



## **STATEMENT**

**Saturday, August 9, 2025**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **City statement: Status of wooded area west of Anne Street**

Yesterday, the wooded area between Victoria Street, John Street, and Anne Street South was turned back to the City following a Police investigation. The site was secured by City staff yesterday anticipating the need for significant cleanup.

The City requested the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) attend the site to conduct an inspection. Following their investigation, the MECP issued an Order under the Environmental Protection Act to close the site down. The amount of waste that is on the site poses health and safety risks as well as environmental concerns and must be cleaned and restored.

Given the MECP order to close the site down, the City is working with the County of Simcoe and our community partners to ensure that anyone affected by this cleanup is provided shelter and connected to appropriate resources.

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