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Community Safety and Well-Being Plans: Year-One Progress Update

Council received the Year One Progress Update on the Community Safety and Well-Being Plans, highlighting progress made between July 2025 and June 2026. The first year focused on building partnerships, governance structures, and implementation plans, while advancing initiatives related to housing and homelessness, mental health and addiction, and access to services.

Early successes included expanded homelessness supports, improved service navigation, coordinated youth services planning, and stronger collaboration among community partners. Future reports will include more measurable outcomes as implementation continues and baseline data is established.

View the full report.

Funding Update on Early Learning and Child Care

Council approved the allocation of an additional $944,411 in provincial Early Learning and Child Care funding to support EarlyON programs, affordable child care expansion, and new early years technology initiatives. The funding will help maintain access to child care and family supports, expand licensed child care spaces, and support modernization efforts across the early learning system.

View the full report.

Simcoe County Hospice Alliance

Council approved the final 2025 capital funding allocation for the Simcoe County Hospice Alliance, completing the County's five-year, $2.5 million funding commitment to local hospices. The funding supports capital improvements and facility upgrades at hospice organizations across Simcoe County, helping enhance end-of-life care and community services for residents.

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Simcoe County Transit Service Delivery Review

Council received the draft Simcoe County Transit Service Delivery Review and directed staff to consult with local municipalities before reporting back in early 2027. The review recommends a phased approach to expanding and improving transit services, beginning with strengthened Simcoe LINX connections, expanded service hours, and improved access between communities.

The plan also explores future fare integration, coordinated transit services, and enhanced rural transit options to create a more connected, accessible, and sustainable transit network across Simcoe County.

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Reminder: Vote in the Upcoming Municipal Election on October 26

Municipal Election Day is fast approaching on October 26. Residents are encouraged to make their voices heard by casting a ballot and helping shape the future of our community. Be sure to check your voting information and take part in this important civic process.

Approval of the Orbit Secondary Plan

Council approved the Orbit Secondary Plan, establishing a long-term vision for a new transit-oriented community around the future Innisfil GO Station. The plan will guide future housing, employment, transit, and infrastructure development while supporting sustainable growth in Innisfil.

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Quality Care Program Update

Council received an update on the Quality Care Program, which provides medical training and oversight for local fire departments. Participation has grown from 8 to 15 departments since 2020, helping ensure consistent, high-quality emergency care across Simcoe County.

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2026 Age-Friendly Recognition Program

Council received an update on the 2026 Age-Friendly Recognition Program, which celebrates individuals, businesses, and organizations that support older adults and help build more inclusive communities across Simcoe County. The County recognized 11 businesses and organizations and 8 individual Age-Friendly champions at an awards ceremony on October 6, 2026.

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Nursing Student Extern Pilot Program

Council received an update on the Nursing Student Extern Pilot Program at Georgian Manor, which provides nursing students with paid clinical experience in long-term care under the supervision of regulated nursing staff. The program aims to support workforce development, enhance resident care, and encourage more nursing graduates to pursue careers in long-term care.

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