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## Simcoe Village Campus Project Update

Council has approved several key enhancements to the Simcoe Village Campus redevelopment in Beeton. These updates include relocating the Memory Care Unit to the Co-Housing building, which allows for increased house capacity with additional five retirement suites. This better supports

the increasing needs for memory care for older adults in our community, providing additional options to support the population, and provides guest accommodations within the retirement living environment.

Council also approved the addition of a covered parking structure. Construction continues across all major components of the campus. With these enhancements now incorporated, the project continues to evolve into a modern, purpose-built community designed to support seniors with dignity, independence, and high-quality care.

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## **Homelessness Services Funding Allocations 2026-27**

Council approved the 2026–2027 Homelessness Services funding allocations totaling \$27 million, along with the renewal of service provider agreements effective April 1, 2026. The approved allocations, largely consistent with the previous year, will continue supporting core homelessness services such as emergency shelters, outreach, housing supports, rent supplements, and transitional and supportive housing programs, and authorize staff to enter into the necessary agreements to administer the funding. In 2026, the County will be reviewing all funding for service providers and refreshing agreements for multi-year services.

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## **Simcoe County Museum Activities Review**

Council received the Museum's 2025 Annual Activities Review, which highlights ongoing capital work, including completion of major HVAC upgrades and progress on the Matthews Innovation and Transportation Gallery, and notes that, despite temporary closures for renovations, 2025 attendance remained close to the prior year.

View the full [report](#).

View the [annual activities review](#).

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## **County of Simcoe support to seniors' facility fire in Stayner**

Council received the report outlining the County's response to the January 14, 2026 fire at a seniors' independent living facility in Stayner, where Emergency Management and Paramedic Services staff assisted Clearview Fire in evacuating and supporting affected residents. The County coordinated temporary shelter, transportation, onsite paramedic care, and later facilitated resident moves to medium-term accommodations, with all support provided in-kind and no additional financial impact.

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## County Council kicks off 2026 #ITSTARTS campaign

The County of Simcoe has launched the 2026 #ITSTARTS campaign, with Warden Basil Clarke proclaiming March as #ITSTARTS Month and raising the campaign flag alongside Council to mark the initiative's 10th anniversary.

Over the past decade, #ITSTARTS has become a leading local movement promoting inclusion and supporting Simcoe County's diverse communities, including more than 82,000 immigrant residents. Throughout March, #ITSTARTS flags and banners will be displayed across the county to celebrate this milestone and continue building awareness.

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