



Council Information Package

Corporation of the Township of Tay

Monday, June 29, 2026

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June 23, 2026

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to inform you of recent changes to the strong mayor framework, which apply to your municipality.

These changes were made through regulatory amendments to O. Reg. 530/22, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and are intended to strengthen accountability for decision-making during a municipal election year by ensuring that certain rules which currently apply in non-strong mayor municipalities similarly apply to strong mayor municipalities.

Specifically, heads of council in strong mayor municipalities are subject to the following rules which came into force on June 22, 2026:

- **Election year budget rules:** Outgoing heads of council are limited from proposing the municipal budget for the year immediately following a regular municipal election, aligning strong mayor municipalities with existing municipal budget rules.
- **Restricted acts rules:** Heads of council are restricted from appointing or removing the chief administrative officer and other municipal division heads, changing the organizational structure of the municipality, or, if not already authorized in the municipality's budget, exercising their by-law power to dispose of property valued over \$50,000 or authorize expenditures or liabilities over \$50,000. These restrictions would apply if it can be determined that either three-quarters of the outgoing members of council will not be members of the new council, or the outgoing head of council will not be the new head of council.

As head of council, you may wish to ensure that any relevant delegations you wish to establish are in place in advance of nomination day on August 21, 2026. The regulation provides that delegable strong mayor powers that may later become restricted can continue to be exercised where they were delegated to the CAO and or council prior to nomination day.

For more information on strong mayor powers and duties please see:

- Regulations made under the Municipal Act, 2001 that relate to strong mayor powers and duties: [O. Reg. 530/22](#); [O. Reg 580/22](#)
- Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001 – [Special Powers and Duties of the Head of Council](#)
- The Strong Mayor chapter of the [Ontario Municipal Councillor's Guide](#)

If you have any questions about the strong mayor framework, your staff may wish to contact your local [Municipal Services Office](#) within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Hon. Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff
- Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
- Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division
- Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal and Housing Operations Division
- Municipal Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer



Advisory

County of Simcoe, Office of the Warden and CAO
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simcoe.ca

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Step into history this summer with Living in the Past at the Simcoe County Museum

Midhurst/June 24, 2026 – Step into history this summer with Living in the Past at the Simcoe County Museum. Held every Sunday in July and August, this immersive afternoon experience invites visitors of all ages to discover what daily life was like in earlier times.

Throughout the Museum’s galleries and scenic grounds, the past comes alive with hands-on activities and live demonstrations. Guests can explore traditional skills and trades such as weaving, embroidery, blacksmithing and rope making, all brought to life by knowledgeable interpreters.

EVENT:	Simcoe County Museum Living in the Past
Dates	Sundays in July, August
Time	1 – 4 p.m.
Location	Simcoe County Museum, 1151 ON-26, Minesing, L9X 0Z7
Cost	Adults: \$8 Seniors: \$6 Youth: \$6 Children: \$4 Free for preschoolers and Museum Members

Living in the Past is the perfect way to spend a summer afternoon, combining education, entertainment, and discovery in a welcoming, vibrant setting. For more information, please visit museum.simcoe.ca.

About the County of Simcoe

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Spend evenings at the Simcoe County Museum with After Hours programming

Midhurst/June 25, 2026 – Museum After Hours at the Simcoe County Museum is back this summer with a fun and engaging lineup of evening experiences for all ages. Held on Tuesday evenings in July and August, these relaxed after-hours events invite visitors to explore the museum in a whole new way.

Whether you're coming with family or friends, Museum After Hours offers a welcoming, playful environment that combines education and entertainment for everyone. From tours to trivia and a little bit of everything in between, be sure to keep an eye on the museum website museum.simcoe.ca to see what's on this week!

EVENT:	Simcoe County Museum Museum After Hours
Dates	Tuesdays in July, August
Time	6:30 – 8 p.m.
Location	Simcoe County Museum, 1151 ON-26, Minesing, L9X 0Z7
Cost	Adults: \$8 Seniors: \$6 Youth: \$6 Children: \$4 Free for preschoolers and Museum Members

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hub unveils new logo as it is officially named HART Hub Simcoe County

Midhurst/June 23, 2026 – Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs across the province have officially been named, with the local hub named HART Hub Simcoe County. This aligns with HART Hubs across the province, ensuring that no matter the community it is in, area residents can easily recognize, access, and connect with supports if they or someone they know is experiencing homelessness while experiencing challenges with mental health and addiction.

This consistent branding across the province allows potential users to know exactly how to connect when they need help.



HART Hub
Simcoe County

In partnership with County of Simcoe

Further expansion of HART Hub Simcoe County services is planned, including the introduction of an additional supportive housing option for individuals transitioning from the Live-in Treatment Program. This includes potential development of a 13-bed supportive housing program with on-site housing support workers, designed to provide structured, transitional stays of approximately 3–6 months. This growth will ensure individuals have access to safe, stable housing with coordinated, wraparound supports throughout their recovery journey.

To access HART Hub Simcoe County services:

- **In-person** support at the Social & Community Services Office in Barrie (136 Bayfield Street):
 - visit the office during business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) for questions or to inquire about accessing services
 - attend a drop-in session with the Navigation Team every Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **Phone:** leave a message on the Navigation Team's voicemail at 705-722-3132, ext. 8381
- **E-mail:** for general questions about HART Hub Simcoe County, email HARTHubSC@simcoe.ca

About the HART Hub Simcoe County

HART Hub Simcoe County is made possible through regional network of care teams focused on providing homelessness and addiction recovery treatment support to individuals with urgent needs. It emphasizes multiple access points with flexible pathways, ensuring a person-centered, accessible, safe, and low-barrier approach to care for individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The program also supports Indigenous members of the community through specific service connections to Indigenous team members and services.

Funding for the HART Hub was announced by the Provincial Government in January 2025, with a phased rollout that began in June 2025. The HART Hub Simcoe County is delivered through a regional network of teams with the shared goal of providing support to those who need it the most. This network includes: Barrie and Area Ontario Health Team, Barrie Native Friendship Centre, Canadian Mental Health Association – Simcoe County Branch (CMHA SCB), County of Simcoe, Mamaway Wiidokdaadwin IIPCT/ Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle (BANAC), Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH), and Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County holiday services reminder Canada Day – July 1, 2026

Midhurst/June 29, 2026 – The County of Simcoe reminds residents of the following schedule changes during the Canada Day holiday on Wednesday, July 1, 2026.

Curbside Waste Collection and Waste Drop-off Facilities

- Garbage and organics collection is ongoing as there is no change to the County's waste collection schedule. For recycling collection information, please visit <https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-communities/simcoe-county/>
- All County Waste Drop-off Facilities are closed on Wednesday, July 1.

LINX Transit

- LINX Transit services are **not** in operation on Wednesday, July 1
- Return to regularly scheduled services for all routes on Thursday, July 2.
- Please visit <https://nextlinx.simcoe.ca/> to check all route schedules

County Administration Centre (Midhurst) & Service Simcoe Contact Centre

- The Administration Centre, including the Service Simcoe Contact Centre, will be closed on Wednesday, July 1.

Ontario Works and Children Services

- All Ontario Works and Children Services offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 1.

Lake Simcoe Regional Airport

- The Lake Simcoe Regional Airport will be operating on Wednesday, July 1.

Simcoe County Museum

- The Simcoe County Museum is open on Wednesday, July 1. For more details, please visit museum.simcoe.ca

Simcoe County Archives

- The Simcoe County Archives will be closed on Wednesday, July 1.

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June 26, 2026

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Request for the Province of Ontario to Declare Intimate Violence as an Epidemic

On behalf of the Town of Midland Council, we are writing to respectfully request that the Province of Ontario declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic.

Please be advised that at its Regular Meeting on June 24, 2026, Council of the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

COW- 2026-49

Moved by: Mayor Gordon
Seconded by: Councillor Ball

WHEREAS more than 4 in 10 Canadian women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and 1 in 10 experience it almost daily; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have determined that in 2024 there was an 18% increase in intimate partner violence victims compared to the previous year; and

WHEREAS Simcoe County Violence Against Women Agencies received 12,870 crisis calls in 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Town of Midland declares intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and

THAT the Town of Midland requests the Province of Ontario to declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and



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THAT this Resolution be circulated to all Municipalities in Ontario, the local County of Simcoe MPPs, and the Premier of Ontario.

Carried

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar
Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk


cc: Ontario Municipalities
MPP Jill Dunlop

Fw: Invitation for Centenary

From Katelyn Johns <KJohns@tay.ca>

Date Mon 2026-06-29 8:59 AM

To Katelyn Johns <KJohns@tay.ca>

 1 attachment (3 MB)

2026-07-18 - Centenary Celebration.png;

Good morning Comrades & Friends;

This message is being sent to you on behalf of RCL Branch 316 President Terry Rolfe. We would like you to join us as Branch 316 celebrates the Royal Canadian Legion's Centenary on Saturday July 18th. Attached is your invitation. All of the events are outlined on the invitation. The main presentations will take place at 3:00 p.m. We hope you can be there to help us celebrate this monumental occasion.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could RSVP to the branch by Monday, July 13th, by contacting the undersigned by email or telephone.

Yours respectfully,

Michele Gouett
Secretary

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A Message from the CEO and Board Chair

Reflecting on the past year at RVH, one thing is clear: transformation is no longer something we are preparing for — it is happening now.

With more than half a million patient visits each year, RVH is seeing firsthand the impact of rapid population growth and increasing demand for healthcare. As the region's provider of advanced and specialized services, we know our communities need greater access to expertise, innovative technology, research and highly skilled healthcare professionals. And we believe everyone deserves exceptional care, regardless of their postal code.

Jason Teal
Past Chair,
RVH Board
of Directors

Gail Hunt
RVH President
& CEO

That belief guides the vision of our 10-year strategic plan, *Vitality You*, and our purpose: *Making life better, with the care you need, close to home.*

In the second year of *Vitality You*, we continued to make meaningful progress toward that vision. From introducing the region's first robotic-assisted hip and knee replacement program and launching new emergency medicine training programs with the University of Toronto, to expanding support for vulnerable populations through the HART Hub, we are investing in the people, partnerships and innovation that strengthen healthcare across Simcoe Muskoka.

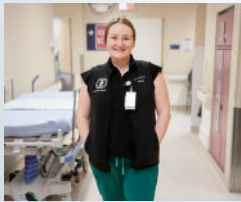
At the same time, we recognize - and are experiencing - the mounting pressures facing healthcare today. Demand continues

to rise, patient needs are more complex, and the cost of providing care continues to increase. Through collaboration, innovation and thoughtful stewardship, we are working to ensure RVH remains responsive and sustainable while continuing to deliver safe, high-quality care.

Building a stronger healthcare system requires more than expanding physical capacity alone. It means investing in people, advancing research, embracing innovation and strengthening partnerships across the region.

While the work ahead is significant, so too is the opportunity. Together with Team RVH, our partners, donors and communities, we continue to shape the future of healthcare in Simcoe Muskoka.

FOCUS



Drive clinical and academic excellence

In partnership with the University of Toronto, RVH launched two advanced emergency medicine training programs for family physicians. These programs strengthen RVH's role as a teaching hospital while helping build a highly skilled physician workforce for the future.



Cultivate fulfilled, high-performing teams

RVH launched its first Zine, creating a unique platform for Team RVH to share artwork, photography and writing. The initiative fosters connection, wellbeing and self-expression while creating opportunities for staff to learn from, support and inspire one another.



Make exceptional patient and care partner experiences

A new Yellow Zone provides a calmer, private space for children and young adults experiencing lower-risk mental health concerns in the Emergency Department. Supported by specialized mental health staff, it helps improve care experiences while ensuring patients receive timely, compassionate support when they need it most.

FOUNDATIONS



Sustainable investment

RVH completed the replacement of two MRIs to ensure patients continue to have access to high-quality diagnostic imaging close to home. The investment supports improved reliability, performance and patient care.



Health technology

RVH became the first hospital in the region to offer robotic-assisted hip and knee replacement surgery. This leading-edge technology enhances surgical precision, supports improved patient outcomes and advances access to innovative care close to home.



Strategic partnerships

Through the HART Hub partnership with the County of Simcoe, RVH opened the region's first publicly funded live-in addictions treatment program. This innovative model of care removes barriers to treatment and connects individuals with housing, healthcare and community support.

RESPECT

Vitality You includes everyone

RVH launched Honouring Indigenous Identity in Healthcare, inviting patients to self-identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit and access culturally grounded support. The initiative helps ensure Indigenous patients feel seen, respected and supported while advancing health equity and reconciliation in healthcare.



2025–2026 BY THE NUMBERS



538,825
Patient visits



96,521
Emergency visits



\$2 Million
In Research funding



4,139
Employees



2,791,459
Lab tests



16,348
Surgeries



2,184
Births



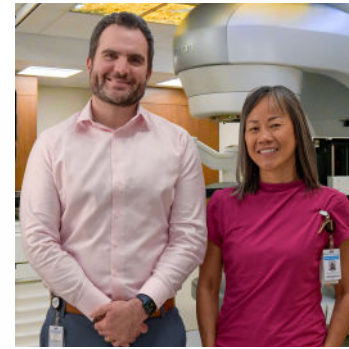
207,321
Imaging tests



59
Clinical trials



489,939
Meals served



548
Credentialed
Staff

REGIONAL PROGRAM PATIENT VISITS



119,206
Cancer Centre



29,620
Cardiac Care



330
Code STEMI



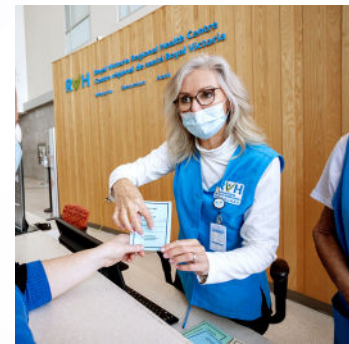
363
Child & Youth Mental Health



4,995
Interventional
Radiology



5,744 Outpatient
Rapid Access Addiction
Medicine Clinics (RAAM)



343
Volunteers



ANNUAL BUDGET
\$650 Million





June 22, 2026

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

RE: Prince Edward County: Resolution No. 2026-208 Regarding Reinstating the Requirements for Compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on June 16th, 2026, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2026-06-16

MOVED BY: Keith Kerr

SECONDED BY: Greg Hallam

“WHEREAS, all residents of Ontario have the right to fair, open and democratic government;

AND WHEREAS, all elected representatives, municipal and provincial alike, in Ontario have a duty to faithfully execute the powers and trust placed in them and willingly swear an oath to this effect and are subject to fair public scrutiny;

AND WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) are essential tools to protect Ontarians against privacy breaches, and abuses of power;

AND WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 97, the Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026, which received Royal Assent on April 24, 2026, and introduced significant amendments to both FIPPA and MFIPPA to alter statutory timelines and privacy governance frameworks;

AND WHEREAS, the amendments introduced via Bill 97 have created a jurisdictional imbalance by excluding records held by provincial Ministers, their offices, and staff from the application of FIPPA, while maintaining the statutory responsibilities and administrative burdens for municipal elected officials and staff under MFIPPA, thereby establishing higher standards for transparency and personal record accountability for municipal governments;

AND WHEREAS, excluding members of the highest offices and their staff from reasonable public access requests and records retention creates security concerns, reinforces the appearance of self-dealing and is contrary to the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Tay Valley Township Council call on the Province to reinstate requirements for compliance with FIPPA to ensure that the Premier, Ministers, and their staff are subject to proper and fair public scrutiny like all other elected representatives in Ontario;

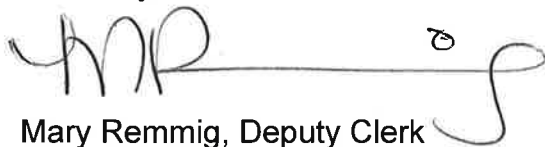
THAT, the Government of Ontario implement recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to increase and ensure proper security, record keeping and democratic accountability;

AND THAT, this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance Bethlenfalvy, MPP John Jordan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the 444 municipalities of Ontario.”

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,



Mary Remmig, Deputy Clerk

cc: Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy;
MPP John Jordan;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
All Municipalities of Ontario.”