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**Cooperate to get infrastructure funding earlier says Gerretsen**

by Richard Blanchard

Two provincial cabinet ministers told Simcoe County Councillors Tuesday morning that the future direction for the County was in their hands.

Minister of Municipal Affairs John Gerretsen and Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal David Caplan met with councillors and the mayors of Barrie and Orillia to discuss on-going growth management issues.

Gerretsen told the audience the province was particularly concerned with how growth occurs and its impact on Lake Simcoe and the Nottawasaga River watershed.

He also emphasized the need for improved delivery of services by municipalities. "We support local solutions to local issues and local matters," he said.

Gerretsen said that the province has no wish to impose solutions but an effort to cooperate would impact County municipalities in terms of infrastructure funding.

"I'm asked what if we don't? It will take longer then for capital dollars to come. It is not a threat but we are faced with a lot of demands from all municipalities," Gerretsen explained.

When asked about regional government as the outcome of this growth management study, both ministers said that it was not what the province wanted.

"I'm not talking about a regional government but there is a wish to ensure that we want to provide services better. We are living in a new century," said Gerretsen.

New Tecumseth Mayor Mike MacEachern said that he was pleased to hear about the Minister talk about sustainable funding. He noted that the South Simcoe municipalities have already begun to work together in terms of joint servicing.

"We already know that joint servicing can cost less if we work together. We also know that one solution will not fit all municipalities in the County."

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**A directory of what is happening in your community**

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COMMUNITY EVENTS, P.O. Box 310, Beeton, Ontario L0G 1A0

Submissions by mail, fax or e-mail and will not be received by telephone.

**ISSUES & INTERESTS**

The York-Simcoe Naturalists is a young club looking for new members. Contact: Cathryn Rees at 905-775-7021, e-mail: wilcor@sympatico.ca

South Simcoe Community Information Centre "CONTACT" at 146 Victoria St. W. Alliston. Call (705) 435-4900, Fax 705-435-1106. Website: www.csolve.net-contact, or Email: contact@focuscdc.on.ca.

Be a face in the fight against cancer The Innisfil Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society needs volunteers.

Their involvement enables the Canadian Cancer Society to fund cancer research, provide information, services and to support people living with cancer. Call: 436-1060 or 726-8032.

The Canadian Mental Health Association of Barrie-Simcoe supports the development and continuance of self-help groups as a viable community resource for individuals experiencing difficulties. Self-Help groups can provide; support and understanding through difficult times; an opportunity to meet with others who have experienced similar difficulties; information and education; a safe and comfortable environment; suggestions regarding coping strategies that help to get through difficult times.

For further information contact the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Branch at 705-726-5033 or 1-800-461-4319.

**MONDAYS**

Friends of the Innisfil Library, Stroud Branch, meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

Gilford and District Horticultural Society meets second Monday of the month from March to November at Churchill Community Centre at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome. Call Judith Rogers at 431-9278 or Kathy Barraclough at (905)853-8785 for more info.

Al-Anon meetings take place every Monday at Innisfil Community Church at 8:00 p.m. If you have a problem with someone else's drink, come and join the discussion group.

Innisfil Pipes & Drums meet for practice at the Legion in Bell Ewart, 1017 Robinson St. at 1 p.m. Always looking for new members. Phone Ken

at (705) 456-3717.

**TUESDAYS**

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Thornton Library 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897 for more information. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Cookstown Computer Club drop-in program for elementary students, 4 to 5 p.m. at the library.

T.O.P.S. (Take off Pounds Sensibly) from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Library, Robert St., Thornton. For information call 739-9226.

Stroud Seniors invite persons 55 + to join them for an afternoon of bid and progressive euchre, refreshments and companionship. 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Painswick. Call 436-1628.

St Paul's Anglican Church, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm will be informal musical jamming sessions for anyone with a voice or instrument. If you are learning to play an instrument or like to sing and would enjoy having some fun and social time with similar minded people, come and join us. For more information, please call (705) 722-7755

St. Paul's Church, Innisfil (corner of Mapleview and Younge Street), Playgroup for tots, moms, dads, caregivers, and grandparents from 9:30-11:30 am. Come for a social time, friendship, play and snacks. For information, call (705) 431-1694.

The Beta Classes will be held at the Innisfil Community Church starting January 9th at 1pm. Beta is a life changing program and the twelve week course will enable you to live free from fear, stress anxiety and the pain of past hurts and traumas. This program is offered at the Church from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. For more information, call Sherri McLaughlin at (705) 436-1611.

**WEDNESDAYS**

Friends of the Innisfil Library, Lakeshore Branch, meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. New members are most welcome.

Euchre, bid euchre, Scrabble and cribbage is played at Alcona Seniors club every Wednesday at 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the ABC Hall on the 25th Sideroad below Innisfil Beach Rd. Refreshments and fun days. Bring a bag lunch.

Euchre every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30, Newton Robinson United Church in aid of Gwen Taylor

Library. Refreshments.

Weight Loss Group. The Alcona Chapter of TOPS meets at 7:15 at Goodfellow Public School. Call Joan Davies at 436-3197 after 6 and on weekends.

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance. On Wednesdays, the mornings are alternated between the Churchill and the Cookstown Libraries from 10:00 a.m. to noon., and every Wednesday afternoon at the Stroud Branch from 1:30 - 3:30. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team Please call marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Euchre at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Churchill is held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the parish hall. Please call Reg at 705-456-6801 for information.

The Cookstown Co-Operative Playgroup is at St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown located on Hwy 89, east of Hwy 27. All pre-school children and their care-givers are welcome, as well as new members. The hours will be 9:30 to 12:00 every Wednesday & Thursday. Come out with your pre-school aged children (senior kindergarten and younger), have a snack, make a craft and meet some new friends. For more information please call Brian Haas at (705) 458-8468. See you there!!

THURSDAYS

Euchre - Progressive and Bid, every Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion - 1017 Robinson, Bell Ewart 705-436-1144, Betty.

Register for Book Book a six week afterschool program for ages 6 and up from 5-6 p.m. Call Innisfil Public Library, Cookstown Branch at 458-1273.

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Please call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team 728-3757, this initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Barrie Chapter of Schizophrenia Society of Ontario family support group meets the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Building, 39 High St., Barrie. For info contact 726-5033.

Painswick Horticultural Society meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. New members welcome. For info call Linda Lewer at 436-3908.

The Parish of Churchill and Cookstown youth group meets every

Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Youth between the ages of 9-12 years are welcome to attend regardless of denomination. Please call Pam Gervais for information at (705) 735-3484.

St Paul's Anglican Church, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm we are beginning a study comparing the gospels and learning how and why they developed. For more information, call (705) 722-7755.

**FRIDAYS**

The Cookstown United Church Community Youth Group will begin meeting as of October 20th. They will be meeting weekly from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Cookstown United Church on 37 Queen Street. Come for crafts, games, movies, fellowship and fun! All are welcome. For more information, call (705) 458-9701.

**SATURDAYS**

Barrie Farmers' Market, outside and inside Barrie City Hall. From 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fresh produce and fruit in season. For info please call 739-4204.

**SUNDAYS**

Cookstown United Church welcomes all young people from preschool to grade 8 to join in Sunday school at 11am. Sunday's are cool at Cookstown UC, so come and join as we grow in faith and have fun. New this year - join us in making scrapbooks celebrating God's gifts in our lives. For more information, please call Rev. Heather or Kieran Power at (705) 458-9701.

Overeaters Anonymoyus meets at the Mapleview Community Church at 7pm. Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? It's not what you eat, it's what's eating you! For more information, call Anne at (705) 436-7921.

The Teen Youth Group of the Parish of Churchill and Cookstown meet at St. John's Anglican Church every other Sunday in the parish hall from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. All teens aged between 13-18 years are welcome to join regardless of denomination. Please call Pam at (705) 735-3484 for information.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH**

St. Peter's Anglican Church will be having their annual Ham and Scallop Potato Supper from 5-7pm. Tickets are \$10. There will be ham, salads, corn bread, tea, coffee and dessert. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Maggie at (705) 456-7293.

Communities in Bloom Gala Show and fundraiser will be held at 7pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be bought at

the door. There will be garden displays, demonstrations, live and silent auctions, celebrity gardening challenge and door prizes. This fundraiser is in support of community projects and the Innisfil Rec Centre.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH**

Dream Auction at Trinity United Church on Robert Street in Thornton. Viewing starts at 6:30pm, the auction starts at 7pm. Auctioneer Barb Richards of A Touch of Class will preside. There will be something for everyone. For more information or to make a donation, call (705) 424-9433.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH - SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH**

The Newtones will be performing at the Tec. WE Gwill W.I. Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$3 for children 12 years and under. For tickets call mary Orr at (905) 775-3890 or Sheila at (905) 939-2179.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH**

David Wilcox will be performing at Stroud Arena - a fundraiser for the new Rec Centre, in conjunction with ICE Corp.. Tickets will be going on sale in March. For ticket information, call (705) 436-5066 or 1-877-803-2121.

The Essa Historical Society will hold their monthly meeting at the Thornton Library, Robert Street in Thornton. Daryl Wines will be guest speaking about Preserving Artifacts. All are welcome - for more information, call Olive at (705) 458-9971.

Lefroy United Church invites you to Tulip Tea from 2 - 4 pm at the Grange Hall in Lefroy. The cost is \$4.50 per person. For more information, call 456-2098.

**SATURDAY, MAY 5TH**

The Debbie Dunning Golf Tournament will be held at Big Cedar Golf Course. It will start at 9am, shotgun start, a four person scramble. The cost is \$80 and includes golf, dinner, prize table, raffles and more. Hole contributions are welcome at a cost of \$50 per hole, and prize donations to the raffle table will also be accepted. For information, call Mike at CW Coops at (705) 431-1234 or Bob at Innisfil Taxi at (705) 720-0200.

The German Canadian Club will be holding a Pig Roast at the RCAF in Barrie. Doors open at 6pm and dinner starts at 7pm. Admission of \$20/person includes a full meal, coffee, dessert and gratuities. To order tickets, call 737-2784.

**MONDAY, MAY 7TH**

The Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association will be meeting at 1pm at the Simcoe County Museum to make crystalized pansies. The cost is \$7 for non-members, \$5 for members. Bring a friend. Call Janice Baird (705) 733-9615 for more info.

**TUESDAY, MAY 8TH**

The Grieving Children at Seasons Centre is hosting Twoonie Tuesday at Toppers Pizza from 11am until 8pm. Any slice of pizza with a pop is only \$2.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH**

Gilford United Church will be hosting a Roast Beef Supper including homemade pies. There will be two sittings, at 5 and 6:30 pm. For tickets call (705) 456-2006.

**FRIDAY, MAY 11TH**

St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown will be hosting a roast beef dinner from 4:30 - 7 pm. Tickets are at the door, or call 458-9667.

**SATURDAY, MAY 12TH**

The Innisfil Accessibility Advisory Committee will be Painting the Town Yellow in Lefroy/Belle Ewart starting at 9am. For more information, call Paul Wylie at (705) 456-4711.

Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association will be holding a 'Crafting Garage Sale' from 10am until noon at the Simcoe County Museum. Every crafting supply you need at bargain prices. For information, call Janice Baird at (705) 733-9615.

**MONDAY, MAY 19TH**

The Gilford and District Horticultural Society will meet at 7:30pm at the Churchill Community Centre. President Judith Rodgers speaking on Creating a Backyard Habitat. Members and guests are welcome.

**SATURDAY, MAY 26TH**

Alcona's Largest Garage Sale will be held at the Crossroads Plaza parking lot in Alcona. The fee is \$25 for each parking space and the proceeds for the space will go to the new Rec Centre. Empty out those closets and make some cash! Contact Rick to reserve your spot at (705) 436-2826. Book now for your ideal location.

The South Innisfil Arboretum is having their annual Fund Raiser - Giant Arboretum Vendor, Plant, Yard and BBQ from 8am until 1pm.

**SUNDAY, MAY 27TH**

St. Peter's Anglican Church choir is having an evening of song at 7pm. There will be many different selections and types of music. Every one is welcome to come and join. Donations only. For more information, call (705) 436-9769.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 21ST**

St. Peter's Anglican Church will be having a Strawberry Supper from 5-7pm. Don't miss out on those delicious berries. Tickets are \$10. Everyone is welcome to attend. For information, call Maggie at (705) 456-7293.