

Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

August 25, 2023

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There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

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There are no Advisory/Other Committee Minutes

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From:	Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report:	#2023-INFO-70
Date:	August 25, 2023

Subject:

Durham Region Health Department 2022 Health Check Up!

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) <u>2022</u> <u>Health Check Up!</u> (HCU), which has been posted on durham.ca.

2. Background

- 2.1 DRHD releases an annual HCU to report on key program achievements and feature program specific stories.
- 2.2 The 2022 HCU includes:
 - a. Key metrics and achievements in DRHD's response to COVID-19, including vaccine administration;
 - b. Year-end milestones related to vaccine administration;
 - c. Accomplishments made in the COVID-19 response; and
 - d. Accomplishments made in regular program areas, including stories that showcase how staff met challenges related to restoration with dedication and a willingness to adapt.
- 2.3 Financial information for 2022 is currently not included in the HCU and will be updated once it is available.

3. 2022 HCU Highlights

- 3.1 DRHD engaged in many COVID-19 response activities to reduce the spread of illness and protect the health and safety of area residents. DRHD's COVID-19 response activities are described in the 2022 HCU and organized into several topic areas as follows:
 - a. Case and contact management
 - b. Communications
 - c. Inspections and investigations
 - d. Outbreak management
 - e. School-focused nurses
 - f. Surveillance
 - g. Paramedic services
- 3.2 In addition to continuing COVID-19 response activities, DRHD transitioned from operating only high-priority regular programs and services to working towards restoring regular programs and services throughout 2022. Achievements in all restored and regular programs and services are described in the Restoration and regular programs and services section of the HCU.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goal and priority in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
 - a. Goal 5: Service Excellence: 5.3 Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 In 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic presented unique challenges affecting everyone in many ways. Over 35,600 Durham residents contracted COVID-19. However, 2022 also included the lifting of COVID-19 mandates and restrictions, allowing for the restoration of programs and services across the Region.
- 5.2 By year-end, approximately 80 per cent of Durham's eligible population completed their primary COVID-19 vaccination series, rolling up their sleeves to protect themselves and their community. In addition, almost half of the population aged five and older received a booster dose. Behind this success, the team at DRHD, Regional colleagues, the provincial government, and many partners like Lakeridge Health, local pharmacies, primary care providers, and community groups worked hard to administer over 1.6 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines into the arms of people in Durham.
- 5.3 DRHD continues efforts to respond to COVID-19, while maintaining and building on regular programs and services.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From:	Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report:	#2023-INFO-71
Date:	August 25, 2023

Subject:

Durham Meadoway Visioning Study: Phase 2 Community Engagement

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the community engagement component of the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study.

2. Background

2.1 The Planning Division (Transportation Planning section) is coordinating the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study in partnership with the City of Pickering, the Town of Ajax, the Town of Whitby and the City of Oshawa. Proposed as an active transportation corridor and greenspace extending from Rouge National Urban Park in the City of Pickering to Harmony Road in the City of Oshawa, the Durham Meadoway will connect four municipalities along more than 30 kilometres of the Gatineau Hydro Corridor. The Durham Meadoway will be the easterly extension of the existing 16-kilometre Meadoway that has transformed the same hydro corridor through Scarborough.

2.2 The Visioning Study will establish a common vision and framework to guide future detailed planning, coordination and implementation of the Durham Meadoway. Along with active transportation infrastructure, the corridor provides opportunities for ecological enhancements, gateway features and community amenities. Community input is a key component of the study as it progresses.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 <u>Report #2022-INFO-95</u> provided information to Council on the study, which commenced in October 2022.
- 3.2 <u>Report #2023-INFO-24</u> provided an update to Council in March on the Phase 1 community engagement component of the study.

4. Project Status

4.1 The Visioning Study is being conducted in three phases, as illustrated below.



- 4.2 Phase 2 of the study, which took place between March and July 2023, gathered community and stakeholder input on:
 - a. Alignment alternatives and identifying a preferred route for the Durham Meadoway multi-use path.
 - b. Two interim routes in advance of establishing the longer-term preferred route in certain sections.
 - c. Potential areas for gateways, amenities and programming as part of the concept plan.

- 4.3 The primary community engagement activities within Phase 2 included:
 - a. Stakeholder Meeting #3 held on April 17, attended by representatives from the Region and 12 organizations.
 - b. Public Open House #2 held on April 26, attended by approximately 55 residents.
 - c. Two area municipal council and committee presentations (Town of Ajax Council on April 17; and the Town of Whitby Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee on May 9).
- 4.4 Secondary community engagement activities included:
 - a. An online interactive map survey held between June 10 and July 17, showing the preferred route alignment. The interactive map survey was intended to solicit feedback on the alignment, features and ideas presented at the Public Open House. It was hosted on the "Your Voice Durham" project webpage, which received 75 submissions.
 - b. Two online communication campaigns promoting the Public Open House event as well as the interactive map survey.
 - c. Opportunities for municipal and agency stakeholders to provide comments on materials circulated by email, including the preferred route, programming and amenities.
- 4.5 Attachment #1 provides an overview of the consultation activities, participation and the key themes that emerged.
- 4.6 Materials that were presented to the public for input at Public Open House #2 on April 26 are available from the project webpage [https://yourvoice.durham.ca/durham-meadoway].

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Input collected from municipal, agency and community stakeholders will be used to:
 - Identify any refinements for the preferred route and interim routes if necessary, as well as considerations for future design work; and
 - Review the location of potential amenities, programming and places of interest along the preferred route.
- 5.2 Regional staff intend to present the content of the draft Visioning Study report to area municipal committees and/or councils in the fall. Regional staff will reach out to Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa staff to make the necessary arrangements.

5.3 It is anticipated that the final Visioning Study and recommendations from this work will be presented to a future Standing Committee in fall 2023.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
 - a. Objective 1.1: Protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails, and farmlands.
 - b. Objective 1.5: Expand sustainable and active transportation.
 - c. Objective 2.1: Revitalize existing neighbourhoods and build complete communities that are walkable, well-connected, and have a mix of attainable housing.
 - d. Objective 3.3: Enhance communication and transportation networks to better connect people and move goods more effectively.
 - e. Objective 5.1 Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.

7. Attachments

Attachment #1: Durham Meadoway Visioning Study: Phase 2 Community Engagement Summary

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Durham Meadoway Visioning Study

Phase 2 Community Engagement Summary August 2023



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Project Introduction

What is the Durham Meadoway?

The Durham Meadoway is a proposed pedestrian and cycling route and linear park that will connect people to destinations across more than 30 kilometres of Durham Region. In addition to providing a significant east-west recreational facility and active transportation spine, the Durham Meadoway also has the potential to become a multi-faceted space for people that includes ecological enhancements, public art and community amenities.

What is the purpose of the Visioning Study?



The Durham Meadoway Visioning Study will provide a robust vision and framework that will guide the future detailed planning and implementation of the corridor. The study will identify a functional (high-level) route for the multi-use path and create a concept plan for the types of experiences, amenities, gateways, public art and other elements that community stakeholders would like to see programmed or evolve over time. The Visioning Study will be the first of several initiatives that will be needed to take the Durham Meadoway from concept to construction.

The Durham Meadoway Visioning Study will culminate with a final report that will be presented and made publicly available in fall 2023.

Project milestones We are here Phase 1: October 2022 to Phase 2: March 2023 to Phase 3: July 2023 to **March 2023 July 2023** November 2023 Amenities and programming Study finalization Vision and guiding concept plan principles **Final presentations to** Route option identification Concept illustrations councils and/or committees and evaluation

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Community Engagement

Overview

Phase 2 of the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study took place between March and July. Goals of Phase 2 included:

- Evaluation of alignment alternatives and identification of a preferred route for the Durham Meadoway multi-use path.
- Recommendation for two interim routes to provide for more immediate connectivity in advance of establishing the preferred route in these sections.
- Identification of potential areas for gateways, amenities and programming located along the multi-use path as part of the concept plan.
- Presentation of draft visualizations and renderings for sections of the Durham Meadoway.
- Continued outreach with Indigenous Communities

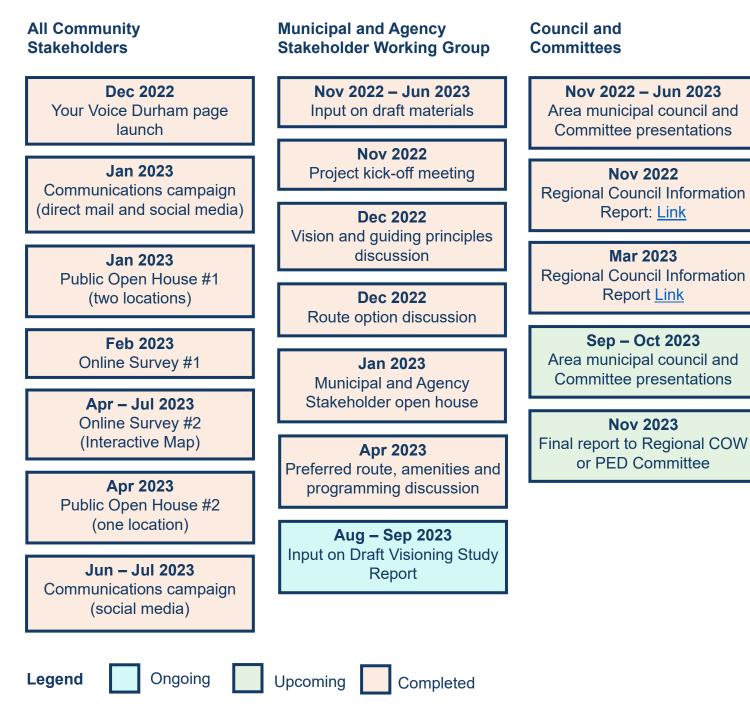
Community engagement activities in Phase 2:



How will this information be used?

	Open House	Online Interactive Map Survey	Agency and Municipal Stakeholder Working Group	Council and Committee Presentations
Inform amenities and programming concept plan	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark
Inform route option selection and evaluation	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

Engagement Activities and Timing



Municipal and Agency Stakeholder Engagement

Municipal and Agency Stakeholder meeting

1. Preferred route, programming and amenities discussion - April 17, 2023

Additional engagement activities

- Meeting with Hydro One on potential for renewable energy facilities on hydro corridor lands March 13.
- Meeting with Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO) to discuss trail alignment alternatives across Highway 412 – March 15.
- Meeting with Town of Whitby staff to discuss trail alignment alternatives across Highway 412 May 9.
- The April meeting materials were circulated to stakeholders for input, which was received from April to June.

Participating organizations

- Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)
- · City of Oshawa
- · City of Pickering
- City of Toronto Beare Hill Park
- Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC)
- Durham OneNet
- Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC)

- Hydro One Networks Inc. Real Estate Services
- Infrastructure Ontario
- Parks Canada
- Region of Durham
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)
- Town of Ajax
- Town of Whitby

Stakeholder input – key themes



Infrastructure Considerations

Municipal and agency stakeholders were asked to review and comment on the evaluation of route options and the selection of a preferred route (and interim route in two areas). The following themes emerged from the input:

- Need to confirm that the preferred route alignment can be realistically constructed (e.g., through areas with challenging topography, wetland areas and at major watercourse crossings).
- · Clarify scoring of certain route options based on technical information available.
- Consider potential costs to construct trail more explicitly as part of evaluation criteria.
- Consider connectivity of different trail types (boardwalks, hiking trails) and modes including across different seasons (e.g., cross-country skiing, snowshoeing).
- Incorporate green energy along the hydro corridor.



Interact with Nature

Municipal and agency stakeholders provided a variety of input on the proposed trail alignment as well as potential amenity areas in terms of their interaction with the surrounding environment. Main themes included:

- Ensure protection and/or enhancement of environmentally significant features, particularly for the Nature Space topology areas.
- Use native plants for restoration or enhancements of woodland or meadow cover, including droughttolerant species.
- · Minimize litter and promote recycling for Durham Meadoway users.
- Consider dark sky compliant principles to minimize light pollution, especially for natural areas.



User Experience

Municipal and agency stakeholders provided a variety of input on aspects of the Durham Meadoway that will contribute to the experience of users, including amenities, programming and focal points. Themes that emerged from these comments included:

- Ensure gateways meet proper setback requirements from road rights-of-way and zoning requirements with respect to adjacent land uses.
- Make the Durham Meadoway preferred route AODA compliant as well as other multi-use path connections to it.
- Integrate wayfinding and educational signage.
- Ensure road crossing treatments are safe; consider additional grade separations at certain locations.
- Consider best practices for low-impact pathway lighting.

Public Open House #2



Have your say on the vision for the Durham Meadoway!



Learn more and RSVP: yourvoice.durham.ca/durham-meadoway

- Held on April 26 at the Regional Headquarters building.
- Presentation materials included:
 - Project background, including final Vision Statement and Principles.
 - Route evaluation criteria.
 - · Route alignment alternatives evaluation for areas where multiple options were examined
 - Typologies for gateways, amenity areas and programming for the Durham Meadoway.
 - Draft visualizations.
 - Large map showing preferred route, connections to trails and destinations, and potential locations for gateways, amenity areas and programming.
- Participants provided input at the Public Open House and through an Online Interactive Map posted on Your Voice Durham following the event (from June 10 to July 17).

How was the open house promoted?

Public Service Announcement

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Formal notice for Public Open House #2 event.

🔆 Social Media

3 posts on the Region's Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn accounts.

Stakeholders

Additional social media by municipalities, Durham Region Cycling Coalition, and other individuals and community groups.

+ Other

Regional newsletter articles (June 15 and July 13); news story published by Novae Res Urbis, GTHA edition newsletter (July 5).

Participant Input – Key Themes

Note: Participants provided a range of feedback. For example, some participants encouraged the use of lighting and others would rather minimize lighting to avoid impacts on wildlife and nearby homes.



Natural Environment

- Concern about impacts of trail or amenity areas on sensitive uses and wildlife.
- Ensure invasive plant species are not used and risks in their spread are minimized.
- Concern with providing trail connections from the waterfront to the Durham Meadoway in terms of potential impacts.



- Consider how the multi-use path can be used at different times of day as well as for different seasons.
- Incorporate space for kid-friendly activities in Active Play topology areas.
- Opportunity to engage schools in planting or learning about natural areas along route.



Identity

- Create access to amenities such as vending machines, washrooms, water stations, etc.
- General support for amenity/typology areas (e.g., Active Play, Garden and Community, Nature Space).



- Consider Wi-Fi and good cellular coverage along the route.
- Ensure illumination and signage for better emergency response.
- Concerns regarding security and blocking off hydro tower access

Signage (Wayfinding and Education)

- Opportunity to educate on nature and human interaction.
- Access to connecting trails and cycling facilities from the Durham Meadoway route.
- Ensure connections and signage to connecting pedestrian and/or cycling routes.

Comfort and Accessibility

- Consider people with mobility issues, including safe access to parking.
- Design a space that is comfortable and maintained year-round.
- Provide moments of rest along the route.



- Consider how to reduce the impact of potential amenity areas on surrounding property owners (e.g., Nature Space topology areas)
- Concern if homeowners need to care and maintain some of the adjacent green space.

E Online Survey #2

307 visitors

- **13** contributors shared their comments on the preferred route for the Durham Meadoway (June 10 to July 17).
- 75 comments were received on the Online Interactive Map.

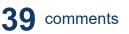
Have your say on the Durham Meadoway! Visit the project page to view the proposed route and let us know what you think.



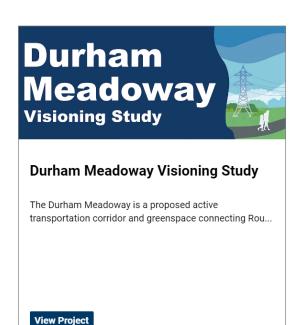
Learn more: yourvoice.durham.ca/durham-meadoway

Online Interactive Map survey categories

- Consider this when building the Durham Meadoway...
- I have a concern about the proposed route...
 - I like the proposed route because...



- **17** comments
- **19** comments



How was the survey promoted?



Newsletter

241 Your Voice Durham page subscribers reached by email, plus 2 newsletter articles.

🔆 Social Media

5 social media posts across Durham Region's Twitter and Facebook accounts.

📣 Stakeholders

Additional social media by municipalities and Durham Region Cycling Coalition.

Online Survey #2 Input – Key Themes

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Consider this when building the Durham Meadoway...

- Comments on connectivity to nearby cycling routes, trails or destinations:
 - Multi-Use Paths towards Pine Ridge Secondary School or City Centre along hydro corridor (Pickering).
 - Trails in Heber Down Conservation Area (Whitby) and Seaton Trail (Pickering).
 - Rouge National Urban Park, Beare Hill Park and Toronto Zoo.
 - Joseph Kolodzie trail along Oshawa Creek to Lake Ontario (Oshawa).
 - Transit, carpool and parking lot connections.
- Comments on the provision of signage:
 - Wayfinding signage to nearby destinations (e.g., Downtown Brooklin).
 - Emergency contact information.
 - Opportunity for educational signage at Cherrywood Transformer Station (Pickering).
- · Comments on specific locations in terms of access/traffic:
 - Controlled intersection crossings that can accommodate cyclists and pedestrians.
 - Crossing Highway 412 for Durham Meadoway and connecting north-south routes to the Waterfront Trail.

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I have a concern about the proposed route...

- Location-specific comments on the preferred route:
 - Provide safe access to Durham Meadoway; noted at several busy road intersections.
 - Suggestions for changes in route alignment; several sections noted as being in busy locations.
 - Ensure specific route sections are connected to urban areas and not secluded.
- Comments on vehicles using the Durham Meadoway:
 - Concerns about use of e-bikes and safety, as they do not generate much noise.
 - Concerns about potential for all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) using the route.

I like the proposed route because...

- Location-specific comments on the preferred route:
 - Offers great connection for active transportation, and alternative to using busy roads.
- · Comments on natural environment and other amenities:
 - · Opportunity to restore meadows and plant pollinators
 - Opportunity for interpretive signage to explain nearby features (e.g., Cherrywood Transformer Station, Duffins Creek natural environment, history of Windfields Farms, Greenbelt areas).

Council and Committee Presentations

2 presentations

During Phase 2 of the study, presentations were made to the following councils and committees at the request of area municipal staff:

Council or Committee	Date	Agenda Link
Town of Ajax Council	April 17, 2023	<u>Town of Ajax Link</u>
Town of Whitby Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee	June 8, 2023	<u>Town of Whitby Link</u>

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From:	Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report:	#2023-INFO-72
Date:	August 25, 2023

Subject:

Quarterly Report - Commissioner's Delegated Planning Approval Authority, and Summary of Planning Activity in the Second Quarter of 2023

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Region's Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development has been delegated the authority to approve certain area municipal official plan amendments in all area municipalities, as well as subdivisions, condominiums, and part lot control exemption by-laws in the Townships of Brock, Scugog, and Uxbridge. This report summarizes actions taken under this delegated authority between April 1 and June 30, 2023 (Q2).

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

2.1 Reports on planning activity and how the delegated planning approval authority is used by the Commissioner is presented at the end of every quarter.

3. Commissioner's Approval of Area Municipal Plan Amendments

3.1 Prior to the adoption of an area municipal official plan amendment by a local Council, a draft is forwarded to the Region for review and a determination as to whether it affects a matter of Regional interest, including conformity with Provincial Plans, consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement and conformity with the Regional Official Plan. If it is felt the draft amendment deals with matters of Regional significance, it is subject to approval by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. If the area municipal official plan amendment does not trigger a matter of Regional interest, then approval would rest with the area municipality.

- 3.2 In the second quarter of 2023, the Planning Division received three area municipal official plan amendment applications. All applications are exempt from Regional approval, as follows:
 - In the City of Pickering, application **OPA 23-002/P** proposes a City-initiated official plan amendment to implement the additional dwelling unit (ADU) provisions of Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan and Bill 23, More Homes, Built Faster Act.
 - In the City of Oshawa, application OPA-O-2023-01 proposes a site-specific amendment to increase the density from 550 units per hector (uph) to 1,466.7 uph, in order to permit 220 unit residential condominium building and 2 ground floor retail units. Staff are reviewing this application in conjunction with the related rezoning application Z-2023-03.
 - In the Municipality of Oshawa, application OPA-O-2023-02 proposes to redesignate the subject site from "Industrial" to "Planned Commercial Centre" to allow a mixed-use development in order to permit 5,435 dwelling units. Staff are reviewing this application in conjunction with the related subdivision application S-O-2023-02 and rezoning application Z-2023-05.

4. Commissioner's Review and Approval of Subdivision and Condominium Applications

- 4.1 The Region is the approval authority for proposed plans of subdivision and condominium in the three northern Townships. In the second quarter of 2023, the Planning Division received one new subdivision application.
 - In the Township of Uxbridge, application **S-U-2023-01** proposes to create a 16lot subdivision consisting of single detached dwellings within the Hamlet of Zephyr.

5. Commissioner's Approval of Part-Lot Control Exemption By-laws

- 5.1 The Commissioner is the approval authority for part-lot control exemption by-laws in the three northern Townships. In the second quarter of 2023, the Planning Division received one new Part Lot Control application:
 - In the Township of Uxbridge, application D-10-PLCE proposes an exemption from part-lot control to facilitate the creation of part lot blocks of 62 Parcels of Tied Land for 62 townhouses units. The application will also facilitate the development of a common-elements plan of condominium (File: S-U-2018-01).

6. Region's Review of Planning Applications

- 6.1 Regional staff review planning applications circulated from the area municipalities to ensure conformity with the Regional Official Plan (ROP), other Regional policies, and Provincial plans and policies. The Planning Division coordinates comments from other Regional Departments and responds to the area municipalities on the following planning matters:
 - Area Municipal Official Plan amendment applications;
 - Delegated plans of subdivision and condominium, and part-lot control exemption by-laws;
 - Zoning By-law amendment applications; and
 - Select minor variance applications.
- 6.2 Planning Division staff also provide coordinated comments to the Regional Land Division Committee on consent applications.
- 6.3 Attachment 1 provides a numeric summary of Regional staff's review of planning applications across the Region.

7. Regional Council's Approval of Applications to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan

- 7.1 Regional Council is the approval authority for applications to amend the Regional Official Plan.
- 7.2 As June 30, 2023, there were 16 ROPA applications under consideration (refer to Attachment 2 which includes a chart and maps). In the second quarter of 2023, no new ROPA applications were received.

8. Appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)

- 8.1 The second quarter of 2023 no appeals were received related to Land Division applications. There are currently no outstanding Land Division appeals before the OLT.
- 8.2 Four non-exempt area municipal official plan amendment applications are currently before the OLT (Refer to Attachment 3B).

9. Reserved Street Names

9.1 The Planning Division coordinates street naming in the Region. Street names are reviewed by the Region in consultation with Durham Regional Police Services in order to avoid the use of similar sounding street names. Approved street names are included in a street name reserve list for each area municipality. In the second quarter of 2023, the Region approved 35 new street names (Refer to Attachment 4).

10. Regional Woodland By-law Permit Applications

10.1 The Planning Division coordinates Good Forestry Practice permits and Clear-Cutting Permits in woodlands across the Region that are one hectare in size and greater. Good Forestry Applications are reviewed in consultation with the Region's Tree By-law Officer, the applicable area municipality and the applicable conservation authority. The Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development also approves minor clear-cutting permits, and Council is the approval authority for major clear-cutting permits (1 hectare or more in size). During the second quarter of 2023, one new Good Forestry Practice permit application was received.

11. Relationship to Strategic Plan

11.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

12.	Attachments	
	Attachment #1:	Summary of Regional Review of Planning Applications
	Attachment #2:	Summary and Maps of Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed or before the Ontario Land Tribunal
	Attachment #3A:	Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications before the Ontario Land Tribunal
	Attachment #4	Summary of Reserved Street Names
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Regional Review of Planning Applications – Summary April 1 to June 30, 2023

Area Muni	cipal Official Plan Amendments	
	Received	3
	Commented	3
Delegated	Subdivisions & Condominiums (Lakeshore Area	a Municipalities)
	Received	9
	Provided Comments & Conditions of Draft Approval	5
	Cleared Conditions of Draft Approval	0
Non-Deleg	ated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Northern M	lunicipalities)
	Received	1
	Provided Draft Approval	0
	Issued Final Approval	0
Non-Deleg	jated Part Lot Control	
	Received	1
	Commented	1
	Approved	1
Zoning By	r-laws Amendments	
	Received	16
	Commented	9
Consents		
	Received	33
	Commented	33
Good Fore	estry Practice and Clear-Cutting Applications	
	Received	1

Received	1
Issued	1

Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed, or before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) (as of June 30, 2023)

OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
2000-003	2000-273	Town of Ajax (South of Bayly St., East of Church St.)	To delete a Type C Arterial Road (Deferral #3 to the Town of Ajax Official Plan). Status: ROPA #171 maintained the
			Clements Road connection in the ROP. Planned studies related to development and the widening of Bayly Street will re- examine the connection.
2005-009	SC-2005-66	Loblaw Properties Ltd. Lots 3 & 4, Conc. 1 Town of Ajax (South of Achilles Rd., East of Salem Rd.)	To delete a Type C Arterial Road. Status: ROPA #171 maintained the Shoal Point Road extension, north of Bayly Street in the ROP. Final disposition of this file is pending.
2005-011	SC-2005-68	Brooklin Golf Club Limited Lots 21 to 25, Conc. 8 Town of Whitby (South of Myrtle Rd., West of Baldwin St.)	To permit two 18-hole golf courses and a resort/ conference centre in the Prime Agricultural designation (formerly Permanent Agricultural Reserve). Status: Awaiting further technical studies from the applicant.
2016-003		Clara and Nick Conforti – Optilinx Systems Lot 21, Conc. 4 Town of Whitby (Thickson Rd. between Taunton Rd. East and Conlin Rd.)	To permit the continuation and expansion of a contractor's yard and office in the Major Open Space designation. Status: Application appealed on December 12, 2019. Regional position in opposition to the amendment endorsed by Council on July 29, 2020. An OLT Case Management Conference was held September 7, 2021. An OLT hearing was scheduled for April 4, 2022. The appeals were dismissed at the OLT hearing held on April 4, 2022. The applicant has since submitted a leave to appeal the OLT decision with the Ontario Divisional Court. The May 20, 2022 was adjourned. A motion to dismiss the appeal is be scheduled by the Ontario Divisional Court.

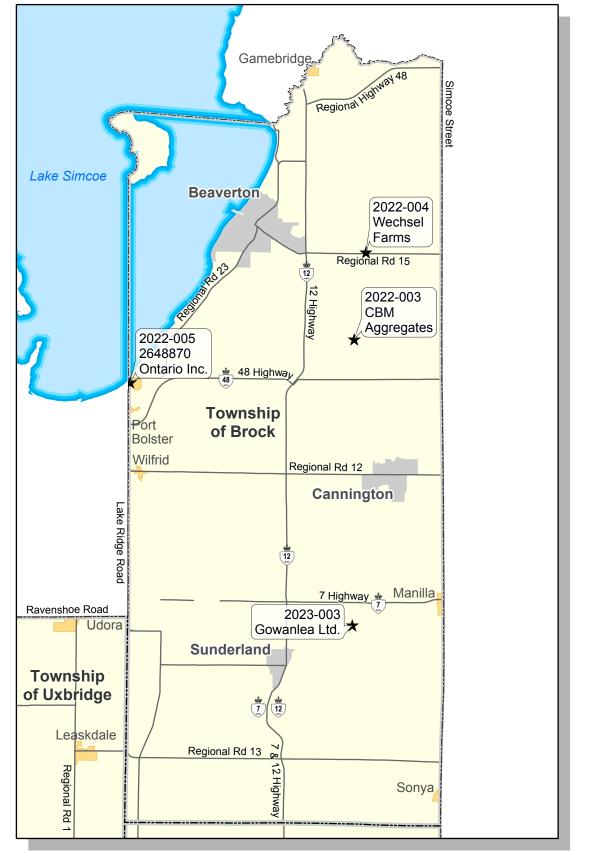
OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
2021-002		Sunrise International Investments Inc. Lot 4, Concession 5 City of Pickering (3695 Sideline 4)	To permit the redevelopment of the existing 12-hole golf course to a 9-hole golf course, a clubhouse with banquet facility, golf dome for indoor driving range, and a maintenance structure. Status: Awaiting a revised application from the Applicant. Application is on hold until it is received.
2021-003		Region of Durham. Various sites in proximity to existing and planned GO Rail stations.	To implement Protected Major Transit Station Area policies and delineations as a component of the Region's municipal comprehensive review. Status: Regionally adopted ROPA 186 was submitted to MMAH for approval in January 2022.
2021-005		Bridgebrook Corp. Lot 33, Con 6, Township of Uxbridge (7370 Centre Road)	To redesignate the subject lands from Special Study Area #6 to Living Areas to allow a plan of subdivision. Status: Applicant appealed ROPA application as well as related rezoning, subdivision and local OPA application on March 16, 2022. OLT Case Management Conference conducted on September 1, 2022. Hearing is scheduled for January 15, 2024.
2021-006		Winchcoron Holdings Limited Lot 30, Con 5, Town of Whitby (605 Winchester Road West)	To develop a golf course expansion Status: Public meeting was held on September 7, 2021. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2022-002		Norman Clements Township of Uxbridge Lot 15, Concession 4 (10899 Concession Road 4)	To permit the severance of a non- abutting surplus farm dwelling. Status: Statutory Public Meeting was held June 7, 2022. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2022-003		CBM Aggregates Township of Brock Lots 7&8, Concession 2 (S895 Regional Road 13)	To permit an aggregate pit expansion consisting of a licensed area of approximately 35.2 ha and an area proposed for extraction of approximately 22.4 ha, including above and below the water table extraction. Status: Public meeting held on September 6, 2022. Decision meeting to be scheduled.

OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
2022-004		Garth Wechsel Township of Brock Lot 6, Concession 5 (B1845 Regional Road 15)	To permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties. Status: Public meeting held on December 6, 2022. Decision meeting scheduled September 5, 2023.
2022-005		2648870 Ontario Inc. Township of Brock Lot 1, Concession 14 (23801 Thorah Park Boulevard)	To permit the development of a resort comprised of a three-storey building with 42 suites and four single-storey "villas" for a total of 46 rental units. Status: Public Meeting held January 10, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2022-006		Wooden Sticks Golf Inc., Township of Uxbridge, Part Lot 27, Concession 6. (40 Elgin Park Drive)	To permit a five-storey hotel and expanded parking area ancillary to the existing golf course. Status: Public Meeting held on April 4, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2023-001		Bethesda Ridge Farms, Municipality of Clarington, Part of Lot 8, Concession 6 (2774 Sixth Concession)	To permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties. Status: Public meeting held on April 4, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2023-002		Thornlea Holsteins Ltd. Municipality of Clarington Part Lot 1, Concession 5 (4854 Concession Road 5)	To permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties. Status: Public meeting held on April 4, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2023-003		Gowanlea Ltd. Township of Brock Part of Lots 17 & 18, Concession 7 (1705 Concession Road 7)	To permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties. Status: Public Meeting held May 2, 2023. Decision meeting scheduled for September 5, 2023.



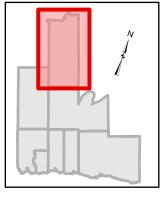
Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs) Township of Brock

As of June 30, 2023



ROPA Locations ☆ New Application × Under Consideration \otimes Refused/Withdrawn (\bigstar) Appealed to OLT 0 Approved Regional Official Plan Urban Area Hamlet Municipal Boundary -12- Provincial Highway -48 Regional Highway 5 Regional Road Local Road

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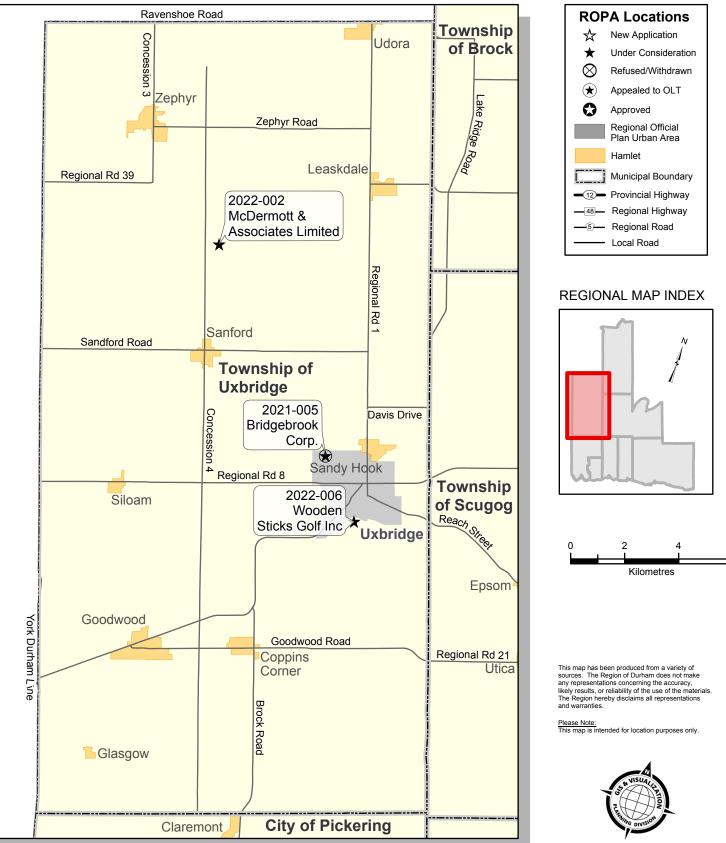
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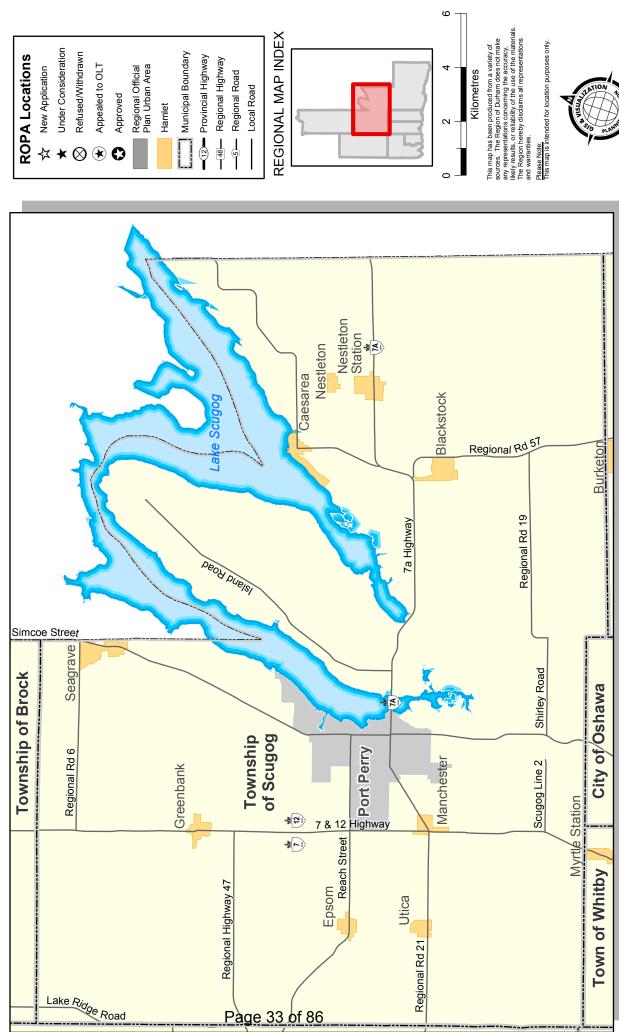


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Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs) **Township of Scugog**

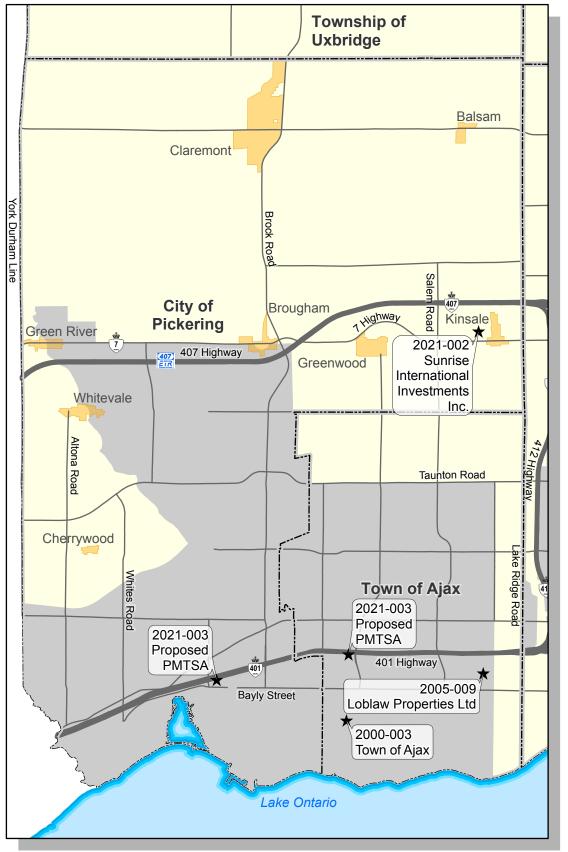
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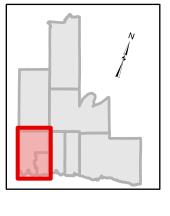
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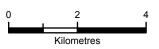
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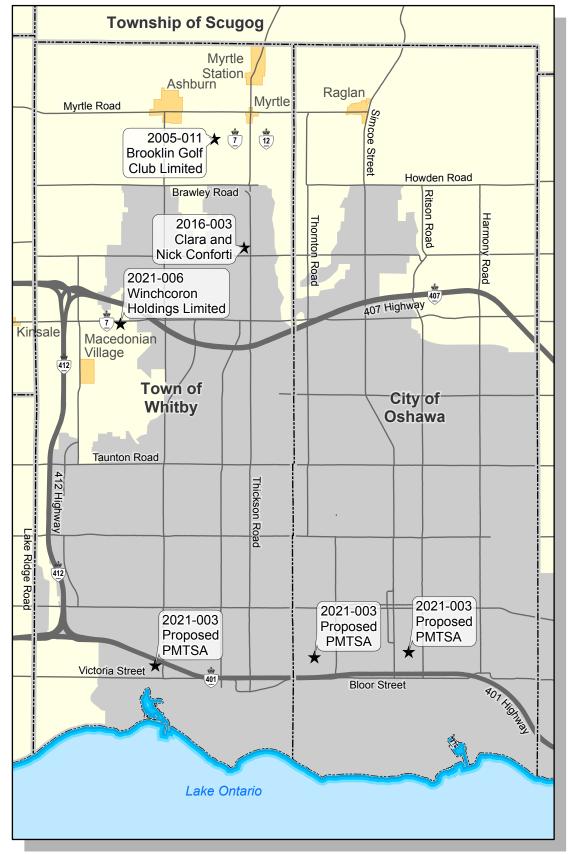
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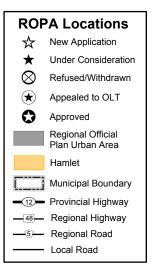




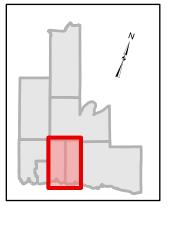
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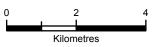
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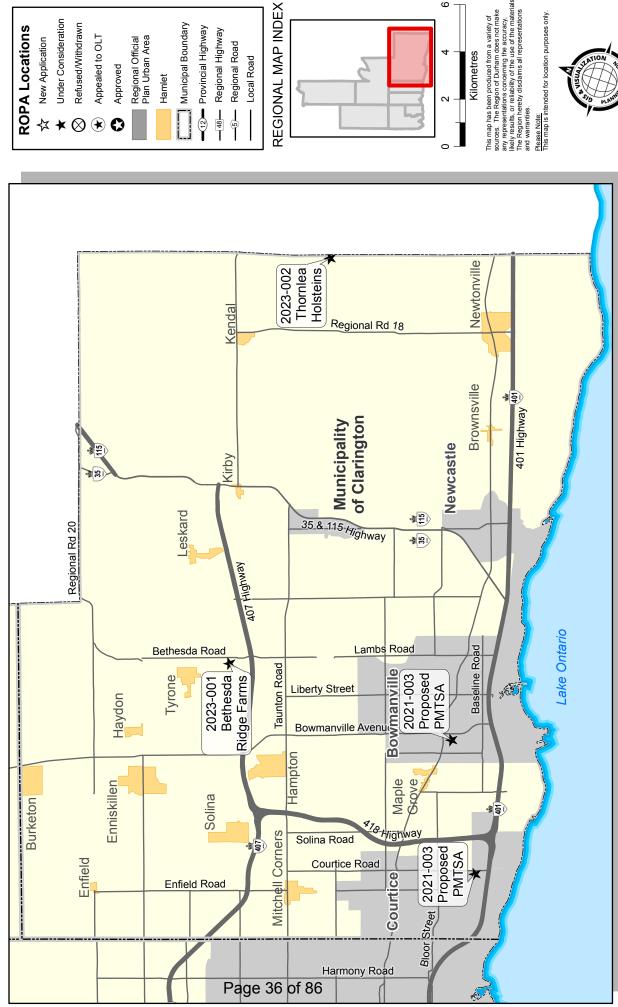
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Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs) **Municipality of Clarington** As of June 30, 2023



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Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications Under Appeal Before the Ontario Land Tribunal (As of June 30, 2023)

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
OPA 66 OLT-22- 002958 &OLT-22- 002959	Bridgebrook Corp.	Township of Uxbridge	To redesignate the lands at 7370 Centre Road from Future Residential Area to Residential.	Applicant appealed to the Township of Uxbridge's failure to make a decision on March 16, 2022. This application is related to ROPA 2021-005.An OLT Case Management Conference was held September 1, 2022, and OLT Case Management Conference conducted on September 1, 2022. Hearing is scheduled for January 15, 2024.
COPA 2022 -003 OLT-22- 004850	Wasser and Yassim Philobes	Municipality of Clarington	Appealing the low- density designation on specific parcel of land to permit a higher density use. Appealed various policies and sections of the Southwest Courtice Secondary Plan.	Case Management Conference scheduled for April 12, 2023. On April 27, 2023 the OLT dismissed the appeal in its entirety as the Appellants failed to meet the statutory requirements of the Planning Act.

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
OPA 20- 004/P (OPA 38) OLT-22- 004770	City of Pickering	City of Pickering	To add new policies and change existing policies and land use designations to the Pickering Official Plan to enable the redevelopment and intensification of the Kingston Road Corridor and Specialty Retailing Node, and to identify required infrastructure improvements and transportation connections throughout the area in support of anticipated population and employment growth.	The second Case Management Conference was held May 26, 2023, a third Case Management Conference is scheduled for July 28, 2023.
COPA 2022- 0003, OLT-23- 000308	VAD Retail Limited	Municipality of Clarington	Appealing failure of the Municipality of Clarington to make a decision within 120 days on the applicant's applications to permit a townhouse and seniors housing campus.	Case Management Conference scheduled for July 10, 2023.

Summary of Reserved Street Names (As of June 30, 2023)

Municipality	Number of New Street Names Added in first Quarter of 2023	New Street Names Added*	Total Number of Street Names Reserved
Ajax	0		318
Brock	0		45
Clarington	0		655
Oshawa	1	Armour Hanna	464
Pickering	0		659
Scugog	0		218
Uxbridge	0		153
Whitby	34	 Primrose Dandelion Radiance Candelamp Cruet Dewdrop Ebon Fanciful Farmyard Feather Feldman Fentonia Fervery Fine Cut Florentine Flying Bat Fostoria Four Pillars Garland Gooseberry Hatchet Hatpin Hobstar Honeybee Insulator 	458

Municipality	Number of New Street Names Added in first Quarter of 2023	New Street Names Added*	Total Number of Street Names Reserved
		 Jackman 	
		Kokomo	
		Lattice	
		Leaf Chain	
		 Lotus Land 	
		Lovebirds	
		Lustre	
		 Mikado 	
		Millersburg	
Total	0		2,969

* At this point in time not all suffixes have been assigned.



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Report:	Commissioner of Finance #2023-INFO-73	
Date:	August 25, 2023	

Subject:

The Consolidated Budget Status Report to June 30, 2023, and Full Year Forecast

Recommendation:

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Report:

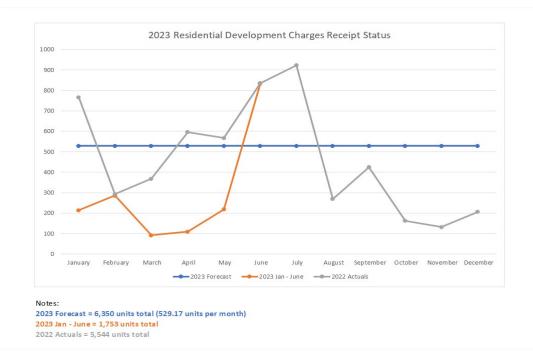
1. Purpose

1.1 The following summary on the status of the 2023 Consolidated Budget and Full Year Forecast for the General Tax Operations, and the Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Systems, is based upon information supplied by the Regional Departments, a review of the financial statements to June 30, 2023, and a forecast to the end of the year. It is important to note that there are many assumptions and estimates incorporated in this forecast.

2. Significant Factors Impacting Regional Operations

- 2.1 As noted in the Economic Updates provided by the Finance Department, the economic environment has had impacts on the local economy. While current price increases are on a downward trend, the overall price of goods increased by 1.2 per cent year-over-year compared to June 2022. Regional programs have not been immune from the impacts of the inflationary environment and the rising interest rates. The impact of these considerations have been incorporated into the full year forecast.
- 2.2 While COVID-19 impacts have largely disappeared, the Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors division of the Social Services Department and the Health Department have continued to experience increased staffing costs due to COVID-19 response and vaccination efforts. The Province has ended funding for COVID-19 extraordinary costs for the Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors division and Paramedic Services as of March 31, 2023. Any COVID-19 costs in these operations after March 31 are expected to be included in the existing base funding allocations provided by the Province.

2.3 Residential development charges receipts for the first six months of 2023 total 1,753 units, or 27.6 per cent of the forecast for 2023. Staff will continue to monitor the receipts against the forecast of 6,350 units.



3. Budget Status Summary – Regional Operations

3.1 An overall surplus is forecast for Regional property tax supported operations for 2023, as indicated in the following table:

	Surplus/(Deficit)
	<u>\$</u>
Social Services	650,000
Health and Paramedic Services	500,000
Works – General Tax Programs	(2,250,000)
Planning and Economic Development	400,000
Corporate Services	100,000
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer	(600,000)
Finance	800,000
Durham Regional Police Services	-
Durham Region Transit	(2,350,000)
Investment Earnings	10,000,000
Corporate Items and Other Initiatives	(<u>1,235,000)</u>
Overall General Tax Surplus	<u>6,015,000</u>

4. General Tax Operations

4.1 Social Services Department

Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors

- The Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors division advises that a deficit position of approximately \$1,550,000 is anticipated for the year, resulting from a number of contributing factors.
- Staff requirements and service levels are impacting staffing costs and it is estimated that this will result in a deficit of approximately \$300,000 for the year. The significant contributing factor is the use of overtime to fill shifts due to staff absences. Homes staff are Provincially mandated to be out of the Home for 10 days if they contract COVID-19.
- As noted above, the Province has terminated the Enhanced COVID-19 funding for Long Term Care facilities effective March 31, 2023 and costs related to testing, strengthened infection prevention control measures and training, a steady supply of personal protection equipment, and increased staffing levels are to be managed within the approved base Ministry funding.
- Expenses for education and training, agency personnel, building and equipment maintenance are anticipated to be \$1,700,000 over budget. The increase is due to training costs for staff, backfilling of staff vacancies with agency personnel and inflationary cost increases for operating materials and supplies, medical supplies, personal protective equipment, and infection control costs experienced in sourcing building materials and equipment parts.
- Food costs have been impacted by inflationary pressures and are anticipated to be \$100,000 over budget.
- Increased per diem funding notices from the Province subsequent to the approval of the Regional Business Plans and Budgets is anticipated to provide an additional \$900,000 of revenue during the year.
- Revenue from preferred accommodation is anticipated to be under budget by approximately \$200,000 due to a decrease in the number of beds for which the preferred rate is applied. Other miscellaneous revenues are expected to be under budget by \$100,000.
- The Adult Day program experienced a decline in the number of participants due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and has begun increasing patient intake. However, it is anticipated that the program will experience a deficit of \$50,000.

Family Services

• The Family Services Division reports that client revenue in both the Core Counselling and Employee Assistance programs is trending below budget due to higher usage of services by clients with lower income. Ability to pay is considered when fees are charged and the revenue deficit is attributable to the current client mix. However, the revenue decrease is offset by savings in operational expenditures, mainly due to staff vacancies, and as a result, a break-even position is expected for the year.

Income and Employment Support

- The Income and Employment Support division is projecting a surplus of \$300,000 for the year.
- While the caseload decreased during the pandemic, the average monthly Ontario Works caseload is now trending higher by 4.5 per cent over the prior year's average caseload. Although the province funds most of the direct program costs, a portion of the discretionary program is funded from property taxes. At this time, based on the expenditures to date, a break-even position in the discretionary program is projected for the year.
- The 2023 service contract for the administration of Durham's Ontario Works program has been approved by the Province, with funding in line with the Regional budget.
- As a result of the time required in filling staff vacancies, the Ontario Works Program Delivery budget is projected to have personnel cost savings of approximately \$300,000.
- On March 24, 2023, the Ministry announced additional 2023-2024 funding of \$7,147,800 for the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP), increasing the Region's allocation to \$18,683,900 from the previous allocation of \$11,536,100. A revised Investment Plan for 23/24 has been submitted to the Ministry. Approval to accept the unbudgeted 2023 revenue was reported to Council via report #2023-SS-7. This HPP funding, will be utilized to provide affordable housing and support services via community partners, with the objective of preventing, addressing and reducing homelessness, including chronic homelessness.

Emergency Management and Program Support Services

• The operations of the Emergency Management and Program Support Services sections are expected to be in a surplus position for 2023, with staff savings due to timing of filling vacancies being estimated at \$100,000.

Children's Services

- The Children's Services division is currently tracking to budget and anticipates a break-even position for the year.
- An estimated \$6,300,000 in Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) funding is currently uncommitted; however, additional licensees

are anticipated to participate in the program in 2023 and overall funding is expected to be fully utilized.

• A new directly operated child care centre, Village Union, is expected to be operational in September 2023, providing an additional 26 spaces for kindergarten and school age children. No surplus or deficit has been estimated at this time due to the level of uncertainty regarding revenue and expense amounts at this new site.

Housing Services

- The Housing Services division reports that expenditures continue to track below budgeted expectations, with a projected surplus of \$1,800,000.
- Savings of \$300,000 are anticipated in the Social Housing Administration area because of time lags in filling staff vacancies.
- Payments to external social housing providers, a portion of the Community Housing Program budget, are presently tracking approximately \$2,400,000 under budget, primarily due to lower than anticipated Rent Geared to Income subsidies paid to providers.
- It is anticipated that the Rent Supplement and Housing Allowance programs total budget of \$4,900,000 will be fully utilized, providing subsidy to approximately 450 households.
- The Community Housing Repairs program, which provides funding for partner housing providers to address urgent capital repairs, is anticipated to be fully spent in 2023. This program is funded by the Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) grant program, in the amount of \$3.6 million for 2023.
- The Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) program to address local priorities in areas of housing supply and affordability is underway and anticipates a break-even status, utilizing Provincial funding of \$3.4 million.
- The Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC), the Region's own housing provider, is projecting a deficit of approximately \$900,000. Cost overages for the year, primarily from winter grounds maintenance and building maintenance and repair, are anticipated to be \$400,000. Vacancy losses are projected to result in an additional \$500,000 deficit as units being rehabilitated due to tenant turnover have been impacted with supply chain issues resulting in delays to the planned rehabilitation timeframes.

Overall, a surplus position of \$650,000 is projected for the Social Services Department for the year.

4.2 Health Department

Public Health

- Public Health is reporting a break-even position for 2023.
- Operational savings currently being experienced due to staff vacancies and leaves in the mandatory programs that are provincially funded will be utilized to support any overages in the department's continued response to the COVID-19 situation and with the delivery of vaccination programs.
- In 2023, the Region has submitted funding requests for 100% one-time subsidy of \$1,400,000 for COVID-19 general support and \$4,970,000 for COVID-19 vaccination costs. Under the provincial funding formula, this onetime subsidy can only be used for costs in excess of any unused provincial subsidy and Regional funding for mandatory programs.
- While the 2023 Budget for the provincial subsidy was based on a 2 per cent increase, the province has announced 1 per cent. The impact of the recent announcement will be factored in to future reports.

Paramedic Services

- The Region of Durham Paramedic Services Division is reporting an estimated surplus of approximately \$500,000 for the year.
- Personnel costs are anticipated to be below budget by \$900,000. Savings in full time staff costs are offset by the need for increased overtime, offload delays experienced at emergency rooms, and Workers Safety Insurance claim costs, In addition, the planned Advanced Care Paramedic training will be completed this fall, which may result in a delay in staffing these positions.
- The delivery of 100% funded Community Paramedic programs is being impacted by the ability to recruit staff to deliver these services. Services are being delivered to the community with a scaled back scope of operations due to the availability of personnel.
- The 100% Provincially funded Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care program is continuing. An extension to the program from March 2024 to March 2026 was announced by the Province, with funding of \$3,000,000 for each year.
- The fuel cost budget for 2023 was adjusted based on prior years' experience and minor fuel savings have been experienced to date. The volatility of fuel costs is an area of risk, and a break-even impact is anticipated for 2023.
- It is estimated that costs related to vehicle repairs will exceed budgeted estimates by approximately \$400,000 due to increased wait time for vehicle replacements and impacts of an aging fleet.

- Savings of in the range of \$300,000 are anticipated for training costs, conferences, and other operational accounts. However, these savings are offset by additional operating costs in program lines such as medical supplies due to inflationary impacts.
- The 2023 provincial subsidy approval for RDPS is anticipated in the summer. In previous years, the Provincial approval has exceeded budgeted estimates, and a similar result for 2023 will increase the anticipated surplus.

The overall result for the Health Department is a projected surplus of \$500,000 for 2023.

4.3 Works Department

Transportation and Other General Tax Programs

- The Works Department reports that as of the end of June overall revenue and expenditures for the Transportation and other General Tax programs are projected to be in a deficit position of approximately \$1,150,000 for the year, primarily arising from the following factors.
- The Winter Maintenance program is forecasted to exceed budgeted amounts, primarily due to several significant storm events in early 2023. At this point, a deficit of \$1,500,000 is anticipated; however, the frequency and severity of events in the latter part of the year will have an impact on this estimate.
- The Roadside Maintenance program is anticipating a deficit of approximately \$750,000 due in part to increasing bridge maintenance and culvert replacement costs.
- Traffic programs such as Signals and Systems, and Signs and Markings are anticipated to be in a deficit position of \$1,200,000 for 2023, primarily due to reactive signal maintenance costs.
- Tax rate savings on closed capital projects to date the year is \$1,200,000.
- Staffing vacancies and the difficulty in attracting qualified staff to fill positions in the engineering and staff support and facilities management areas are anticipated to provide savings of approximately \$1,100,000.

Solid Waste Management

- The Solid Waste Management division is projecting a deficit position of \$1,100,000 based on the following factors.
- Contract price adjustments and fuel pricing in the Collection, Processing, Haulage and Disposal programs are estimated to contribute \$900,000 to the deficit.

- Personnel cost savings in the by-law enforcement and support areas are estimated at \$500,000, primarily from staff vacancies and time lag in filling positions.
- Pricing volatility in the sale of recycled material continues to impact 2023 revenue and a deficit of \$700,000 is estimated for the year. Market price changes over the balance of the year for recyclable commodities will be closely monitored.

Overall, the Works Department is anticipating a deficit of \$2,250,000.

4.4 Planning and Economic Development Department

- The Planning division has estimated savings of \$400,000 from vacancies experienced so far this year. A review of positions in the wake of Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, has impacted hiring; however, it is anticipated that the existing vacancies will be filled by the fall. The Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office is reporting a break-even position.
- The Economic Development and Tourism division is anticipating a break-even position at this time. Savings due to vacancies are offset by part time costs and it is anticipated that the hiring for vacant positions will be complete in the summer.
- At this time, a surplus of approximately \$400,000 is projected for the Planning and Economic Development Department.

4.5 Corporate Services Department

- The Information Technology division anticipates being at or near budgeted amounts at year end, resulting in a break-even position. Savings from staffing vacancies are being experienced; however, the savings are being offset by use of temporary and agency staff to ensure continuation of service.
- Human Resources has experienced significant numbers of staff on leave and an increase in vacancies, due primarily to retirements. In addition, support for the recruiting and hiring of vacancies experienced throughout the Region has increased pressures on the division and resulted in increased use of agency staff. The approved hiring of two unbudgeted compensation analyst positions will contribute to the 2023 deficit, currently estimated at \$400,000 for 2023.
- Legislative Services reports there will be savings of approximately \$500,000 for personnel costs due to the timing of filling vacant positions in the Council Services and Information Management sections. Savings in the printing and staffing related areas, such as training, are also being realized.
- Expenditures of Service Durham, the division responsible for the implementation and operation of my Durham311, are projecting a break-even position for 2023.

Overall, a surplus of \$100,000 is expected for the Corporate Services Department.

4.6 Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

- The programs reporting under the CAOs Office, including Corporate Communications, Strategic Initiatives, and Diversity Equity and Inclusion, anticipate savings of approximately \$400,000 due to the timing of filling vacancies.
- The Legal Services division is anticipating a break-even position for the year.
- The Provincial Offences Act (POA) program is anticipated to provide net revenue of approximately \$100,000 versus the budgeted net revenue of \$1,110,000, resulting in an anticipated deficit of approximately \$1,000,000 for the year. The number of POA charges filed during the pandemic dropped significantly from pre-pandemic times, and extensions to fine due dates for POA charges have impacted revenues as well. The shortfall in revenues has been partially offset by savings in the Court Services and Default Fine Collection programs.
- The Durham Emergency Management Office is projecting a break-even position for the year.
- Overall, the CAO office is anticipating a deficit of \$600,000 for the year.

4.7 Finance Department

• The Finance Department is projecting a surplus of approximately \$800,000 for the year. Staff turnover, with the time required to fill vacant positions and the difficulty of attracting qualified candidates, is offset by use of temporary staff and overtime resulting in a \$300,000 surplus. Earnings from management of the Region's investment portfolio are anticipated be \$500,000 above budget.

4.8 Police Services

- As of June 30, 2023, the Police Service is forecasting year end results to be close to budgeted level with an overall break-even position.
- Salary related savings are a result of vacancies caused by staff departures and on-going recruitment challenges. These savings are offset by increased spending in overtime and benefit costs supporting injured staff.
- Additionally, the July 2022 fire at the Clarington property will result in unplanned expenditures for the Police Service budget. The amount and timing of costs, and the offsetting insurance proceeds, are being assessed and finalized; however, unplanned expenditures of approximately \$900,000 are anticipated in 2023.

4.9 Durham Region Transit

- As of June 30, it is projected that Durham Region Transit will experience an operating deficit of approximately \$2,350,000. However, there are certain financial risks being monitored that will not be known until later in the year. For example, the current fuel price is resulting in savings, but price volatility, as has been experienced in recent years, is still a concern.
- To date, fare revenue is about 1.5 per cent, or \$500,000, lower than budgeted expectations, driven mainly by a 20 per cent decrease in cash fare paying revenue when compared to budget. This is offset by an increase in U-Pass revenue, as enrolment for the Winter term was higher than expected by about 8 per cent, or \$300,000. It is too early to tell whether these trends will continue through the remainder of the year, and as a result, it is conservatively projected that operating revenues will be in a break-even position.
- It is anticipated that increased advertising revenue based on new contract rates will produce a surplus of approximately \$100,000. In addition, unanticipated revenue of \$450,000 was received from the previous contract as part of the overall advertising revenue guarantees within the contract.
- The Safe Restart Program, which provided emergency assistance to maintain critical service and help transit systems deal with financial pressures related to COVID-19 was not renewed in 2023, and budgeted revenue will be short be approximately \$3,100,000.
- Overall revenue is anticipated to be in a deficit position of approximately \$2,550,000.
- The expenditure programs are anticipated to be in a break-even position.
- Payroll related expenditures are expected to be in a \$800,000 surplus due to gapping in hiring conventional operators early in the year.
- There has been considerable fluctuation and volatility related to fuel prices witnessed so far in 2023. To date, the average cost per litre is approximately \$1.50, compared to \$1.82 per litre assumed in the budget, with the June price as low as \$1.35 per litre. As a result, a surplus of \$1,100,000 related to fuel pricing has been realized as of June. If this trend in fuel prices continues through the remainder of the year, additional savings of about \$1,900,000 can be expected. However, given the recent history of fuel price volatility, it is too early to tell if this will continue for the remainder of the year. Fuel volume is also trending lower than budgeted expectations, resulting in a surplus of approximately \$600,000 to date. It is conservatively projected that fuel savings will total approximately \$1,700,000.
- A deficit of \$2,100,000 is anticipated in contract services. To provide reliability for customers, the transition to delivering all On Demand service by the third party contractor was advanced to fully deliver the service by September. On

demand services has also experienced additional ridership demand during the ridership recovery period and additional capacity was added to the network. Increased On Demand costs above budget estimates will be partially off-set by reducing conventional bus operator requirements as existing Specialized Services operators transition to deliver scheduled service.

- Inflationary costs related to parts and servicing related to bus repairs and maintenance are anticipated to result in a deficit of \$400,000 for 2023.
- Additionally, the net excess of transit tax rate financing on capital projects closed to date will contribute \$200,000 of surplus funds.
- The impact of the recent fire at the Oshawa depot site is underway. However, insurance proceeds are expected to fully cover losses at this juncture.

4.10 Investment Earnings and Corporate Items & Other Initiatives

- The rising interest rate environment experienced in 2023 has resulted in investment returns exceeding the budgeted expectations. While much of the favourable investment returns are attributed to development charges, reserve funds and capital accounts, the surplus earnings associated with the Regional property tax supported operations exceed the budget revenue by an estimated amount of \$10,000,000.
- The following major initiatives have been approved subsequent to approval of the 2023 Business Plans and Budgets and require funding from property tax sources:

In May 2023 Regional Council endorsed Report 2023-COW-19, Updated Regional Response to the City of Oshawa Request for Cost Sharing for Dedicated Downtown Patrol Enforcement. To deliver this service the following items require funding:

•	A contribution to the City of Oshawa for 50% of its 2023 special security costs to a maximum of \$500,000.	\$500,000
•	Purchase of computer equipment for outreach staff	\$25,000
•	Purchase of 3 vehicles to support the community outreach program workers and to assist in delivery of supply and services to priority populations and serve clients in need.	\$210,000

Recruiting, training and computer equipment for hiring of ten Regional outreach workers and equipment with six months of estimated costs	\$ <u>500,000</u>
Corporate Items & Other Initiatives Total	\$ <u>1.235.000</u>

• The purchase of 1635 Dundas, Whitby to address asylum, refugee and homelessness will also require financing from General Tax sources and, along with the Corporate Items and Other Initiatives listed above, will be funded to the extent possible from 2023 General Tax surplus funds, with any overage to be funded from reserve or reserve funds at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance.

5. Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Systems

Water Supply Operation

- **5.1** The Works Department reports that expenditure variances are being experienced in various Water Supply programs due to reactive work on watermain leaks, water service repairs and water valve maintenance, with a deficit of \$1,600,000 anticipated. Savings in staffing costs due to vacancies in Engineering and Staff Support, Plants and Facilities Management sections are anticipated to provide savings of approximately \$2,000,000. Overall, a surplus of approximately \$400,000 is anticipated for operational programs.
- **5.2** Emergency filter replacements at two units at the Oshawa Water Supply plant have been identified. Work is underway to determine the effort required to complete the rehabilitation of the filters, with contemporaneous efforts underway to prepare for the replacement of the filter media and related stainless steel underdrains. The preliminary estimate for this work is \$5,000,000.
- **5.3** The net excess water user rate financing on capital projects closed to date is \$6,700,000.
- **5.4** To the end of June, water consumption is trending marginally higher than that of the same period for last year. Growth in the number of water customers at approximately 0.5 per cent is in line with the estimated growth for 2023. However, consumption from the industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) sectors is returning to pre-pandemic levels and is trending higher than budgeted estimates. The combination of these factors is expected to result in an estimated water supply user rate revenue surplus of \$2,000,000 for 2023, representing approximately 1.6 per cent of budgeted user revenue.
- **5.5** Overall, a surplus position of \$4,100,000 for the water supply system is anticipated at this time.

Sanitary Sewer System

- **5.6** The Works Department projects that the current operational expenditures for the Sanitary Sewer system are anticipated to produce a surplus position of approximately \$2,600,000 by year end. Vacancies and related salary savings, primarily in the Engineering and Staff Support, Plants and Facilities Management sections, are anticipated to contribute approximately \$2,600,000 toward this projected surplus. Operational savings are expected for a number of accounts, particularly in sludge haulage and disposal estimated at \$500,000. The impact of inflationary costs for items such as chemicals and services were factored into the 2023 budget and as of June these costs are trending towards budgeted levels. It is anticipated that service volumes related to the repair and maintenance of sewer connections will result in a deficit of approximately \$500,000.
- **5.7** The net excess sewer user rate financing on capital projects closed to date is \$3,200,000.
- **5.8** Similar to water supply user revenues, the sanitary sewer charges from the residential sector are lower than expected, and billings to the ICI sectors are returning to pre pandemic levels. A surplus position of \$2,500,000 is anticipated for sanitary sewer user revenue for 2023, representing approximately 1.5 per cent of budgeted user revenue.
- **5.9** Overall, a net surplus position of approximately \$8,300,000 is anticipated for the sanitary sewer system.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- **6.1** This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
 - 5.3 Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results: Durham Region is committed to continuous quality improvement and using data and information to make evidence-informed decisions. We will support transparency and accountability by providing clear and consistent communication and sharing of results with the community.
 - 5.4 Drive organizational success through innovation, a skilled workforce, and modernized services: The Region will attract and retain a skilled and diverse workforce that embraces innovation and is committed to delivering modernized services that respond to changing expectations and fiscal realities.

7. Conclusion

7.1 Based on the available information to the end of June, surplus positions are forecast for the User Rate Supported Water Supply and the Sanitary Sewer Systems. A surplus position of approximately \$6 million is projected for the

Property Tax supported operations at this time. The extent of this surplus will depend on the final costs of items approved subsequent to the passing of the 2023 Regional Business Plans & Budgets, to address emergent issues.

7.2 Forecasting is challenging at the best of times, but in these times of extreme uncertainty, it is even more so. It is important to note that there are many assumptions needed to produce the forecast and that actual year end results may differ from the results noted above.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA Commissioner of Finance



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August 17, 2023

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 200 University Ave., Suite 801 Toronto, Ontario M5H 3C6 resolutions@amo.on.ca

Re: Resolution – Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct

At their July 10, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted a resolution supporting the call by AMO for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation strengthening Municipal Codes of Conduct.

A copy of the resolution is attached. We have also provided this resolution to our area MPP Matthew Rae and MP John Nater and respectfully requested support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tatíana Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

Encl. /ja

cc: MPP Matthew Rae MP John Nater All Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD Resolution: Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Stratford supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- 1. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- 2. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- 3. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province

- 4. Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- 5. Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for endorsement.

Adopted by City Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford on July 10, 2023.

The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1 Attention: City Clerk, 519-271-0250 extension 5329, <u>clerks@stratford.ca</u>

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Resolution Number 2023-154

Title:

Resolution Stemming from June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #21

Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by:	Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by:	Councillor Pothier

10.6.

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it the most;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles understands that the Federal National Housing Strategy allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in Community Housing Network as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national Community Housing Network relative to every other province and territories;

AND WHEREAS receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing;

AND WHEREAS the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND WHEREAS a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through Reaching Home, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of Community Housing Network nationally;

AND WHEREAS there is an inequitable distribution of Reaching Home funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles understands the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long- term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project;

AND WHEREAS taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national Canadian Housing Network amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal National Housing Strategy;

AND WHEREAS the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the Social Housing Agreement for several decades through federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs;

AND WHEREAS without some flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main National Housing Co-Investment Fund program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency and accessibility;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles appreciates the federal government's commitment to end chronic homelessness and wishes this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding Reaching Home funding to all Service Managers;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles also supports the provincial position in relation to the provinces and territories Repair Fund under the National Housing Co-Investment Fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal Housing Accelerator Fund. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understanding that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles wishes to request that Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation consider actions taken by municipalities under the province's Housing Supply Action Plans into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles believes the federal government should heed the precedent of the Social Housing Agreement and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the Rapid Housing Initiative's 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service Managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can

undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles urges the Federal Government provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all our residents;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of the Resolution be forward to the individuals listed below for consideration and support, Prime Minister Trudeau; Minister Ahmed Hussen; the local Member of Parliament (MP); Premier Ford; Minister Clark; the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

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Resolution Stemming from June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 -Correspondence #11 July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise Seconded by: **Councillor Loftus**

10.5.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, on May 9, 2023, regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA); the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED



May 10, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-293

DATE: May 9, 2023

MOVED BY: Councillor Hirsch

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward urges the province to:

 pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)

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 reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters;

THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

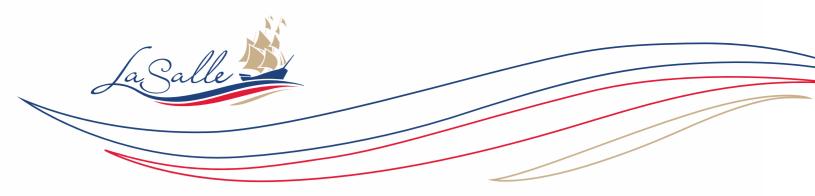
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Yours truly,

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Catalina Blumenberg, CLERK

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO



August 22, 2023

Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee Windsor-Essex Via email: vawccwe@gmail.com

Re: Declaring IPV an Epidemic

Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting, held Tuesday, August 8, 2023, gave consideration to correspondence from the Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee Windsor-Essex requesting support in declaring Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic in Windsor and Essex County.

At the Meeting, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

That Council declares Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an Epidemic in Windsor & Essex County;

And that Administration provides a letter of support to the Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee Windsor Essex (VAWCCWE) and to the municipalities and organizations that support the Declaration of IPV an Epidemic. **Carried.**

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of LaSalle's support of the above matter.

Yours Truly,

Jennifer Astrologo Director of Council Services/Clerk Town of LaSalle jastrologo@lasalle.ca

Cc: Municipalities that Declared IPV an Epidemic Organizations that Support the Declaration of IPV an Epidemic





Intimate Partner Violence IS an Epidemic

The jury in the Renfrew Inquest put forth numerous recommendations, including the declaration of intimate partner violence (IPV) as an epidemic. While the provincial government accepted or partially accepted many of these recommendations, they rejected the specific recommendation to declare IPV as an epidemic, reasoning that "intimate partner violence would not be considered an epidemic as it is not an infectious or communicable disease." However, this rationale is deeply flawed.

According to the Merriam-Webster definition, an epidemic can be described as "affecting or tending to affect a disproportionately large number of individuals within a population, community, or region at the same time," an "outbreak of disease that spreads quickly and affects many individuals at the same time," and "an outbreak or product of sudden rapid spread, growth, or development."¹ While IPV may not meet the definition of an epidemic as an "outbreak of disease," it certainly meets the criteria of affecting a disproportionately large number of individuals within a population.

The <u>scale and prevalence</u> of IPV alone should warrant the declaration of an epidemic. Statistics reveal that almost half (44%) of all Canadian women have experienced IPV in their lifetimes², and nearly two-thirds of people in Canada (64%) personally know a woman who has experienced abuse.³ Over a hundred women and girls lose their lives to violence in Canada each year, demonstrating the extensive reach and impact of this problem. In fact, in Ontario alone, 52 women were killed by their current or former intimate partners between November 2021 and November 2022⁴, and since October 2021, there have been 4 femicides in Windsor-Essex. Like many diseases, IPV has no boundaries, impacting individuals from all backgrounds, communities, and social groups. However, IPV does disproportionately affect women, Indigenous women, women living with disabilities, visible minority women, and those who identify as LGBTQ2.⁵

Recognizing IPV as an epidemic aligns with global perspectives and leaders in health. The World Health Organization has classified violence against women as a **"global health problem of epidemic proportions,"**⁶ and the United Nations Secretary-General has referred to violence against women and girls as the **world's longest, deadliest pandemic**⁷. It is not only international bodies recognizing this, as over 30 municipalities and townships in Ontario have already declared IPV an epidemic, acknowledging that it is a complex social and public health issue. It is time for Windsor-Essex to do the same.

Similar to how diseases affect various systems in the body, IPV has multidimensional impacts and consequences for survivors, and these impacts extend beyond the individual. IPV disrupts the social fabric of families, social networks, and communities. In 2009, the Department of Justice estimated that the **costs associated with IPV in Canada exceed \$7.4 billion dollars each year**, noting that this "is a

¹ www.merriam-webster.com

² Statistics Canada (2021) https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/85-002-x/2021001/article/00014-eng.pdf?st=iKS-JQPH

³ Canadian Women's Foundation (2021) https://canadianwomen.org/the-facts/gender-based-

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⁴ OAITH (2023) https://www.oaith.ca/oaith-work/we-count-femicide-because/femicide-reports-and-analysis.html

⁵ Women and Gender Equality Canada (2022) https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/gender-based-violence/intimate-partner-violence.html ⁶ WHO, 2013 <u>https://www.who.int/news/item/20-06-2013-violence-against-women-a-global-health-problem-of-epidemic-proportions-</u>

⁷ United Nations (2022) https://press.un.org/en/2022/sgsm21195.doc.htm

conservative estimate."⁸ These costs encompass justice system expenses (police, courts, prosecution, legal aid, corrections, civil protection orders, child protection system, etc.), victim costs (medical attention, lost wages, lost education, stolen/damaged property, pain and suffering), and third-party costs (social services, losses to employers, negative impacts on children and other government expenditures).⁹

Additionally, the cyclical and intergenerational transmission of IPV cannot be ignored. Children who are exposed to IPV have an increased risk of developing psychological, social, and behavioural problems such as mood and anxiety disorders, PTSD, and substance abuse^{10, 11}. They may also face school-related issues¹² and are at an increased risk of experiencing emotional abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect¹³ and, in some cases, death.¹⁴ Furthermore, just like a disease, exposure can lead to further transmission, as children who are exposed to IPV are at risk of perpetuating violence in adulthood^{15,16,17,18,19}, emphasizing the need to address this issue comprehensively.

The initial recommendation to declare IPV an epidemic is based on the understanding that epidemic status extends beyond the realm of infectious diseases. It acknowledges the pervasive and widespread impact of IPV on individuals, families, and communities. By disregarding the recommendation and using a narrow definition of an epidemic, the province is overlooking the severity and urgency of IPV as a public health crisis. IPV is often deemed a "private matter" because it happens behind closed doors. Declaring IPV as an epidemic will help to bring it out of the shadows.

Understanding the parallels between IPV and disease epidemics underscore the urgency of addressing IPV as a public health issue. It necessitates a comprehensive response encompassing prevention, intervention, support services, and community education and awareness to effectively combat the pervasiveness and multidimensional impact and cycle of IPV.

Just as Ontario was the first province in Canada to address domestic violence in the workplace by amending the Occupational Health and Safety Act, let us take the lead once again. Together, by declaring IPV an epidemic in Windsor-Essex, we will work towards making Ontario the trailblazer in formally recognizing and addressing IPV as the urgent public health crisis it is.

Sincerely,

Amy Peirone, Coordinator, Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee Windsor-Essex

⁸ Department of Justice, 2009 <u>https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/cj-jp/fv-vf/rr12_7/p0.html</u>

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¹⁰ Osofsky, J.D. (2003). Prevalence of children's exposure to domestic violence and child maltreatment: Implications for prevention and intervention. *Clinical Child & Family Psychology Review*, 6, 161–70.

¹¹ Wathen, N.C., & MacMillan, H.L (2013). Children's exposure to intimate partner violence: Impacts and Interventions. Paediatric Child Health, 18(8). ¹² Levendosky, A.A, Bogat, G.A, & Martinez-Torteya, C,(2013). PTSD symptoms in young children exposed to intimate partner violence. *Violence Against Women*, 19, 187–201.

¹³ Graham-Bermann, S.A., Castor, L.E., Miller, L.E., & Howell, K.H. (2012). The impact of intimate partner violence and additional traumatic events on trauma symptoms and PTSD in preschool-aged children. *Journal of Trauma Stress*, 25, 393–400.

¹⁴ Jaffe, P.G., Campbell, M., Hamilton, L.H., & Juodis, M. (2012). Children in danger of domestic homicide. Child Abuse & Neglect, 36, 71–4.

¹⁵ Schwartz, J.P., Hage, S.M., Bush, I., & Burns, L. (2006) Unhealthy parenting and potential mediators as contributing factors to future intimate violence: A review of the literature. *Trauma Violence Abuse*, 7, 206–21.

¹⁶ Forke, C.M., et al. (2018) Witnessing intimate partner violence as a child: How boys and girls model their parents' behaviours in adolescence. *Child Abuse* & *Neglect*, *84*, 241-252.

¹⁷ Curtis, A., et al. (2022). Childhood predictors of adult Intimate Partner Violence Perpetration and Victimization. *Journal of Family Violence*, https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-022-00451-0

¹⁸ Roberts, A. L., Gilman, S. E., Fitzmaurice, G., Decker, M. R., & Koenen, K. C. (2010). Witness of intimate partner violence in childhood and perpetration of intimate partner violence in adulthood. *Epidemiology*, *21*(6), 809–818.

¹⁹ Baker, L., & Etherington, N. (2016) The Link between Boys' victimization and adult perpetration of Intimate Partner Violence: Opportunities for Prevention across the Life Course. London, Ontario: Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children.



What is Intimate **Partner Violence?**

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is the use of behaviour to gain control and power over an intimate partner (i.e. a current or former spouse, dating, or sexual partner). It may include a pattern of physical or sexual violence, criminal harassment, threats of physical or sexual violence, reproductive coercion, coercive control, spiritual abuse, cyberviolence, and/or emotional, financial, or psychological abuse.⁶ In some cases, IPV culminates in femicide, broadly defined as the gender-based killing of women and girls.7

Who Experiences **Intimate Partner** Violence?

Victims can be of any age, gender, sexual orientation, educational background or income.⁸ However, IPV is highly gendered, as women account for the majority of those victimized by IPV, and experience IPV with greater frequency/severity (i.e., being choked, being assaulted or threatened with a weapon, or being sexually assaulted).⁹ Due to the devastating impacts of colonialism, IPV against Indigenous women is significantly higher than non-Indigenous women.10

Declare Intimate Partner Violence An Epidemic

Background

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In June 2022, an inquest was held for the 2015 deaths of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam of Renfrew County, who were murdered by their former partner. Out of this inquest, the jury made 86 recommendations for change. The first jury recommendation is for the Government of Ontario to declare intimate partner violence an epidemic.¹

Why Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic?

2021 marked the seventh consecutive year of an increase in police-reported IPV in Canada.² Nearly half of all women in Canada report some form of IPV in their life, and one woman is killed every six days by a current or former partner.³ IPV requires immediate and creative responses from all levels of government, and all sectors of service provision. The consequences of IPV are long-lasting and far-reaching. Two-thirds of Canadians know a woman who has experienced some form of intimate partner violence.⁴ These women are our friends, children, parents, colleagues, employees, and employers. Despite continuing progress in public education, a stigma is still attached to being a victim of IPV. Many choose not to report because they believe their experiences of violence are a private matter and that they may not be believed or taken seriously.⁵

In declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic, Windsor-Essex will have the opportunity to demonstrate leadership on this issue, representing a community committed to ending violence in intimate relationships. This declaration will send a strong message to victims of IPV that they need not suffer violence in private and that they are part of a community that will stand with them, support them, believe them, and prioritize their right to safety. Further, this declaration will make it clear to our residents and the province that Windsor-Essex will not tolerate this violence in our community.

Progress on Recommendation #1

On December 14, 2022, Lanark County became the first county in Ontario to declare IPV an epidemic. On International Women's Day, (March 8, 2023), the Ottawa city council declared IPV an epidemic with the support of the Ottawa Police Service. To date, over a dozen counties, townships and municipalities have supported the declaration to make intimate partner violence an epidemic.

What We Ask of You

We ask that Windsor Essex demonstrate leadership, compassion, and commitment to the safety of our residents by declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic.

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Who Perpetrates **Intimate Partner** Violence?

Men are more likely than women to perpetrate intimate partner violence.²¹One review of IPV convictions in Ontario showed that 92% of offenders were men.²² Children who have been exposed to IPV are more likely to carry out acts of violence in their intimate relationships as they grow up.²³ The Children's Aid Society is mandated to investigate IPV in a home where a child is present. In 2018, 45% of all substantiated Children's Aid Society investigations in the province were for a child's exposure to IPV.24

Who are we?

The Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee of Windsor-Essex is a crosssectorial committee comprised of community-based organizations that work together to provide a trauma-informed coordinated response for women experiencing violence and their children. Currently, there are 35 members from 28 local organizations throughout Windsor and Essex County.

Declare Intimate Partner Violence An Epidemic

IPV in Windsor-Essex

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Since October 2021, four women were killed by a current or former intimate partner in Windsor-Essex. Many others have experienced IPV, which did not, or has not yet, culminated in their murder. In 2022, Windsor Police Service reported 2378 calls to police for IPV. During that same period, Hiatus House, our local provider of domestic violence services for women, received 2357 crisis calls. Sharing the work to provide shelter in crisis, Hiatus House, The Welcome Centre Shelter for Women & Families and Nisa Homes sheltered 1234 women and children. Due to capacity challenges, 53 women and children had to be turned away from Hiatus House.

Intimate Partner Violence in Canada

According to the 2018 Survey of Safety in Public and Private Spaces, 43% of Canadian women have experienced psychological violence from an intimate partner, and 23% of Canadian women have experienced physical violence from an intimate partner.¹¹

Further highlighting the severity of this, is that every six days, a woman in Canada is murdered by her intimate partner.¹² Moreover, a known history of intimate partner violence precedes six of every ten homicides perpetrated by an intimate partner.¹³ The Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses most recent report, spanning November 2021 to November 2022 showed 52 women and girls murdered in Ontario during that period.¹⁴

- While victims of IPV represented 30% of all victims of police-reported crime in Canada¹⁵, only 20% of IPV cases are reported to police.¹⁶ In 2019, there were 30,185 victims of police-reported IPV in our province, a 4% increase since 2018.¹⁷ In four years, from 2012-2016, 10,935 visits were made to Emergency Rooms in hospitals across Ontario for injuries caused by IPV.18
- The Department of Justice Canada estimates that each year, \$7.4 billion dollars is spent on the aftermath of IPV.¹⁹ These projections consider the costs
- of the involvement of police, criminal justice system and costs such as
- emergency room visits, loss of income, funeral expenses, and intangible costs
- (e.g., pain and suffering). Studies show that IPV is one of the leading causes of
- housing instability and homelessness for women and girls in Canada.²⁰

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Snapshot2022

WINDSOR-ESSEX POPULATION: 422,630

POLICING & JUSTICE		POLICE & JUSTICE
Intimate Partner Violence Calls to Police	2,378	Appels à la police pour violence entre partenaires intimes
Sexual Violence Calls to Police	229	Appels à la police pour violence sexuelle
Human Trafficking Calls to Police	16	Appels à la police pour trafic humain
Referrals to Partner Assault Response Program	419	Aiguillage vers le programme de réponse aux agressions par des partenaires
*Calls to police represent Windsor-Police Calls.		
CRISIS RESPONSE		RÉPONSE AUX APPELS DE CRISE
Crisis Calls to Women's Shelter	2,357	Appels de crise à la maison d'hébergement
Sexual Assault Crisis Calls	423	Appels pour aggression sexuelle
Victim Services Crisis Response	1,557	Services d'aide aux victimes - Intervention en cas de crise
Crisis Walk-Ins & Visits	3,766	Visites en cas de crise
Emergency Department Visits for Opioid Overdose	362	Visites au service d'urgence liées à une intoxication aux opioïdes
HOUSING		LOGEMENT
Women & Children in Shelter * (53 Women and children turned away from DV shelter)	1,234	Femmes et enfants dans les maisons d'hébergement * (Accès refusé à 53 femmes et enfants)
Immigrant & Refugee Women & Children Supported in Transitional Housing	108	Femmes et enfants immigrés et réfugiés hébergés dans les logements de transition
# of times single women turned away from shelter	667	# de fois où une femme célibataire s'est vue refuser l'accès à un centre d'hébergement
*Hiatus House, Welcome Centre Shelter for Women and Families, & Nisa Hon	nes	*Hiatus House, Welcome Centre Shelter for Women and Families, & Nisa Homes



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SUPPORTS		SOUTIEN
Clients Receiving Counselling Services*	999	Clientes recevant des services de Counseling*
Served in French (RFSOO)	167	Servies en français (RFSOO)
Served with Interpretation	159	Servies avec interprétation
New Intakes to Support Individuals Trafficked (into Sex Trade, for Marriage, and for Labour)	85	Nouvelles admissions de personnes victimes de trafic humains (pour la prostitution, le mariage et le travail)
# Visitors to Homelessness & Housing Help Hub (H4)	1300	# de visiteurs au centre d'aide aux sans-abri et au logement ''H4'' (Housing Help Hub)
# Visitors to The Windsor Youth Centre	381	# de visiteurs au Centre de jeunes de Windsor
Victim Services Funding Supports (for basic necessities, safety enhancements, and residential treatment)	\$150,000	Soutien financier aux services d'aide aux victimes (pour les produits de première nécessité, les articles de renforcement de la sécurité et le traitement résidentiel)
*RFSOO, SACC, Family Services & Victim Services of Windsor & Essex		*RFSOO, SACC,Family Services & Victim Services of Windsor & Essex
POVERTY	F	PAUVRETÉ
Individuals accessing food banks	21,091 F	Personnes ayant accès aux banques alimentaires
Individuals provided with housing supports	1,175 _L	es pers onnes fournies avec un soutien au logement
Youth referred to partner agencies	362 _L	es jeunes orientés vers des organismes partenaires.
Individuals assisted to job readiness	48 Le	es personnes aidées à la préparation à l'emploi
CHILD WELFARE	PI	ROTECTION DE L'ENFANCE
Child protection investigations	2,648 _E	Enquêtes sur la protection de l'enfance
Average # of children in care	395 ‡	# moyen d'enfants pris en charge
Total families serviced	3,460 -	Total des familles servies
COMMUNITY SERVICE GAPS		ACUNES DANS LES ERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES
 Service demands result in waitlists. Need for an increase in services for those with severe mental health issues 		La demande de services entraîne des listes d'attente. Nécessité d'augmenter les services pour les personnes souffrant de graves problèmes de santé mentale.



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The VAWCCWE of Windsor-Essex works collaboratively with a network of organizations, groups, and individuals to end domestic violence through leadership, education and advocacy.

Le Comité de coordination contre la violence faite aux femmes de Windsor-Essex (CCCVFFWE) travaille en collaboration avec un réseau d'organismes, de groupes et d'individus pour mettre fin à la violence conjugale grâce au leadership, à l'éducation et à la sensibilisation.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS / ORGANISMES MEMBRES

- AIPARG, University of Windsor
- Beauty is Me
- Can-Am Indian Friendship Centre
- Community Living Essex County
- Correctional Service Canada
- Downtown Mission of Windsor *
- Family Services Windsor-Essex Counselling & Advocacy Centre *
- Hiatus House *
- LaSalle Police Service
- Legal Assistance of Windsor / WEFiGHT *
- Members-at-Large/Survivors
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
- Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
- Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County *
- Neighbours, Friends & Family
- Nisa Homes *

- Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH)
- Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General/Office of the Crown Attorney
- OAITH Survivor Advisory Committee (OSAC)
- Probation and Parole (Ontario)
- Réseau-Femmes du Sud-Ouest de l'Ontario *
- Service Canada
- Sexual Assault Crisis Centre of Essex County *
- South Asian Centre of Windsor
- TransWellness Ontario
- University of Windsor
- Victim Services of Windsor and Essex County*
- Victim Witness Assistance Program
- Welcome Centre Shelter for Women*
- Women's Enterprise Skills Training of Windsor Inc.
- Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society *
- Windsor Police Service *
- Windsor Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence & Safekids Care Centre
- Windsor Women Working With Immigrant Women
- YMCA of Southwestern Ontario

*Organization provided data for this snapshot. / Organisme qui a fourni des données.

Note: Windsor-Essex Population (Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population) / Population de Windsor-Essex (Source: Statistique Canada, recensement de la population de 2021).



List of Municipalities and Townships that Declared IPV an Epidemic

- 1. City of Windsor
- 2. City of Ottawa
- 3. Oxford County
- 4. Conmee Township
- 5. Halton Region
- 6. City of Burlington
- 7. Town of Halton Hills
- 8. Town of Milton
- 9. Town of Oakville
- 10. Head, Clare and Maria Township
- 11. Lanark County
- 12. Town of Carleton Place
- 13. Town of Mississippi Mills
- 14. Town of Perth
- 15. Municipality of Mattice Val Coté
- 16. Municipality of Kincardine
- 17. North Algona Wilberforce Township
- 18. Oxford County
- 19. City of Woodstock
- 20. Peel Region
- 21. City of Brampton
- 22. Prince Edward County
- 23. Regional Municipality of Durham
- 24. Town of Ajax
- 25. Municipality of Clarington
- 26. City of Pickering
- 27. Town of Whitby
- 28. Renfrew County
- 29. Township of Armour
- 30. Township of Enniskillen
- 31. Town of Hawkesbury
- 32. Town of Laurentian Hills
- 33. Town of Rainy River
- 34. Town of Renfrew
- 35. Town of Smith Falls



Organizations that Support the Declaration of IPV an Epidemic in Windsor-Essex

- 1) Hiatus House
- 2) LaSalle Police Service
- 3) Legal Assistance of Windsor
- 4) Nisa Homes Windsor
- 5) Probation and Parole
- 6) Sexual Assault Crisis Centre
- 7) Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre
- 8) Southwest Detention Centre
- 9) St. Leonard's House Windsor
- 10) The Welcome Centre Shelter for Women and Families
- 11) The University of Windsor, President
- 12) The Animal and Interpersonal Abuse Research Group (AiPARG)
- 13) The Health Research Centre for the Study of Violence Against Women (HRC-VAW)
- 14) Sexual Misconduct Response & Prevention Office
- 15) Victim Services of Windsor and Essex County
- 16) Windsor Essex Children's Aid Society
- 17) Windsor Essex Community Health Centre
- 18) Windsor Family Health Team
- 19) Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women
- 20) YMCA Southwestern Ontario
- 21) Essex County Youth Diversion
- 22) Réseau-Femmes du Sud-Ouest de l'Ontario
- 23) House of Sophrosyne
- 24) Downtown Mission of Windsor



How Local Municipalities Can Help

- Declare Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an Epidemic.
- Integrate IPV into the Regional Community Safety and Well-Being plan to recognize that this is a priority within Windsor & Essex County.
- Consult with stakeholders to strengthen local supports for survivors of IPV by building service capacity through the increase of coordination between city services (housing, transit, child care) with other core supports (substance, mental health, probation, police, shelters, justice and health care).
- Streamline case processing and management for ease of access for community partners assisting survivors in navigating the system.
- Continue to work with service providers in granting survivors of IPV priority one status for social housing lists.
- Work with local shelters and stakeholders to address the lack of transitional housing so victims of IPV are not discharged from shelters into homelessness and can rebuild their lives in a safe space.
- Advocate for IPV supports at the Provincial and Federal levels of government. Ask that the recommendations outlined in the final report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), the Verdict of Coroner's Jury for the Renfrew Inquest & The Nova Scotia Mass Casualty Commission be implemented.
- Recognize the importance of the National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence, Claire's Law, Coercive Control, and other tailored approaches designed to tackle and address IPV.
- Support a local multi-sector risk assessment screening tool and increase training for municipal employees to help identify the warning signs of IPV and to provide information on how best to assist survivors. Recognize the importance of our multi-cultural jurisdiction and the statistics that indigenous and racialized groups are at higher risk.
- Partner with the local VAWCCWE to produce public information campaigns to educate on program availability (e.g., Neighbours, Friends, and Families, Bystander Training) and safety planning resources.



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August 11, 2023

Climate Emergency Unit c/o The David Suzuki Institute 201 Pringle Farm Rd Saltspring Island, BC V8K 2Y2

Dear Erin Blondeau, Director of Communications

Re: Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT)

Please be advised that the Council for the Township of Severn received correspondence respecting the Just Transition Transfer (JTT) at their recent August 9th, 2023 Council meeting.

Following discussion Motion C2023-042 was passed:

Moved by Councillor - Ward 3 Phil Brennan Seconded by Deputy Mayor Judith Cox

WHEREAS Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are slowly starting to trend downward, but the reduction trajectory remains incongruent with what science and justice demands;

WHEREAS Canada must spend what it takes to confront the climate emergency, and there is an urgent need for Canada to spend more on climate infrastructure that would drive down GHGs and hasten the transition off fossil fuels;

WHEREAS Canada needs to make an audacious and hopeful offer to those workers and communities whose employment and economic security is currently tied to the fossil fuel industry (and to a lesser extent the auto, steel, concrete, and agriculture industries, etc., all of which face substantial transition challenges), and to Indigenous communities on the frontlines of fossil fuel extraction;

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WHEREAS the federal government has introduced a *Sustainable Jobs Act*, but this Act needs to be paired with and backed-up by a substantial investment in the jobs of the future;

WHEREAS much of the climate infrastructure needed will come under provincial, municipal and Indigenous jurisdiction (renewable energy, grid upgrades, public transit, zero-emission housing, etc.), and training comes under provincial jurisdiction, but it is the federal government that has the greatest capacity to pay;

WHEREAS a new federal Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT) specifically linked to funding climate infrastructure projects that would create hundreds of thousands of jobs, along with training and apprenticeships programs for workers and those leaving the oil and gas industry -- would be a transformative program that signals that Canada is indeed entering emergency mode;

WHEREAS the JTT would be an annual transfer of approximately \$25 billion from the federal government to provincial/territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments, purpose-built to meet the climate emergency imperative to decarbonize our society, ensuring communities can fund the infrastructure and training needed to transition off fossil fuels, while creating thousands of sustainable jobs in a way that is specific to their needs and locale;

WHEREAS the JTT's distribution would be based on a formula linked to recent GHG emissions in each province (but fixed from that point onward, so as not to perversely incentivize continued high GHGs), recognizing that some jurisdictions face a more challenging task to transition their local economies;

WHEREAS the JTT would transfer federal funds to newly established just transition agencies in each province and territory -- jointly governed by the federal government, provincial/territorial governments, municipal governments, and local Indigenous nations -- and in some case directly to Indigenous nations, ensuring the transfer money is not simply absorbed into provincial or municipal budgets or used to displace other infrastructure or

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training funds, but rather, ensuring the money is used for its intended purpose, and that fund are allocated in a manner sensitive to local climate action plans, the unique GHG profiles of each region, and to local labour market/training needs;

WHEREAS a JTT could provide significant, stable, multi-year funding for the climate infrastructure and training/employment needs of municipalities, Indigenous communities, energy utilities, public transit authorities and public housing authorities;

WHEREAS the federal government is welcome to title such a new transfer as they see fit (e.g. a Sustainable Jobs Transfer or a Climate Infrastructure Transfer);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Severn formally endorses the call for a new Just Transition Transfer; and

THAT the Township of Severn urges the federal government to establish a new Just Transition Transfer, starting with a major financial commitment in the next federal budget; and will write to the federal ministers concerned expressing this support;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities.

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (705) 325-2315 x 232 or by email at <u>agray@severn.ca</u>

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Regards,

Alison Gray

Alison Gray, BAH, CMO, AOMC Clerk

Cc Ontario Municipalities

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The Corporation of the County of Northumberland 555 Courthouse Road Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

August 18, 2023

Hon. Paul Calandra (Minister of Long-Term Care)
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance)
Hon. David Piccini (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Northumberland County Resolution – 'Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services'

At a meeting held on August 16, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-08-16-556 adopting the below recommendation from the July 31, 2023 Community Health Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Lucas Cleveland Seconded by: Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** the Community Health Committee, having considered correspondence from the City of Pickering regarding 'Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services', recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Long-Term Care), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2023-08-16-556

Carried



If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at <u>matherm@northumberland.ca</u> or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely, Maddison Mather

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Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk Northumberland County



Council Resolution

Moved By	Cleveland
	R. Crate

Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2023-08-16<u>-556</u>

Council Date: August 16, 2023

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held July 31, August 1, and August 2, 2023), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

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Public Health a	Ind Opioid Overdose Crisis	
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And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by		Carried	Charley Rantin
	Councillor's Name		Warden's Signature
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Community Health Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date:	July 31, 2023
Agenda Item:	7.a
Resolution Number:	2023-07-31-516
Moved by:	L. Cleveland
Seconded by:	M. Martin
Council Meeting Date:	August 16, 2023

"That the Community Health Committee, having considered correspondence from the City of Pickering regarding 'Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services', recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Long-Term Care), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

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Sent by Email

May 29, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Room 281 Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1 premier@ontario.ca

Subject: Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services Corr. 24-23 File: A-1400

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on May 23, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

- That Corr. 24-23 from Chris Bantock, Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford, dated April 17, 2023, regarding Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services, be received and endorsed; and,
- That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care, Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth-Wellington, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,

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Susan Cassel City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth-Wellington Chris Bantock, Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) All Ontario Municipalities Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment Corr. 24-23



City of Stratford Corporate Services Department Clerk's Office City Hall, P. O. Box 818 Stratford, Ontario N5A 6W1 Tel: 519-271-0250, extension 5237 Email: <u>clerks@stratford.ca</u> Website: <u>www.stratford.ca</u>

April 17, 2023

Via email: ltcminister@ontario.ca

Ministry of Long-Term Care 6th Floor, 400 University Avenue Toronto, ON M5G 1S5

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services

At their April 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution requesting the provincial government to support community driven home care services through the redirect of ministry beds in abeyance funding:

THAT staff be requested to send a letter to the provincial government to endorse the redirect of current ministry beds in abeyance funding towards the support of community care services.

We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Chrís Bantock

Chris Bantock Deputy Clerk

cc: Premier Doug Ford Matthew Rae, MPP Association of Municipalities of Ontario All Ontario municipalities



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The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago Council Meeting

Agenda Number:	15.2.
Resolution Number	23-131
Title:	Request to Province to establish a regulatory framework for digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO - Resolution to Support
Date:	Friday, August 18, 2023

Moved by:Councillor BartonSeconded by:Councillor Cade Fraser

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of The Archipelago has received a request for support from the Town of Fort Erie with regards to Controls on Airbnb, VRBO and other global technology platforms which affect municipal rentals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of The Archipelago hereby supports the Town of Fort Erie's resolution and requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

- 1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations; and
- 2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality; and
- 3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried