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2026 Draft County of Simcoe Budget – Follow-up from the Special Budget Meeting

In this report, staff provided follow-up information regarding areas where additional detail was available to give further clarification to the budget. During the meeting, a presentation was provided reviewing these areas and presenting options for various rates of levy increase. After discussion, the

Committee of the Whole has recommended Option 4 with a 3.5% levy increase, directing staff to make the appropriate budget adjustments as discussed during the meeting to achieve this rate. Council will have an opportunity to review and approve the budget at the November 25 Council meeting.

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



Council's conditional decision on Annexation of Lands

On November 4 at a Special Council meeting, Council approved a resolution supporting Barrie's proposed annexation of lands in Springwater and Oro-Medonte for Community Lands (primarily residential) uses. Council does not support the annexation of lands for employment uses (particularly in the Highway 400/11 area), but provided specific conditions to MMAH to help protect County taxpayers in the event that the Ministry chooses to impose the inclusion of employment lands as part of the annexation.

These include:

- Consideration to remove key employment lands from annexation
- Full compensation to the County if lands remain included
- Provincial approvals to introduce new employment areas to offset economic impacts
- Continued infrastructure support for highway and Airport infrastructure

Council emphasized the decision balances housing needs with long-term economic stability and commits to working with the Province to build homes, create jobs, and support thriving communities.

To view the Warden's statement and full Council resolution regarding the decision, please [click here](#).



Newcomer Recognition Awards

The Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership hosted its 13th annual Newcomer Recognition Awards on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at Tangle Creek Golf and Country Club. This community-sponsored event celebrates immigrant contributions and organizations promoting inclusion. Over 150 partners attend annually, featuring multicultural entertainment, awards, dinner, and a silent auction supporting plans for a multicultural centre.

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



Paramedic Services Response Time Targets

Staff recommend maintaining current targets for 2026, revoking pre-established Stretch Targets, and re-evaluating after province-wide implementation of the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS). Analysis shows targets are being met or exceeded for CTAS 1-5, with improvements in most categories.

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Speed limit reduction & Community Safety

Zone County Road 22

Council referred the issue back to staff regarding the reduction of the speed limit and establishment of a Community Safety Zone by the new Horseshoe Heights Elementary School in Oro-Medonte. It's expected to come back to Council in the coming weeks.

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