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Update on recycling transition

The County of Simcoe received notice from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks that Producer Responsibility Organizations will not proceed with curbside recycling collection for small Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (IC&I) properties. The County had advocated for inclusion

and engaged in discussions with Circular Materials, but the PROs cited financial and operational constraints. County staff have begun communicating the Provincial decision to area businesses and municipalities as of late October.

County staff are also negotiating a depot agreement with Circular Materials but are awaiting clarification on key details such as tonnage calculations, costs, and contamination protocols. Once resolved, staff will return to Council with recommendations.

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County of Simcoe position on City of Barrie restructuring proposals

Council approved that the Warden, CAO, and senior staff continue negotiations with the City of Barrie, Township of Oro-Medonte, and Township of Springwater facilitated by the Office of Provincial Land and Development Facilitator.

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Emergency Management Provincial Annual Compliance

The County of Simcoe has successfully met its legislative obligations under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act for 2024, as confirmed by Emergency Management Ontario. This annual compliance process involves submitting detailed information across 13 categories, including hazard assessment, emergency planning, training, and public education. The County's achievement reflects its strong commitment to maintaining a safe and prepared environment for residents and visitors.

Beyond the mandated requirements, Simcoe County's Emergency Management Program also supports long-term care, emergency social services, and community safety initiatives, further enhancing its readiness and resilience.

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Letter dated October 1 introducing Dr. Lisa Simon to Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit

Effective October 1, 2025, Dr. Lisa Simon has assumed the role of Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, following the retirement of Dr. Charles Gardner. Dr. Simon, who has served as Associate Medical Officer of Health since 2011.

Dr. Simon brings extensive experience in public health leadership, a strong commitment to health equity, and a deep understanding of the region. Her appointment is pending formal approval by the Minister of Health.

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



Early learning and child care funding and growth update

The County of Simcoe has received a one-time funding boost of \$483,667 to support EarlyON Child and Family Centres and help stabilize services amid rising costs. Additionally, \$235,000 in notional funding has been allocated for workforce innovation projects, with 13 proposals submitted to address recruitment and retention challenges.

Under the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care strategy, 4,708 of 4,995 approved childcare spaces have been contracted. A temporary pause on new fee subsidy enrollments was implemented in April due to budget constraints, but a new forecasting tool is nearly complete, allowing for a gradual and sustainable resumption.

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