

# BUS: Public system too costly, says mayor

**Continued from FRONT**  
 "It is something the (provincial) Places to Grow Act has looked at, and it's something the county will look at, but it is very cost prohibitive to provide a bus transportation system in our municipality."

Jackson says the town is already being burdened with large tax increases over the next two years.

"Budgets can jump

around from year to year," he said. "We're having a very difficult time maintaining and building roads, before we can even put a transportation system in. We have to prioritize."

Two privately run transportation systems have already failed in Innisfil over the last few years, with ownership blaming low ridership for their downfall, said Jackson.

"They have both failed because of a lack of ridership," he said. "It just wasn't cost effective enough for them to continue operating."

The advisory committee was established in 2002, following the passing of the Ontario Disabilities Act. The group runs the annual Paint the Town Yellow sidewalk painting day, issues surveys, takes complaints from disabled residents, and hands

out accessibility compliance awards to local businesses. They also advise council on various accessibility-related issues within the town.

However, a public transportation system could also be used for teenagers and other non-disabled residents who have trouble getting around the municipality, said Papp-Belayneh.

"There are a lot of poor people in Innisfil," she said. "It can get them to the movies. We're having a wonderful rec centre (being built),

but it isn't accessible, because how do you get up to it?"

Papp-Belayneh says there are several other accessibility-related issues within the town, such as affordable housing and hand washing capabilities at local schools. There is currently no social housing within the town.

"The town needs affordable housing for people living at or below the poverty line," she said. "There's no affordable housing in Innisfil. (There have been) 181 facilities identified that

provide housing for persons with disabilities (within the county), but there's nothing within Innisfil for low income housing."

Social housing is currently run by the county. But the town will support any future Innisfil-related housing initiatives brought forward to county council, said Jackson.

"The county is fully aware of that," he said. "The town supports these types of things when they do come forward."



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### TENDER FOR INNISHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BARRIE, ONTARIO TENDER NUMBER 2007-2008-08T

Prequalification submissions have been reviewed, and invitations to tender have been accepted by the following companies:

#### General Contractors

	Phone	Fax
Aquicon Construction Co. Ltd.	905 458 1313	905 458 6020
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Melloul-Blamey Construction Ltd.	519 886 8850	519 886 8898
Monteith Building Group Ltd.	705 326 5533	705 326 1311
Percon Construction Inc.	905 795 1117	905 795 8329
Pre-Eng Contracting Ltd.	905 738 6866	905 738 4879
The Atlas Corporation	905 669 6825	905 669 8288

#### Mechanical Contractors

Carlmor Mechanical Ltd.	705 726 6024	705 721 1729
Geo. A. Kelson Company Ltd.	905 898 3400	905 898 5491
Nekison Engineering & Contractors Ltd.	416 259 4631	416 255 7610
Sexton's Mechanical Limited	705 728 4040	705 728 4046
Simcoe Mechanical Contracting (1986) Ltd.	705 326 9501	705 326 0829
Soan Mechanical Ltd.	519 455 1530	519 455 1104

#### Electrical Contractors

Accel Electrical Contractors Ltd.	905 738-6970	905 738-5770
Best Electric Co.	905 415 2378	905 416 2308
Carlos Electric Ltd.	905 728 7361	905 728 5817
J.M.R. Electric Ltd. Contractors	519 235 1516	519 235 0507
Minnings Electrical Services Limited	705 322 1307	705 322 0722
NSE 2000 Inc.	705 325 3738	705 325 3717
Pentor Electric	705 549 5078	705 549 3706
Wallwin Electric Services Ltd.	705 726 1859	705 727 7607

#### Masonry Contractors

Bernel Masonry Ltd.	905 660 3208	905 660 5836
Burling Ranger Company Inc.	705 436 2186	705 436 4922
Limen Group Ltd	416 638 8880	416 638 7363
Ontario Fox Masonry Corporation	705 728 2818	705 728 4612

General Contractor tender submissions, enclosed in a sealed envelope, shall be submitted to the reception desk, at the Simcoe County District School Board, Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ont., L0L 1X0 by:

**1:30:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday, March 11th, 2008**

Tender documents will be available for pickup by General, Mechanical, Electrical and Masonry Contractors at the office of Moffet & Duncan Architects Inc., 5052 Dundas Street West, Islington, Ontario, M9A 1B9, telephone (416) 239 2775 inquiries attention Robert Ferkul, on or after Tuesday, February 19th, 2008, on receipt of a deposit in the amount of \$250.00 per set, refundable on return of the documents in good condition. Deposit cheques to be made payable to the Simcoe County District School Board. Tender documents will also be on display at the Construction Associations of Barrie, Orillia, Toronto, Hamilton, Mississauga, Durham and Grand Valley and the Simcoe County District School Board Education Centre.

General Contractor tender submissions shall be accompanied by a **Bid Bond in the amount of \$500,000.00** and by an **Agreement to Bond** (for 50% Labour and Material Payment Bond and a 50% Performance Bond)

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Mary Anne Wilson  
 Chairperson

K. Gordon Campbell  
 Director of Education

# Hospice receives grant

Hospice Simcoe is the recipient of a grant of \$24,999 from Human Resources and Social Development Canada, to launch a new seniors program.

This program, entitled Seniors Care, empowers and recognizes the capacity of this sector of our population to make meaningful contributions to those living with a life threatening illness or loss.

In this initiative, Hospice Simcoe will be creating a

program run by seniors for seniors that will result in the utilization of their life experiences. Support will be given to peers through appropriate training and delivery of key services either in the home or at the new 10-bed residential hospice facility scheduled to open in 2009.

All of these programs will allow for intergenerational interaction, a decrease in isolation, and peer support and networking.

The project provides opportunities for empowerment of seniors. As we age, we live through a great number of situations. Loss is experienced in many forms. The project's purpose is to provide seniors with peer

support, opportunities for sharing their wealth of experience, lessen their feelings of isolation, and increase the supports in place for them.

Social isolation is often a threat for seniors, especially for those facing a life-threatening illness. This project targets those at high risk and provides meaningful opportunities for them in a caring, compassionate, understanding environment.

Seniors interested in becoming involved in this program as leaders, volunteers, or participants are invited to call Leanne Bentley, volunteer coordinator at 722-5995, or stop in to Hospice Simcoe. The hospice is located at 80 Bradford Street in Barrie.

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