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Community Paramedicine Funding Update

Council received an update on Community Paramedicine funding, highlighting ongoing financial pressures due to fixed provincial funding despite rising costs and demand. Council directed the Warden to advocate to the Minister of Health for permanent base funding with annual inflationary adjustments, capital support, and additional funding to address

pressures incurred between 2023/24 and 2026/27 to help sustain program capacity and service levels.

View the [full report](#).



County Forest 2025 Annual Report

Council received the County Forest 2025 Annual Report, which summarizes management activities, including recovery efforts following a significant ice storm, ongoing forest expansion, and continued stewardship initiatives. The report also highlights the achievement of renewed Forest Stewardship Council certification, ongoing tree planting and invasive species management, and strong partnerships supporting recreation and sustainable forest use.

View the [full report](#).



Waste Subsidy for Multi-Residential Properties

Council approved discontinuing the recycling portion of the multi-residential waste subsidy effective 2027, while maintaining the requirement for properties to participate in both recycling and organics diversion to be eligible for the garbage subsidy.

This approach aligns with producer responsibility for recycling costs, encourages diversion efforts, and is expected to reduce the County's operating budget by at least \$430,000 annually.

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2025 Year End Report

Council received the 2025 Year End Report, which confirmed the County maintained a balanced financial position with a small operating surplus offset by a capital deficit, despite significant pressures from the spring ice storm, winter conditions, and staffing challenges.

Council also approved the use of reserve funds to offset these impacts. The report highlights that provincial funding and strategic reserve use helped manage costs while keeping results in line with the approved budget.

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Simcoe County Archives Operations in Q1 2026

Council received an update on Simcoe County Archives operations for Q1 2026, highlighting ongoing collection, preservation, and public access activities. The report outlines record acquisitions and digitization efforts, increased database management and backlog tracking, and strong public engagement through research inquiries, outreach, and a 60th anniversary initiative, supporting continued stewardship of the County's historical records.

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Social and Community Investment Fund (SCIF) Program Realignment and Micro-Grant Allocations

Council approved the 2026 Social and Community Investment Fund Micro-Grant allocations and endorsed a revised program structure with two funding streams. The update reflects a realignment of the program to better target poverty reduction and community needs, with 11 community projects receiving funding through an enhanced, transparent evaluation process.

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County Commemorates Paramedic Services Week

The County is proud to celebrate Paramedic Services Week (May 17–23, 2026) by recognizing the vital role paramedics play in delivering life-saving care and supporting community well-being. This year’s theme, “Improving Outcomes, Together,” highlights the importance of collaboration, training, and support systems in strengthening care.

As part of the celebrations, Ishani, a Grade 5 student from Oro-Medonte, was named the 2026 Paramedic for a Day, participating in a mock exercise and learning firsthand about paramedic services.

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County Observes Emergency Preparedness Week

The County observed Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week from May 3 to 9, 2026. EP Week is a federal-provincial-municipal initiative to promote emergency preparedness across Canada.

As part of EP Week, the 2026 Simcoe Emergency Response Committee Meeting took place on May 4, 2026 at the County Administration Centre, where participants learned critical skills for use during emergencies, and participated in a Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) workshop.

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