

Update

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Past Warden Cal Patterson, right, presents new Warden Gerry Marshall with the Chain of Office during Council Inaugural in December. Marshall will serve as Simcoe County Warden for 2015 and 2016.

County Council elects new Warden

Penetanguishene's Gerry Marshall honoured to be named Head of Council

County Council elected Gerry Marshall, Mayor of the Town of Penetanguishene, to serve as Simcoe County Warden for 2015 and 2016.

"I am honoured to be elected as Simcoe County Warden for 2015 and 2016," said Warden Marshall. "I look forward to working with Council and

County staff to continue building on our progress by offering fiscally responsible, innovative and transparent strategies. I thank my colleagues for demon-

strating their confidence in my leadership, and I look forward to serving the great people of Simcoe County."

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Gerry Marshall, Warden

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INAUGURAL



During Council Inaugural December 9, County Council elected Essa Township Mayor Terry Dowdall, right, as Deputy Warden for 2015 and 2016. Dowdall joins newly elected Warden Gerry Marshall, bottom right.



Marshall has served on County Council since 2010. Marshall has held the following positions since joining County Council: Chair of Audit Committee, 2013 and 2014; Vice-Chair of Corporate Services, 2013-2014; Vice-Chair of the Economic Development Sub-committee, 2014; Vice-Chair of Audit Committee, 2012; Member of Audit Committee, 2011; Member of Corporate Services Committee 2011-2012; County Appointee to Children's Aid Society Board, 2010-2014; Alternate on Agricultural Liaison Committee, 2013-2014.

County Council also elected Terry Dowdall, Mayor of Essa Township, as the Simcoe County Deputy Warden for 2015 and 2016.

Dowdall has served on County Council since 2003. Dowdall has held the following positions since joining County Council: Member of Corporate Services Committee, 2004-2013; Member of Governance Committee, 2007; Member of Economic Development Review Funding Task Force, 2013.

Additionally, the County's Business



Section Chairs and Vice Chairs for 2015 and 2016 were elected on Tuesday:

Councillor Gordon McKay, Business Section Chair of Performance Management; Councillor Judith Cox, Business Section Chair of Human Services; and Councillor Doug Little, Business Section Chair of Corporate Services.

Councillor Don Allen, Business Section Vice Chair of Performance Management; Anita Dubeau, Business Section Vice Chair of Human Services; and Councillor Ralph Hough Business Section Vice Chair of Corporate Services.



Architects honoured for County building

Teple Architects Inc. and Ted Handy and Associates Inc. were awarded a 2014 Design Excellence Award for their work designing the County of Simcoe Administration Centre addition.

Selected from more than 170 submissions, recipients of the 2014 Design Excellence Award have been recognized by a jury of peers from the design community on the following criteria: creativity, context, sustainability, good design/good business, and legacy.

The Ontario Association of Architects website stated: "Demonstrating the best in architectural design and innovation, winners of the 2014 Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) Awards feature Canadian projects designed by Ontario architects, ranging from sustainable single-family homes to the redevelopment of key cultural and civic destinations."

REMEMBRANCE DAY



The County of Simcoe held its 2014 Remembrance Day service at the Simcoe County Museum. County and Simcoe County District School Board staff gathered to remember the men and women who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Above, Eastview Secondary School's Will Parker played both the *Last Post* and *Rouse*. Below right, Lisa Earle from County of Simcoe Paramedic Services spoke on the role played by Grey Simcoe Foresters during WWI. Bottom, the Museum's Forrest Patenaude, dressed in a WWI uniform, educated the crowd regarding WWI trench life and medical care.





Battery collection a success

More than 500,000 batteries collected in one week

The County of Simcoe’s curbside battery collection week wrapped up in November, and the County’s preliminary totals indicate that the program was a huge success.

“Our preliminary counts indicate that we collected almost 20,000 kilograms of batteries, which represents more than a half million batteries, during the collection week,” said Rob McCullough, Director of Solid Waste Management for the County. “While we won’t receive the final totals until all

batteries are processed, we are very pleased with participation levels. The quantities collected are almost double what we expected based on other programs that operate in Ontario.”

Collected batteries have been consolidated and will be sent to an Ontario processor for recycling. The Guinness World Record for the most batteries collected during a 24-hour period is held by Durham Region. Without aiming for this target, the County of Simcoe fell just short despite having a sig-

nificantly smaller population than Durham Region.

Batteries thrown in the garbage can have a negative impact on the environment. As such, the County is reminding residents who missed the 2014 battery collection week that batteries can be brought to a Simcoe County household hazardous waste facility throughout the year for safe, free recycling.

The County plans to run the battery collection week program again in November 2015.

Museum Update

Top Ten Museum Tips
Members of Sumac (Simcoe County’s museums, archives, art galleries and heritage sites network) partnered to present an Ontario Museum Association study tour as part of their annual conference, held at the Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston. Approximately 20 museum professionals from across the province attended this session to discuss and exchange the latest information about museum practices, technologies, and trends. Experts from the lighting and photography industry attended to present topics including new approaches to photographing collections and LED technology.

Last Blast

The annual antique construction machinery show was held in October. Despite the weather, more than 800 visitors attended. One of the featured pieces this year was a model steam train that operated on a section of track in front of the Gilford Train Station.

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