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Annual Simcoe County Hospital Alliance Presentation

The Simcoe County Hospital Alliance provided their annual update to Council, highlighting their overall performance, collaboration and innovation among the region's hospitals, partnerships with communities, capital updates, current pressures, and how to meet current and future needs.

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Emergency Volunteer Program

Building on the Simcoe Strong program, the County has developed a coordinated, countywide Emergency Volunteer Program to strengthen preparedness, response, and recovery during emergencies. The initiative introduces two specialized teams: an Emergency Shelter Support Team and an Auxiliary Communications Team.

By establishing a structured volunteer network, the County aims to reduce strain on staff, improve service delivery, and ensure more effective support during emergencies, with additional capacity possible through partnerships with community organizations and provincial programs.

Staff will provide future updates to County Council as this new program evolves.

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Update to Emergency Shelter Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (2025-26)

Council received an update on the 2025/26 cost analysis of the County's homelessness programs, outlining approximately \$15.15 million in annual investments across emergency shelters, rapid rehousing, supportive and transitional housing, and the Temporary Family Shelter Program.

The update reinforces the County's strategic direction to prioritize housing-focused solutions and prevention, noting that overall program costs remain significantly lower than comparable pressures on healthcare, policing, and corrections systems.

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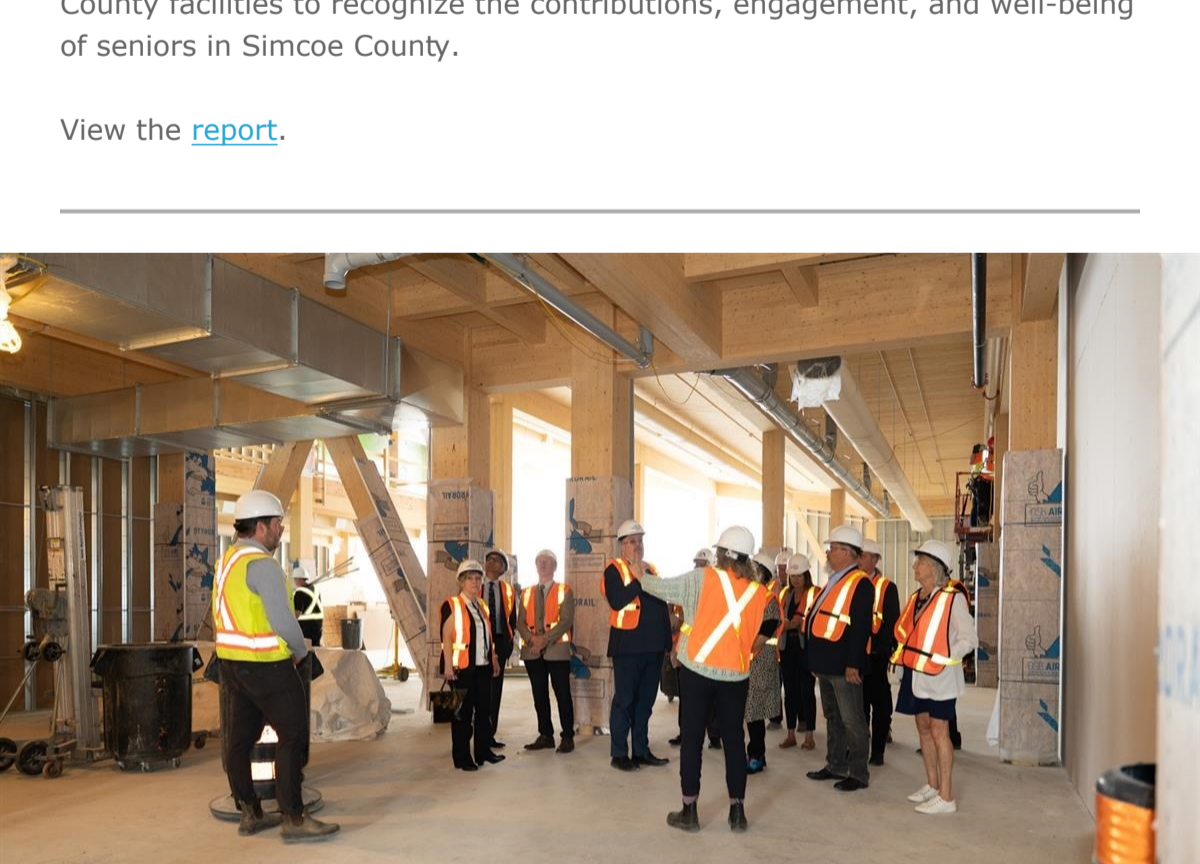


June is Seniors Month

The County will recognize Seniors Month in June 2026, celebrating older adults across its long-term care homes, seniors housing, and community programs. The County continues to support seniors through a range of services, including housing, adult day programs, and outreach initiatives, while advancing age-friendly priorities through its Positive Aging Strategy.

A series of events and celebrations will take place throughout June across County facilities to recognize the contributions, engagement, and well-being of seniors in Simcoe County.

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Councillors tour Simcoe County Museum as renovations continue

As part of its ongoing commitment to innovation and accessibility, the Museum is currently undergoing significant renovations, including the development of the new Matthews Innovation Gallery alongside broader upgrades to the facility. The Matthews Innovation Gallery will serve as a modern exhibition space designed to enhance interactive learning, support dynamic programming, and showcase exhibits that connect visitors with the stories of how innovation has shaped Simcoe County.

County Councillors visited the Museum for a guided walkthrough of the renovation progress. The visit provided an opportunity to see firsthand how these enhancements will support the Museum's long-term vision as a leading cultural destination in the region.

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