paramedic Driving Enhancement Program (PDEP) aims to improve safety and consistency in paramedic driving through mandatory training for new recruits, including classroom sessions, track exercises, and supervised road evaluations.

Developed with the Canada Safety Council, the program will expand to existing staff and support provincial efforts to standardize training, reduce WSIB claims, and lower equipment costs. Future plans include refresher courses and integration into paramedic college programs.

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Association of Municipalities Ontario Conference 2025

The County of Simcoe attended the 2025 AMO Conference in Ottawa, engaging with Provincial ministries and political leaders to advocate for funding and support across key priorities including infrastructure, housing, transit, paramedicine, long-term care, and emergency services. The event provided valuable opportunities for collaboration and advancing municipal initiatives.

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County to honour local Age-Friendly champions

The County of Simcoe has joined municipalities across Canada in proclaiming October 1 as National Seniors Day, a time to recognize the incredible individuals who have shaped our families, our communities and our country.

In recognition of this, the County of Simcoe is hosting its annual Age-Friendly Recognition Awards Ceremony on October 7, 2025, honouring individuals and businesses that champion inclusive, accessible, and supportive communities for older adults. The ceremony will take place at the County's Administration Centre in Midhurst at 6:30 p.m.

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