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Paramedic Services Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) Update

It's been one year since the Government of Ontario implemented the MPDS across the region, and Paramedic Services are reporting clear improvements in how emergency calls are assessed and resources are deployed.

The transition has led to more accurate identification of life-threatening emergencies, quicker responses for the most critical patients, and improved overall ambulance availability. MPDS continues to strengthen patient-centered care by ensuring resources are matched appropriately to patient needs, with ongoing monitoring and reporting as provincial standards evolve.

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2026 Early Learning & Child Care System Management Funding Allocations

Council approved the 2026 Early Learning & Child Care funding plan, totaling \$181.7 million, along with the program strategies and funding allocations, while redirecting any year-end municipal savings to the Social Services Reserve.

With approval secured, the County will move forward with implementing the 2026 allocations, which support licensed childcare, EarlyON programs, Indigenous-led services, special needs resourcing, and sector-wide quality initiatives. New Innovation and ECE Promotional funds will advance workforce recruitment and retention, helping sustain continued growth and stability across the early years system.

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2026-27 Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub Funding Allocation

Council has approved the 2026–2027 Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub funding plan, including the full \$6.31 million provincial allocation and the proposed distribution to Primary Partners.

With approval in place, the County will proceed with coordinated HART Hub operations that integrate housing, mental health, addiction, and culturally responsive supports. The allocations fund a full continuum of care, from withdrawal management to treatment to stable housing, with a strong focus on individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, people with complex mental health and addiction needs, and Indigenous communities.

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Simcoe County Archives Operations in Q4 2025

In 2025, the Simcoe County Archives advanced work across its three core service areas: collection development, preservation, and public access. Throughout the year, the Archives acquired new municipal and private records, processed backlogged materials, expanded digital and microfilm preservation work, and supported researchers through in-person visits, inquiries, and digitization requests.

Outreach, training, and collaboration with municipal partners also continued, helping strengthen awareness, access, and long-term stewardship of the region's documentary heritage.

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Community Partnerships – Nutritional Meal Support

Council received an update on Community Partnerships with the County's Long-Term Care and Seniors Services Department, which outlines how they continue to provide high-quality, affordable meals to vulnerable residents across the region.

Key initiatives include the long-standing Meals on Wheels partnership with the Canadian Red Cross, the award-winning Soup for Seniors program at Trillium Manor, and expanded meal support for local emergency shelters and food banks.

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County and CAEH launch innovative 40-unit Bridge Housing project

On Friday, February 6, the County of Simcoe in partnership with the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) hosted an event to launch an innovative 40-unit Bridge Housing project in the City of Barrie, marking a big step forward in the ongoing work to ensure everyone in Simcoe County has a safe place to call home.

The project is receiving nearly \$1.7 million over the next year from the Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund – a \$45 million-dollar federal initiative led by the CAEH to fund innovative projects that rapidly and measurably reduce homelessness in communities across the country.

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