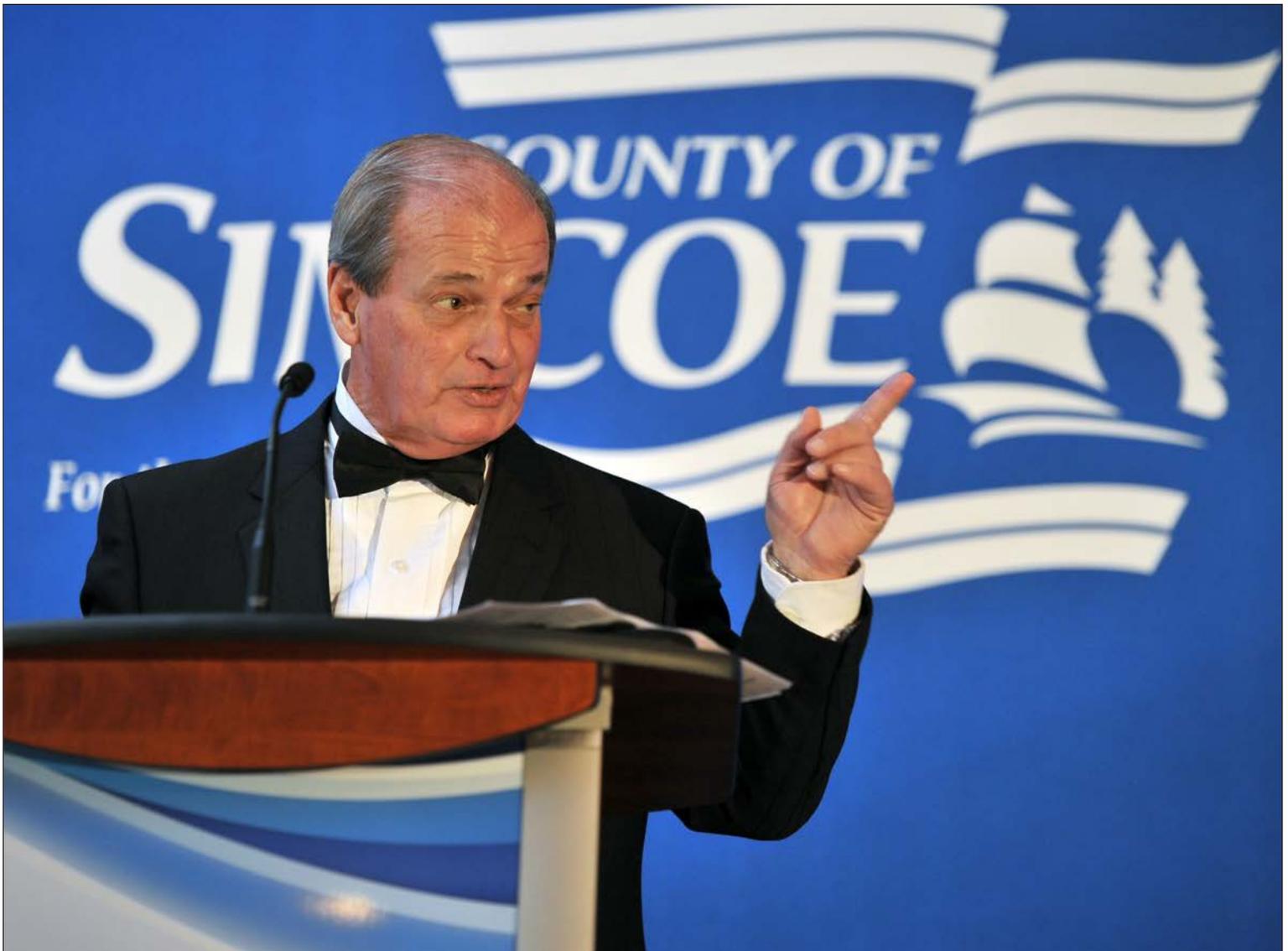


COUNTY COUNCIL

# Update

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# Gala raises \$75k for United Way

Approximately \$500,000 has been raised in eight years

Simcoe County Warden Cal Patterson hosted the eighth-annual Simcoe County Warden’s Gala at the Nottawasaga Inn Resort in Alliston on October 9, 2014.

Thanks to the sponsorship of the numerous businesses and organizations, the event raised more than \$75,000 in support of United Way Greater Simcoe County.

“For eight years, the gala, hosted by the office of the Warden, has gathered our generous partners to lend a helping-hand to people in need, and make Simcoe County communities stronger,” said Warden Cal Patterson. “I can only say thank you to these individuals and organizations on behalf of the County and the more than 150,000 residents that were positively impacted by United Way agencies in Simcoe County last year alone.”

Highlights of the evening included musical performances by Joe Abbott, five-star food provided by the Nottawasaga Inn Resort, comedy by David Hemstad, and the outstanding work of CTV News Senior Anchor Tony Grace as the evening’s emcee.

The County of Simcoe is a proud partner of United Way Greater Simcoe County in part because of the comple-



**Highlights included guest speaker Jennifer Cash, top, music by Joe Abbott, five-star food provided by the Nottawasaga Inn Resort, comedy by David Hemstad, above, and the outstanding work of CTV News Senior Anchor Tony Grace as the emcee, above right.**



including the cities of Barrie and Orillia through the Children and Community Services, Social Housing, and Ontario Works Departments.

“The ongoing partnership of UWGSC and the County of Simcoe is a natural fit due to our common goal to support and empower our residents to lead healthy, stable and independent lives,” said UWGSC Interim CEO Dale Biddell.

“We thank Warden Patterson and County Councillors for demonstrating their support through this important fundraiser. As always, the money raised at the Warden’s Gala will be reinvested locally to strengthen all our communities.”

United Way Greater Simcoe County distributes funds and other capacity-building support to 30 local non-profit agencies throughout the County of Simcoe. The life-changing programs and services provided by these organizations help move County residents from poverty to possibility, work to build communities, and help children to reach their potential.

In eight years, the County of Simcoe Warden’s Gala has raised approximately \$500,000 for the United Way.

mentary missions. As the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager, the County

administers essential social services programs for residents throughout the region

# County proclaims World Food Day

County of Simcoe Warden Cal Patterson proclaimed Thursday, October 16, 2014 as World Food Day in Simcoe County.

World Food Day was created by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 1945 to increase awareness, understanding, and year-round action to alleviate hunger.

Each year World Food Day adopts a different theme in order to highlight areas requiring action, and provide a common focus. This year's World Food Day theme was Family Farming: Feeding the World, Caring for the Earth.

In both developed and developing countries, family-based agricultural activities including pastoral or livestock farming, fisheries, aquaculture production, and agricultural forestry are the chief form of agriculture in the food production sector; 98 per cent of Canada's farms remain family-owned and operated.

## NEWCOMER AWARDS



**The County of Simcoe hosted the 2014 Newcomer Recognition Awards October 22, 2014 at Liberty North in Barrie. Above, Deputy Warden Harry Hughes addresses the crowd. The event recognized residents, businesses, and organizations working to connect with immigrants in Simcoe County. The awards ceremony, in its second year, was developed by a priority of the Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership, and is funded in part by federal and provincial government partners, including Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration, and International Trade. Newcomer Recognition Award categories include Immigrant Mentor, Immigrant Artist, Immigrant Entrepreneur, Community Champion, Welcoming Work Environment (Business/Organization).**



# County battling ash borer

Emerald ash borer (EAB) traps have been installed in strategic locations throughout Simcoe County, including Barrie and Orillia.

As a result, EAB has been confirmed in the municipalities of Adjala-Tosorontio, New Tecumseth, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Essa, Oro Medonte, Tay, Midland, and the City of Barrie.

Final inspections completed in August resulted in two additional finds, both within the City of Barrie.

Due to the difficulty in detecting EAB at low population levels, it should be noted these results do not preclude the possibility it is located within other jurisdictions as well but has not been detected.

As per the approved strategy, Forestry staff assumed a coordinating role with respect to monitoring, communications, and information transfer.

Efforts to inform the public will be increased to provide landowners with an opportunity to make informed decisions.

Local municipalities are strongly encouraged to initiate plans for tree inventories at the earliest opportunity.

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The County of Simcoe Paramedic Honour Guard received commendations from the United Nations.

## Paramedics honoured by UN

The County of Simcoe Paramedic Honour Guard received commendations from the United Nations during a special ceremony held at Peacekeepers Park in Angus on Tuesday, October 14.

The Blue Beret Pins, a symbol of UN Peacekeep-

ing, were presented to the 17 attending members of the Honour Guard in recognition of their continued support of Peacekeeper's Day since 2004, when they assisted with organizing and leading the inaugural parade. The remaining members of the 26 member Paramedic

Honour Guard will receive their decorations at a later date. Canadian peacekeeper veterans Bob George and Gerry Tremblay were on hand to present the unit decorations on behalf of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping.

## County executes emergency exercise

Designed to prepare team for 2015 Pan Am Games

The County of Simcoe's Emergency Information Team took part in an emergency exercise simulating a crisis situation on Wednesday, October 22, 2014.

During the table-top exercise, members of the Simcoe County Emergency Community Control Group gathered at the County of Simcoe

Administration Centre to put the County's Emergency Response Plan into action in a simulated environment.

The exercise aimed to prepare the team to respond to a simulated emergency at the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games competition sites in Simcoe County.

Testing emergency re-

sponse plans is a vital component of the County's emergency management program.

The purpose of an emergency exercise is to enhance the continuity of operations plans and communications and contribute to the disaster resiliency of our communities.

# Museum Update

### PA Day Camp

The Museum introduced day camps during school professional activity days for 2014-2015. The first camp of the season was held on September 26, with an *Indiana Jones* theme. The program was sold out, with 15 children in attendance. More day camps will be held throughout the school year.

### Agricultural Hall of Fame

The annual Agricultural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held on Sunday, September 28 at the Museum. The afternoon ceremony attracted 170 visitors to honour Earl Woodrow and Leo Eric Moreau.

### Fall Fairs

September was a busy month for fall fairs. Museum staff provided a booth with games and crafts at the Welcome Day at Base Borden, the Beeton Fall Fair, and the Fall Fair at Museum on the Boyne in Alliston. Approximately 1,500 participants visited the museum displays at these events.

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