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The Regional Municipality of Durham
Information Report

From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2023-INFO-81
Date: September 28, 2023

Subject:

Durham Region Humanitarian Response - Asylum Seekers and Refugee Status Update

Recommendation:

Receive for Information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the Regional Municipality of Durham's (Region) local humanitarian response to manage the influx of newcomers, refugees, and asylum seekers since July 2023.

2. Background

2.1 On July 10, 2023, the Region expanded a regional humanitarian response to manage the sudden influx of newcomers requiring basic needs assistance arriving in Durham Region. The Region is currently providing assistance to approximately 235 newcomers.

2.2 The composition of newcomers in Durham Region are primarily East African and a small portion from Ukraine and South America.

2.3 The majority of the refugees are young single males. Families with children and single females make up a very small percentage of the newcomers receiving assistance.

3. Current State

3.1 The Region's emergency shelter system is at capacity and is not able to support an influx of people experiencing homelessness. In response, an additional 235

temporary shelter beds were acquired through the use of hotels and motels across Durham. It is anticipated that this demand will continue into the winter months, which will only put additional pressure on a system that is unable to respond. During September, the Region is receiving 15-20 newcomers per week which is up from the 5-8 received weekly in July and August.

- 3.2 In addition to the 235 Asylum Seekers being supported directly through temporary shelter beds, an additional 50-70 remain homeless and are accessing local community agency supports such as meals, clothing and donations, and referrals to settlement services. As such, increased funding has been allocated to these agencies under the Region's Homelessness Program for the influx of costs incremental to the demand.
- 3.3 Staff are operating this response in partnership with a local settlement agency (i.e., Community Development Council Durham (CDCD)) and had established service centres in hotels across Pickering, Ajax, and Whitby. During the summer period, the Region occupied Durham College in Oshawa until the end of July and transitioned all Durham College clients to alternative locations for the rest of the response period, as students were scheduled to return to residences for the start of the school year.

4. Federal and Provincial Supports

- 4.1 On July 18, 2023, the Federal Government through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) announced a one-time injection of approximately \$212 million in funding into the Interim Housing Assistance Program (IHAP), which will be extended until March 31, 2024. Within this announcement, was a commitment of \$97 million to the City of Toronto to provide shelter for refugee claimants. At the time, there was no indication of a specific allocation for other municipalities also being impacted by the influx.
- 4.2 By providing IHAP allocations, the federal government anticipates "that this support will enable provinces and municipal governments to continue delivering effective interim housing solutions for asylum claimants, strengthen their interim housing capacities, and limit the need for the federal government to directly provide interim housing services."¹
- 4.3 Regional staff have been in contact with IRCC staff directly and have submitted an application for reimbursement of costs associated with the response through IHAP, covering costs from July 2023 to the end of December 2023. Staff are also seeking confirmation of an indication of an allocation amount for 2024 for Durham. Eligible expenditures under IHAP consist of interim housing and associated costs and may include, for example: temporary accommodations; triage and transportation operations; other indirect costs related to the provision of interim housing for asylum claimants. Regional staff will be connecting directly with any lower tier

¹ [Interim Housing Assistance Program - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/interim-housing-assistance-program.html)

municipalities that have been impacted by the influx of Asylum Seekers in Durham, to coordinate an application for reimbursement of eligible costs under the IHAP program.

- 4.4 To date, the total cost for providing programs and services for refugee claimants related to Asylum Seekers is projected to be \$5 million in 2023, which represents a period of 6 months (this does not include the costs of supporting Ukraine Asylum Seekers since 2022, which was in the range of \$2.3 million). These figures represent the current approach and needs of the clients being supported through various wraparound services, referrals to community supports, shelter and food costs, transportation, and other indirect costs. If numbers of asylum seekers and refugees continue to increase in the region, the expenditures will continue to grow exponentially and may require a different approach.
- 4.5 During the months of July and August, IRCC staff were on-site and met with each individual to go over their immigration claim and ensure processing and paperwork were being completed in a timely manner. On two separate occasions, IRCC staff provided transportation for the clients to Etobicoke to continue with the immigration claim processing. As of recently, staff have reached out to IRCC to arrange for more on-site visits, as additional Asylum Seekers have arrived and would require similar supports.
- 4.6 In August, Regional Chair Henry sent a letter to Minister Marc Miller on behalf of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) Mayors and Chairs to highlight the increased demand for supports for asylum seekers and refugees arriving in the GTHA. The letter requests a sustainable funding model and a coordinated response for refugee claimants.
- 4.7 On September 18, 2023, the Ontario government announced that they are investing an additional \$42 million through the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) program to support the City of Toronto and other impacted municipalities across the province in providing urgent assistance to a rapidly growing number of asylum claimants and other at-risk populations.
- 4.8 The COHB program provides a direct, monthly benefit payment to eligible households to help pay their rent. The benefit is portable, which means a household may continue to receive the benefits even when moving to another rental address in Ontario. The COHB program provides an alternative to waiting for a rent-geared-to-income unit to become available.
- 4.9 The Region's allocation was noted as \$826,000 and has been provided to address the increases in asylum claimants by prioritizing this group with this funding.
- 4.10 An additional \$13.25 million was also recently announced by the Ontario government for settlement services, language training and labour market integration supports to help asylum claimants settle, achieve stability and find employment. This would be available to local Ministry-funded providers of newcomer settlement and language training services in Durham.

4.11 Staff from the Income, Employment and Homelessness Supports Division (IEHSD) have been on-site providing wraparound supports, in partnership with the department's Emergency Social Services (ESS) program, since the beginning of the response. During this time, prioritization was given to ensure the claimants were assessed for social assistance eligibility, in addition to other community support referrals and job seeking assistance. As such, the majority of individuals being supported are now in receipt of Ontario Works (OW) financial assistance.

5. Next Steps and Continued Support

5.1 Regional staff continue to work across departments and programs, along with our community partners, to provide a safe and welcoming environment for newcomers to our communities.

5.2 Staff meet regularly with counterparts across the GTHA to coordinate resources, share best practices and approaches to service delivery, and collaborate advocacy efforts for additional funding and policy changes.

5.3 Staff are working closely with Community Development Council Durham to advocate for the establishment of a federally funded Resettlement Assistance Program in Durham Region to ensure supports are available for future refugees and asylum seekers.

5.4 Funding announcements from both the Federal and Provincial government is appreciated, but a municipally led and partially funded response is not sustainable, given pressures within our current shelter capacity and availability of affordable housing.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

- Goal 2: Community Vitality – To foster an exceptional quality of life with services that contribute to strong neighbourhoods, vibrant and diverse communities, and influence our safety and well-being.
- Goal 4: Social Investment – To ensure a range of programs, services and supports are available and accessible to those in need, so that no individual is left behind.
- Goal 5: Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner of Social Services



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2023-INFO-82
Date: September 28, 2023

Subject:

Use of Delegated Authority During Recess of Regional Council Under the Budget Management Policy for the period of July 1 to September 5, 2023

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report covers the use of delegated authorities granted under Section 19 of the Regional Municipality of Durham's (Region) Budget Management Policy for the most recent recess of Regional Council.
- 1.2 All dollar amounts are before applicable taxes.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 The Region's Budget Management Policy was approved by Regional Council (Council) on March 25, 2020. The Budget Management Policy provides guidelines for reporting by the Treasurer to Council in cases where delegation of authority is used during a recess of Council.
- 2.2 The previous delegation of authority report, #2023-INFO-49, covered the period of September 1 to December 31, 2022.

3. Approval of Project Financing

- 3.1 Section 19.1 of the Region's Budget Management Policy authorizes the Department Head, Treasurer and C.A.O. to approve project financing during a

recess of Regional Council and requires that a report providing details of such awards and approvals to be submitted for information.

- 3.2 Instances where delegated authority was used during a recess of Regional Council to approve project financing are described below:

Project	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
1. Additional costs related to contracts T-1089-2020 and T-1020-2023 for the Workplace Modernization project at Regional Headquarters, in the Town of Whitby (G2019/G2318). Financing from the 2024 Workplace Modernization Project budget was advanced.	31,270,296	38,587,865	7,317,569

Project	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
<p>2. Contract D2023-49 for the road reconstruction and rehabilitation of Simcoe St. S. (Reg. Rd. 2) from Olive Ave. to Metcalfe St., in the City of Oshawa (O1602/R2011). Financing was allocated from the watermain and sanitary sewer replacement on Centre St. (Reg. Rd. 2) from Athol St. to Adelaide Ave. project, in the City of Oshawa (O1503), the watermain replacement on Farewell St. (Reg. Rd. 56) from Harbour Rd. to Bloor St. (Reg. Rd. 22) project, in the City of Oshawa (R1720), the watermain replacement on Farewell St. (Reg. Rd. 56) from the Canadian National Railway to Bloor St. (Reg. Rd. 22) project, in the City of Oshawa (O1701), the road reconstruction on Simcoe St. (Reg. Rd. 2) from Rossland Rd. (Reg. Rd. 28) to Russett Ave. project, in the City of Oshawa (R1502) and the road rehabilitation of Simcoe St. (Reg. Rd. 2) from Beech St. to Reach St. (Reg. Rd. 8) project, in the Township of Scugog (R1602).</p>	5,891,227	7,701,494	1,810,267
<p>3. Additional costs for contract D2022-33 for the replacement of the Central Duffin Collector (CDC) siphon on Valley Farm Rd., 670m north of Finch Ave. (Reg. Rd. 37), in the City of Pickering (D1501). Financing was allocated from savings from 2023 closed sanitary sewer capital projects.</p>	2,808,780	4,008,780	1,200,000

Project	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
4. Request for Proposal (RFP) 1005-2023 for consulting engineering services for the preliminary and detailed design of the Baseline Road Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station (SSPS) and forcemain project, in the Municipality of Clarington (D2107). Financing was allocated from the Thickson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 26) sub-trunk sanitary sewer from Glengowan St. to Conlin Rd. project, in the Town of Whitby (D2103).	900,000	2,200,000	1,300,000
5. Additional costs for the detailed design of the Corbett Creek Trunk Sanitary Sewer project, in the Town of Whitby (D2034). Financing was allocated from the replacement of the sanitary forcemain on Wilmot Creek Easement from Cobbledick Rd. to Toronto St. project, in the Municipality of Clarington (C1502).	50,000	350,000	300,000

4. Capital Expenditures over \$50,000, Not Included in the Council Approved Budget

- 4.1 Section 19.2 of the Region's Budget Management Policy provides that the Department Head, Treasurer and C.A.O. shall be authorized to approve the acquisition of unbudgeted capital over \$50,000 during a recess of Regional Council and that a report providing details of such awards and approvals shall be submitted for information.
- 4.2 Instances where delegated authority was used during a recess of Regional Council to approve acquisitions of unbudgeted capital are described below:

Project	Amount \$
1. Cured-In-Place pipe (CIPP) relining of the watermain on Donelda Court, in the Township of Scugog (D2328). Financing was allocated from the Allowance for Unknown Requirements in Conjunction with Area Municipality Road Programs in Various Locations project (M2303) and the Works to Rectify Identified System Deficiencies Independent of Road Programs in Various Locations project (M2399).	250,000
2. Purchase of three (3) fleet vehicles to provide 24/7 direct delivery of Homelessness Prevention Programming (2023_SOCIALASST). Financing was allocated at the Discretion of the Commissioner of Finance.	210,000
3. Construction of 25 additional parking spaces to be shared by Hillsdale Estates and Hillsdale Terraces to accommodate increased staffing (2023_LTCHILLSTE). Financing was allocated from the Hillsdale Terraces cooling tower replacement project (2022_LTCHILLSTE) and the Hillsdale Terraces security cameras replacement project (2023_LTCHILLSTE).	90,000
4. Mental Health Outreach Program (MHOP) vehicle to be used to transport supplies and park at various locations across Durham to reach priority populations and serve clients in need (2023_FAMSERVICE). Financing was allocated from operational savings in the Children Services' division.	63,000

5. Sole Source Negotiations over \$100,000

- 5.1 Section 19.3 of the Region's Budget Management Policy states that, to facilitate the awarding and approval of sole source negotiations over \$100,000 during a recess of Regional Council, the Treasurer shall be authorized to act on behalf of Regional Council, subject to the agreement of the applicable Department Head and C.A.O. and the availability of sufficient funding. The Treasurer shall be authorized to execute any resultant Agreements for the goods and services required.
- 5.2 Instances where delegated authority was used during a recess of Regional Council to facilitate the awarding and approval of sole source negotiations over \$100,000 are described below:

Description	Estimated Cost \$
1. Sole source agreement with Viking Cives Ltd. to procure 5 trucks and standardize on the International/Viking Cives cab/chassis/plow combination per 2017-COW-273 (2023_WORKSFLEET). Financing was allocated from the 2023 Works Fleet Capital Budget.	2,607,208
2. Sole source agreement with McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. for consulting engineering services for the preliminary and detailed design for the replacement of existing watermains at Park Rd. S. and Cubert St., in the City of Oshawa (D2323).	526,603
3. Sole source agreement with IDEXX Laboratories Inc. to purchase 3-years worth of IDEXX Laboratories Colilert testing materials and Dynabeads™ GC Combo Kits to perform compliance water testing in the Microbiology laboratory.	500,000

6. Approval of Leases Considered to be Material

6.1 Section 19.4 of the Region's Budget Management Policy authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to act on behalf of Regional Council to approve leases considered material, subject to the agreement of the applicable Department Head and C.A.O. and the availability of sufficient funding, and the Treasurer shall be authorized to execute any resultant Agreement for the goods and services required.

6.2 Instances where delegated authority was used during a recess of Regional Council to facilitate the approval of leases are described below:

Description	Estimated Cost \$
1. Lease of 710 Wilson Rd. S., in the City of Oshawa, for a 5-year term for Durham Regional Police Services' (DRPS) Fleet and K9 units who have been displaced for over a year due to the fire at 19 Courtice Crt., in the Municipality of Clarington. Financing will be provided from the DRPS annual operating budget.	1,096,984

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

7.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the

Durham Region Strategic Plan:

i. Service Excellence:

1. Goal 5.1 – Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value
2. Goal 5.3 – Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results

8. Conclusion

8.1 In accordance with Section 19 of the Regional Budget Management Policy, Regional Council is to be informed of delegated authority exercised during a recess of Council.

8.2 This report has been reviewed by the Works and Social Services Departments.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2023-INFO-83
Date: September 28, 2023

Subject:

Characteristics of Substance-Related Toxicity Deaths in Ontario: Stimulant, Opioid, Benzodiazepine, and Alcohol-Related Deaths

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the report entitled: [Characteristics of Substance-Related Toxicity Deaths in Ontario: Stimulant, Opioid, Benzodiazepine, and Alcohol-Related Deaths](#), by Public Health Ontario (PHO) and The Ontario Drug Policy Research Network (ODPRN), released on September 14, 2023.

2. Background

2.1 The joint report by PHO and ODPRN provides an overview on trends and patterns of single and multiple substance use related accidental deaths from alcohol, benzodiazepines, opioids, and stimulants that occurred in Ontario between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2021.

2.2 PHO and ODPRN released an [infographic](#) which summarizes key findings from the report.

3. Report Highlights

3.1 The report describes overall trends and characteristics as well as by substance groupings.

- a. Between 2018 and 2021, there were 8,767 accidental substance toxicity deaths, a nearly two-fold increase in overall toxicities and an increase in

opioid co-involvement in alcohol, benzodiazepine, and stimulant toxicity deaths. In addition, deaths involving one substance doubled and deaths involving two substances tripled.

- b. In 2021, there were 2,886 substance toxicity deaths, which is five times higher than the number of reported motor vehicle deaths in Ontario that year.
- c. Opioids contributed to over 80 per cent of alcohol and stimulant toxicity deaths and over 95 per cent of benzodiazepine toxicity deaths in 2021.
- d. During the COVID-19 pandemic, 43 per cent of deaths involved opioids and stimulants, which represented the largest increase in deaths from the pre-pandemic to pandemic period.
- e. Demographic characteristics showed that:
 - 75 per cent of deaths occurred among males.
 - The median age at death was 40 years.
 - 75 per cent of substance toxicity deaths occurred in private residences.
 - The highest concentration of deaths was among individuals living in neighbourhoods in the lowest income quintile.
 - Deaths rates were three times higher in Northern Ontario compared to Southern Ontario.

3.2 The report describes the trends and characteristics for alcohol toxicity deaths.

- a. Between 2018 and 2021, there was a 16 per cent increase in the number of alcohol toxicity deaths and 13 per cent of all substance-related deaths involved alcohol as a direct contributor of death.
- b. In 2021, there were 296 alcohol toxicity deaths. Of the alcohol toxicity deaths, 92 per cent had other substances directly contribute to death, including 82 percent involving opioids, 52 per cent involving stimulants, and 10 percent involving benzodiazepines.

3.3 Trends and characteristics for stimulant toxicity deaths are as follows:

- a. Between 2018 and 2021, the number of stimulant toxicity deaths doubled and 60 per cent of all substance-related deaths involved stimulants as a direct contributor to death.
- b. In 2021, there were 1,843 stimulant toxicity deaths involving the use of cocaine, methamphetamine, amphetamine and a combination of both cocaine and methamphetamine. Of the stimulant toxicity deaths, 85 per cent had other

substances directly contribute to death, including 83 per cent involving opioids, eight percent involving benzodiazepines and eight percent involving alcohol. In addition, the proportion of stimulant-related deaths by number of substances directly contributing to death involving stimulants only was 15 per cent, involving two substances was 71 per cent, involving three or more substances was 14 per cent.

3.4 Following are the trends and characteristics for opioid toxicity deaths:

- a. Between 2018 and 2021, the number of opioid toxicity deaths doubled and 85 per cent of all substance-related deaths involved opioids as a direct contributor to death.
- b. In 2021, there were 2,547 opioid toxicity deaths, of which 90 per cent were caused by non-pharmaceutical opioids. Of the opioid toxicity deaths, 68 per cent had other substances directly contribute to death, including 10 per cent involving alcohol, nine per cent involving benzodiazepines, and 60 per cent involving stimulants.

3.5 Trends and characteristics for benzodiazepine toxicity deaths are as follows:

- a. Between 2018 and 2021, there was a 45 per cent increase in the number of benzodiazepine toxicity deaths and nine per cent of all substance-related deaths involved benzodiazepines as a direct contributor to death.
- b. In 2021, there were 239 benzodiazepine toxicity deaths of which 82 per cent were caused by non-pharmaceutical benzodiazepines. Of the benzodiazepine toxicity deaths, more than 98 per cent of deaths had other substances directly contribute to death, of which 96 per cent involved opioids, 12 per cent involved alcohol, and 58 per cent involved stimulants.

4. Local Initiatives and Trends

- 4.1 Locally, many Durham Region community agencies, including the Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) are involved in harm reduction activities, including the needle exchange program, the opioid patch return program, naloxone distribution, and support programs for sex trade workers. Please see the [October 2016 Snapshot on Harm Reduction Programming](#) for more information. Information and resources on safe needle disposal can also be found on durham.ca.
- 4.2 DRHD provides information regarding the risks associated with the use of alcohol, opioids and drugs, including information on overdose prevention, recommendations for reducing usage and community resources and services for individuals looking for help, available at durham.ca.
- 4.3 To address the local opioid crisis, the Durham Region Opioid Task Force developed the [Durham Region Opioid Response Plan](#), which has four pillars (i.e., prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and enforcement) and further objectives to address

these areas. [The Durham Region Opioid Response Plan Status Report](#) was released in June 2023.

- 4.4 The [Durham Region Opioid Information System \(DROIS\)](#) is an online tool that provides the latest opioid overdose-related statistics, including Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) calls.
- 4.5 Individuals and community organizations can use the [Drug Reporting Tool](#) to anonymously report a bad or unexpected reaction to drugs.
- 4.6 Local data on alcohol use are available on the [RRFSS Data Explorer](#).
- 4.7 The [Youth Data Tracker](#) is an online tool that provides information on health risk behaviours and attitudes of Durham Region students in Grades 7 to 12.
- 4.8 Provincial trends are not always consistent with local trends. The following are local substance use data that may be of interest:
 - a. [Benzodiazepine Overdose Emergency Department Visits at a Glance](#) which includes a comparison of benzodiazepine overdose emergency department visits in Durham Region and Ontario categorized by age and sex.
 - b. [Trends In: Early substance use – Alcohol \(December 2017\)](#) which shows that since 2009, there was a significant decrease in the rate of early alcohol use among Durham Region secondary school students.
 - c. [Trends In: Past year alcohol use \(December 2017\)](#) which compares past year alcohol use in Durham Region with Ontario and shows that since 2009, there was a significant decrease in the rate of past year alcohol use among Durham Region students.
 - d. [Percentage of secondary school students reporting substance use before Grade 9, 2016-2017](#) in Durham Region and Ontario.

5. Previous Reports

- 5.1 Report [2021-INFO-60](#) provided an update on the report: [Changing Circumstances Surrounding Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), released on May 19, 2021.
- 5.2 Report [2022-INFO-10](#) provided an update on the report: [Patterns of Medication and Healthcare Use Among People Who Died of Opioid-Related Toxicity During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Ontario](#), released on January 18, 2022.
- 5.3 Report [2022-INFO-67](#) provided an update on the report: [Lives Lost to Opioid Toxicity Among Ontarians Who Worked in the Construction Industry](#), released on July 27, 2022.

- 5.4 Report [2023-INFO-26](#) provided information on the appearance of benzodiazepines and xylazine in the unregulated drug supply.
- 5.5 Report [2023-INFO-33](#) provided an update on local trends and strategies to address mental health and opioids in Durham Region.
- 5.6 Report [2023-INFO-46](#) provided an update on the Durham Region Opioid Response Plan.
- 5.7 Report [2023-INFO-47](#) provided information on the application process for Consumption and Treatment Services in Ontario to support individuals that use opioids and other drugs.
- 5.8 Report [2023-INFO-60](#) provided an update on the report: [Opioid Toxicity and Access to Treatment among Adolescents and Young Adults in Ontario](#), released by ODPRN, PHO and the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario/Ontario Forensic Pathology Service on June 27, 2023.
- 5.9 Report [2023-INFO-74](#) provided information on DRHD's school-based health promotion services, including mental health promotion and substance use prevention.
- 5.10 Report [2023-INFO-77](#) provided an update on the report published by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA), entitled [Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms](#) (CSUCH), released in March 2023 and revised in July 2023.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 6.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goal and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
 - a. Goal 2: Community Vitality
 - 2.2 Enhance community safety and well-being.
 - 2.3 Influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The number of substance toxicity deaths in Ontario is alarmingly high and has increased at an unprecedented rate during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, fatality rates involving the use of multiple substances have risen during the pandemic.
- 7.2 The findings from the PHO and ODPRN report suggest the need for healthcare and community-based harm reduction interventions that are responsive to multiple concurrent substance use disorders and dependencies. In addition, there is a need

for services and programs in Northern Ontario that address the specific barriers to health and social services that exist in remote areas.

- 7.3 More research is also needed to understand the prevalence of substance-related harms among Indigenous populations across Ontario to inform investments into Indigenous-led, culturally appropriate supports and services.
- 7.4 DRHD continues to monitor the local situation through quantitative and qualitative surveillance strategies and works with local partners to deliver upstream interventions that help to reduce the burden of substance use and addictions.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2023-INFO-84
Date: September 28, 2023

Subject:

Budget Management Policy, Purchasing By-law and Delegated Authority Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic Reporting Requirements for January 1 to June 30, 2023

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides details related to capital program awards and material contract amendments for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2023, in accordance with the Region's Budget Management Policy and Purchasing By-law 16-2020, as well as delegated authorities granted under By-law 17-2020 related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 1.2 All dollar amounts are before applicable taxes.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 The Region's Budget Management Policy, Purchasing By-law 16-2020 and COVID-19 Pandemic Delegation of Authority By-law 17-2020 were approved by Regional Council (Council) on March 25, 2020. The Budget Management Policy provides guidelines for semi-annual reporting by the Treasurer to Council in cases where financing of additional capital project costs is provided through reallocation of funds from within the current year capital program. The Purchasing By-law requires that where the award of a proposal for the total purchase price of \$100,000 or greater is issued, that a semi-annual information report be submitted to Council. The COVID-19 Pandemic Delegation of Authority By-law delegates

certain authority to staff to ensure business continuity and periodic reporting to Council of the use of delegated authority is required.

- 2.2 The previous semi-annual report, #2023-INFO-49, covered the period of September 1 to December 31, 2022.

3. Reallocation of Capital Financing under \$250,000

- 3.1 Section 15.4 of the Budget Management Policy requires that where the estimated project costs, based on the award of a tender or other contracts, are expected to exceed the approved capital project budget by less than \$250,000, the additional expenditure and financing shall be approved by the Department Head, Treasurer and C.A.O. Financing for the additional project costs will be provided through reallocation from within the current year capital program, with details of the material reallocations incorporated into a semi-annual information report submitted by the Treasurer.
- 3.2 Instances where there was a reallocation of capital financing under \$250,000, based on tender awards, for the period are described below:

Description	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
1. Additional funding for the construction of the west entrance door system at Regional Headquarters, in the Town of Whitby (G2007). Funding was allocated from the Regional Headquarters Roof Repairs project, in the Town of Whitby (G1809).	453,000	702,000	249,000
2. The Design-Build-Operate-Maintain (DBOM) agreement N-1116-2022 with Oshawa Power and Utilities Corporation Energy Services Inc. (OPUCES) for the charging equipment and infrastructure at the Durham Region Transit (DRT) East Depot, in the City of Oshawa to support the charging requirements of the battery electric bus pilot (H2013). Financing was allocated from the Electric Bus project (H2001).	2,900,000	3,137,000	237,000

Description	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
3. Request for Proposal (RFP) 1046-2022 for consulting engineering services for the Pump and Motor Control Centre (MCC) replacement at the Michael Boulevard Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station (SSPS), in the Town of Whitby (D1832). Financing was allocated from the Works to Rectify Identified System Deficiencies Independent of Road Programs in Various Locations project (M2399).	600,000	760,000	160,000

3.3 Section 17.2 of the Budget Management Policy requires that where additional commitments that increase the cumulative project over-expenditure by an amount less than \$250,000, the additional expenditure and financing shall be approved by the Department Head, Treasurer and C.A.O. Financing for the additional project costs will be provided through reallocation from within the current year capital program, with the details of the material reallocations incorporated into a semi-annual information report submitted by the Treasurer.

3.4 Instances where there was a reallocation of capital financing under \$250,000 for additional expenditures for the period are described below:

Description	Approved Project Budget \$*	Revised Project Budget \$*	Total Increase \$*
1. Additional costs for the reconstruction and widening of Simcoe St. (Reg. Rd. 2) from Conlin Rd. to Winchester Rd. (Reg. Rd. 3), in the City of Oshawa (R1822). Financing was allocated from the Shisko Wetland construction project, in the Town of Whitby (R2025) and the Westney Rd. (Reg. Rd. 31) from Hwy 401 to south of Kingston Rd (Hwy 2) reconstruction project, in the Town of Ajax (R1917).	11,474,609	11,719,609	245,000

Description	Approved Project Budget \$*	Revised Project Budget \$*	Total Increase \$*
2. Additional costs for the detailed design of the Port Darlington Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) rectification of deficiencies project, in the Municipality of Clarington (D2216). Financing was allocated from the Works to Rectify Identified System Deficiencies Independent of Road Programs in Various Locations project (M2399).	400,000	600,000	200,000

4. Capital Project Expenditures for Extra Work Greater than \$250,000 Funded from Within the Approved Project Budget

4.1 Section 16 of the Budget Management Policy requires that the Finance Department be advised of the commitment for extra work and the reallocation of financing within a capital project to cover additional expenditures, up to the limits specified in Section 16.1, based on the approved contract value. For additional expenditures exceeding \$250,000, the details of the additional expenditure shall be incorporated in a semi-annual information report submitted by the Treasurer.

4.2 Instances where capital project expenditures for extra work greater than \$250,000 were funded from within the approved project budget for the period are described below:

Description	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
1. T-1089-2021 – Workplace Modernization Project at Regional Headquarters, Phase 1B, in the Town of Whitby (G1901).	Canadian Turner Construction Company, Ltd.	7,650,407	9,668,134	2,017,726

Description	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
2. T-1149-2021 – Phase 2 of the Durham Regional Police Service Complex, in the Municipality of Clarington (G1405).	Buttcon Limited	83,362,261	83,923,621	561,360
3. D2022-28 – Road rehabilitation with recycled materials on Newtonville Rd. (R.R.18), in the Municipality of Clarington (R2231).	Dufferin Construction Company	1,592,000	1,908,444	316,444
4. D2021-31 – Rehabilitation, widening and watermain replacement on Brock St. N. from Manning Rd. (Reg. Rd. 58) to Rossland Rd. (Reg. Rd. 28), in the Town of Whitby (R1523/R1619).	Elirpa Construction & Materials Ltd.	9,510,292	9,818,704	308,412

5. Additional Expenditures Exceeding 20% or \$75,000 for Consulting Services Contracts Greater than \$100,000

- 5.1 Section 7.3 of the Budget Management Policy requires that where the approved contract value exceeds \$100,000 the Department Head is authorized to approve additional expenditures up to 20% of the approved contract value, to a maximum increase of \$75,000. Expenditures above these limits will be approved by the Department Head and the Treasurer and be included in a semi-annual information report submitted by the Treasurer.
- 5.2 Instances where additional expenditures exceeding the 20% or \$75,000 threshold for consulting services contracts greater than \$100,000 were incurred for the period are described below:

Description	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
1. RC00000682 – Whitby Water Supply Plant Upgrade Project (D9944).	AECOM Canada Ltd.	6,284,325	7,497,463	1,213,138
2. RC00002524 – Engineering services for the Uxbridge Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) upgrades and rehabilitation, in the Township of Uxbridge (D1204).	R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.	2,001,134	3,075,639	1,074,505
3. RC00002637 – Detailed design of the Dundas Street Bus Rapid Transit, including Lake Ridge Rd. (Reg. Rd. 23) widening and extension to Bayly St. (Reg. Rd. 22), in the Town of Whitby (R0207).	R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.	2,984,373	3,745,602	761,229
4. RC00001663 – Contract administration and inspection services, design and construction services for upgrades to the Ajax Water Supply Plant and replacement of the existing generator at the Toy Avenue Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station, in the Town of Ajax (D1613).	GM BluePlan Engineering Limited	2,989,574	3,695,880	706,306

Description	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
5. RC00002207 – Engineering services for the detailed design and tender preparation for the Carruthers Creek Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station upgrades and downstream sanitary sewer replacement for hydrogen sulphide management, in the Town of Ajax (A1706, D1116, D1735).	CIMA Canada Inc.	407,183	972,041	564,858
6. RC00002814 – Consulting services for the visioning study and preparation of the initial business case for Simcoe St. (Reg. Rd. 2) Rapid Transit between Hwy 407 and Olive Ave. (Reg. Rd. 59), in the City of Oshawa (IC030).	Arcadis Professional Services (Canada)	288,175	739,954	451,779
7. RC00002439 – Engineering consulting services for an environmental assessment and detailed design of Stevenson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 53) from 280m south of Gibb St. to Rossland Rd. W. (Reg. Rd. 28), in the City of Oshawa (R1819 / R1820).	GHD Limited	1,298,751	1,688,629	389,878
8. RC00001752 – Proposed Seaton Sanitary Sewage Station 4 and forcemain, in the City of Pickering (D1710).	WSP Canada Group Limited	857,054	1,201,180	344,126

Description	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
9. RC00001753 – Seaton Reservoir and Zone 5 Pumping Station, including bulk water filling station, in the City of Pickering (D1701/D2030).	WSP Canada Group Limited	2,252,033	2,585,288	333,255
10. RC00002585 – Additional environmental investigations for the Whites Rd. (Reg. Rd. 38), from Finch Ave. (Reg. Rd. 37) to Taunton Rd. (Reg. Rd. 4) widening and extension, in the City of Pickering (R2003).	CH2M Hill Canada Limited	3,223,255	3,475,668	252,413
11. RC00000113 – Zone 1 feedermain on Lambs Rd. from Hwy 2 to the Zone 1 Liberty St. Reservoir, in the Municipality of Clarington (C1202).	GHD Limited	606,178	833,020	226,842
12. RC00002837 – Engineering services for the rectification of deficiencies at the Port Darlington Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), in the Municipality of Clarington (D2216).	CIMA Canada Inc.	347,282	559,605	212,323

Description	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
13.RC00001442 – Detailed design for the Bloor St. W. (Reg. Rd. 22) and Victoria St. E. (Reg. Rd. 22) from 50m west of Thickson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 26) to 725m east of Thornton Rd. S. (Reg. Rd. 52) reconstruction, road widening, watermain and storm sewer projects, in the City of Oshawa and Town of Whitby (R0803 / W1001).	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	1,331,633	1,499,861	168,229
14.RC00002858 – Consulting engineering services for the preliminary and detailed design of upgrades to the Courtice Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), in the Municipality of Clarington (D1920).	CIMA Canada Inc.	1,620,127	1,777,689	157,562
15.RC00002027 – Detailed design for the widening of Bowmanville Ave. (Reg. Rd. 57) from Baseline Rd. W. to south of Reg. Hwy 2, in the Municipality of Clarington (R1721).	R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.	1,193,353	1,334,539	141,186
16.RC00002816 – Environmental assessment of 300 Ritson Rd. S. (Reg. Rd. 16), in the City of Oshawa (R2232).	WSP Canada Inc.	6,200	115,385	109,185

Description	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
17. RC00002778 – Extension of management services for the Water Supply Plant Operations Division through to the end of June 2023	R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	186,000	294,000	108,000
18. RC00002044 – New Sunderland Well and Pumphouse with standby power, in the Township of Brock (K0601).	R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.	940,218	1,047,348	107,130
19. RC00002726 – Provision and implementation of a customer relationship management and knowledge base system for the MyDurham311 program (G2015).	KPMG LLP	3,968,300	4,068,100	99,800
20. RC00001751 – Environmental assessment and detailed design for the reconstruction of Taunton Rd. (Reg. Rd. 4) from east of Townline Rd. (Reg. Rd. 55) to west of Bowmanville Ave. (Reg. Rd. 57), in the Municipality of Clarington (R1733).	GHD Limited	1,406,429	1,504,062	97,633
21. RC00002319 – Regional Headquarters Space Optimization project, in the Town of Whitby (G1901).	Dialog Ontario Inc.	3,011,718	3,107,048	95,330

Description	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
22.RC00002514 – Engineering services and detailed design for Liberty St. N. (Reg. Rd. 14) from Longworth Ave. to Concession Rd. 3, in the Municipality of Clarington (R1717).	Robinson Consultants Inc.	892,744	987,534	94,790
23.RC00002629 – Geotechnical investigation, hydrogeological investigation, and slope stability assessment for the proposed long term care facility in Seaton, in the City of Pickering (G2110).	Malroz Engineering Inc.	68,900	155,160	86,260
24.RC00002508 – Consulting engineering services to undertake a class environmental assessment to plan for a sanitary sewage diversion strategy to service North Whitby and North Oshawa (D1824, D2001, D1825, D2003, D2004).	WSP Canada Inc.	534,377	610,666	76,289
25.RC00002336 – Newcastle Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) – capacity re-rating and upgrades, in the Municipality of Clarington (D1117).	R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.	3,296,324	3,371,879	75,555
26.RC00002870 – Durham Region Groundwater Monitoring Program 2022 to 2027 (M0101).	R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited	491,933	566,933	75,000

Description	Vendor	Most Recent Council Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
27. RC00002424 – Consulting services for the west entrance door system reconfiguration at Regional Headquarters, in the Town of Whitby (G2007).	WZMH Architects	57,600	120,710	63,110
28. R210000016 – Engineering consulting services for the Sunderland Municipal Well #1 emergency UV upgrades, in the Township of Brock (K2106).	R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.	270,204	323,055	52,851
29. RC00002247 – Brock Rd. (Reg. Rd. 1) extension of two concrete box culverts north of Taunton Rd. (Reg. Rd. 4) - Urfe Creek Tributary, in the Town of Whitby (R0701).	GHD Limited	82,722	127,730	45,008
30. RC00002316 – Consulting services for the dental clinic and administrative office at 200 John St. W., in the City of Oshawa (F1901).	Barry Bryan Associates	133,180	165,587	32,407
31. RC00002657 – Detailed design of the sanitary sewer and watermain on Thornton Rd. (Reg. Rd. 52), in the City of Oshawa (D1614).	TY Lin International Canada Inc.	80,879	108,679	27,800

6. Emergency Expenditures Exceeding \$100,000

- 6.1 Section 10 of the Purchasing By-law 16-2020 requires that where emergencies occur outside of normal business hours, the department head or their authorized

delegate shall acquire goods or services required to address an emergency and where that purchase exceeds \$100,000, a report for information is to be submitted to council setting out the nature of the emergency and the necessity of the action taken.

6.2 Instances where emergency purchases occurred are described below:

Nature of Emergency	Vendor	Amount \$
1. Emergency repair of a 1500mm CPP watermain on Hickman Rd., in the Town of Ajax.	Elirpa Construction & Materials Ltd.	691,271
2. Emergency repair of a leak on a 300mm PVC interconnect between a 600mm CPP and a 300mm PVC watermain at 285 South Blair St., in the Town of Whitby.	Bry-Ron Contracting Ltd.	125,000
3. Emergency repair on the heat exchanger at Hillsdale Estates Long-term care home which supplies all the personal hot water needs of the residents in the building.	Ainsworth Inc.	113,300
4. An emergency was declared to expedite the process of replacing the roof on Building J at the Corbett Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) as the existing roof has completely failed and maintenance is no longer practical or effective.	Solar Roofing & Sheet Metal Ltd	110,000
5. The Region's contracted security guard company (Neptune Security Services) used for mobile patrols of Water Plants, vacant properties, homeless shelters and a waste facility filed for bankruptcy in May 2023. An emergency was declared to award a one-year contract to Allied Universal Security Services to be able to immediately fill the security guard vacancies.	Allied Universal Security Services	105,996

7. Request for Proposals (RFPs) \$100,000 or greater that were publicly posted on the Region's website

7.1 Section 9.4 of the Purchasing By-law 16-2020 requires that where RFPs are used

for the total purchase price of \$100,000 or greater that a summary report for information relating to the award of the proposals shall be prepared and submitted to council on a semi-annual basis.

7.2 Instances where the RFPs were issued and awarded are described below:

Description	Awarded Vendor	Number of Proposals Received	Contract Value \$
1. RFP-1017-2023 – Construction management services for early work tendering and construction of the Seaton 200-Bed Long-Term Care Home, in the City of Pickering (G2110).	Buttcon Limited	1	15,411,093
2. RFP-1115-2022 – Architectural and engineering services to provide a master site plan and design for the new Seaton 200-Bed Long-Term Care Home, in the City of Pickering (G2110).	Montgomery Sisam Architects	2	5,450,520
3. RFP-303-2023-B – Registry of consultants for Electrical Services for a 3-year term for the Region of Durham.	Smith and Long, Electro Works, MDK Electric, R.A. Graham, and Brooklin Electric	15	2,000,000
4. RFP-1135-2022 – Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of Wentworth St. (Reg. Rd. 60) from Cedar St. to Farewell St. (Reg. Rd. 56), in the City of Oshawa (R1823).	GHD Limited	6	1,397,721

Description	Awarded Vendor	Number of Proposals Received	Contract Value \$
5. RFP-303-2023-C – Registry of consultants for Mechanical Services for a 3-year term for the Region of Durham.	Lakeland Multitrade Inc., Kenaiden Contracting, and W.A. Stephenson	8	1,300,000
6. RFP-1046-2022 – Consulting engineering services for the Pump and Motor Control Centre (MCC) replacement at the Michael Boulevard Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station, in the Town of Whitby (D1832).	GM BluePlan Engineering Limited	3	744,380
7. RFP-707-2022 – Registry of consultants for Environmental and Geo-Technical Services for a 3-year term for the Region of Durham.	AECOM Canada Ltd., WSP Canada Inc., EXP Services Inc., and PINCHIN Ltd.	14	600,000
8. RFP-1018-2023 – Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of the Brock Rd. (Reg. Rd. 1) and Goodwood Rd. (Reg. Rd. 21) roundabout and associated improvements project, in the Township of Uxbridge (R1701).	Parsons Inc.	5	539,946

Description	Awarded Vendor	Number of Proposals Received	Contract Value \$
9. RFP-1133-2022 – Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of Townline Rd. (Reg. Rd. 55) from Beatrice Rd. to Taunton Rd. E. (Reg. Rd. 4), in the City of Oshawa and the Municipality of Clarington (R1821).	Arcadis Professional Services (Canada)	6	510,000
10. NRFP-1091-2022 – Supply and implementation of software solutions for supporting the operational resilience program for a 5-year term (G2315).	Premier Continuum Inc.	2	382,330
11. RFP-1154-2022 – Community needs assessment and master plan for 300 Ritson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 16), in the City of Oshawa (R2232).	Smart Density	1	315,120
12. RFP-1012-2023 – Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of the urbanization and rehabilitation of Reach St. (Reg. Rd. 8) from east of Old Simcoe Rd. to Bigelow St., in the Town of Scugog (R2021).	CIMA Canada Inc.	6	266,328
13. NRFP-1044-2022 – Supply and implementation of budgeting, financial planning, forecasting and reporting software for the Works Department.	Vena Solutions Inc.	6	209,150

Description	Awarded Vendor	Number of Proposals Received	Contract Value \$
14. RFP-1108-2022 – Consulting services to create an annual National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) (Provincial and Federal) for the facilities of the Regional Municipality of Durham.	RWDI Consultants	8	187,175
15. RFP-1004-2023 – Consulting services to develop a cycling wayfinding and signage strategy for the Region of Durham.	Alta Planning + Design Canada, Inc.	3	179,984
16. RFP-1120-2022 – Engagement, consultation and communications strategy for the redevelopment and revitalization of Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation sites (G2212).	Bousfields Inc.	3	174,999
17. RFP-DRT-A-01-22-01 – Replacement of an underground fuel tank with a new above ground fuel tank for Durham Region Transit at 110 Westney Rd. (Reg. Rd. 31), in the Town of Ajax (H2222).	GM BluePlan Engineering Limited	3	174,895
18. RFP-1067-2022 – Reservoir Condition Assessment Program (D1419).	ETO Solutions Corp.	4	172,740

Description	Awarded Vendor	Number of Proposals Received	Contract Value \$
19.RFP-1072-2022 – Consulting services for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction pathway for three Durham Region Transit facilities (F1900).	CIMA Canada Inc.	9	165,132
20.RC00002995 – Consulting services to conduct a workplace utilization and task observation study of multiple Region administration facilities (G1901).	Mayhew Inc.	3	104,000

8. Use of Authority Delegated under By-law 17-2020 for the COVID-19 Pandemic

- 8.1 Regional Council delegated certain authority to staff to ensure business continuity during the COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency under By-law 17-2020, with periodic reporting to Council on the use of the delegated authority. The by-law remains in effect until expressly repealed by a subsequent by-law.
- 8.2 There was no use of the authority delegated under this by-law for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2023.

9. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 9.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Service Excellence:
- Goal 5.1 – Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value
 - Goal 5.3 – Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results

10. Conclusion

- 10.1 In accordance with the Budget Management Policy, Purchasing By-law 16-2020 and COVID-19 Delegation of Authority By-law, Regional Council is to be informed

on a semi-annual basis when the threshold amounts for various expenditure limits have been exceeded, where funding is required based on a reallocation of the capital program, where RFPs are used for the total purchase price of \$100,000 or greater and where delegation of authority is used to ensure business continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

10.2 This report has been reviewed by the Works Department and Durham Regional Transit.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Committee of Whole
From: Acting Commissioner of Works, Commissioner of Finance and
Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2023-COW-31
Date: June 14, 2023

Subject:

Confidential Report of the Commissioners of Works, Finance and Social Services –
Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land for Regional Corporation
Purposes as it relates to Property in the Town of Whitby

Recommendation:

That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That negotiation of a purchase agreement for property required for future Social Services purposes in the Town of Whitby be approved with an upset limit as follows:

1635 Dundas Street East Inc.	1635 Dundas St. E.	\$13,000,000
	Part Lot 20 Concession 1, Whitby, As In CO156534, Town of Whitby	

Equipment and furnishings	Equipment, furnishings, and fixtures, fitted fans, commercial grade kitchen and laundry equipment, beds, dressers etc.	\$800,000
Initial Remedial work	Estimated cost of remedial work/upfitting costs for the lower level of the facility and improvement to outdoor space	\$4,800,000
Total		\$18,600,000

- B) That financing for the acquisition at a maximum offer price of \$13,800,000 be provided at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance;
- C) That financing for initial remedial work to facilitate the interim use of the facility totalling \$4,800,000 be provided at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance; and
- D) That the Commissioner of Works be authorized to execute all documents associated with the agreement.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the strategic acquisition of 1635 Dundas Street East in the Town of Whitby (Whitby) (Attachment #1). The acquisition cost is currently under negotiation; however, a third-party appraiser

provided a fair market value estimate ranging from \$9,300,000 to \$13,000,000. Additional compensation of up to \$800,000 is also being considered for the equipment, furnishings, and fixtures currently on site. This includes fitted fans, commercial-grade kitchen and laundry equipment, beds, and dressers, that will support the ability to promptly commence services at the site. The existing furnishings and equipment are designed to be cleaned/disinfected to meet Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) requirements. This report also includes a request for approval to expend up to \$4,800,000 for initial remedial work at the site.

2. Background

- 2.1 In December of 2022, Org Code Inc., a private consulting firm provided a report titled "Renewed Homelessness and Housing Support Service System for the Regional Municipality of Durham". The report identified the need for increased shelter, supportive housing, and deeply affordable housing options to meet increasing needs in the Region. This report was received by Council on February 3, 2023.
- 2.2 As of April 2023, 267 persons have been identified as experiencing homelessness in the Region, of which 167 have been experiencing homelessness for six months or longer. As of December 2022, there were 8,284 households on the Durham Access to Social Housing (DASH) waitlist.
- 2.3 The building at 1635 Dundas Street East in the Town of Whitby is 70,527 square feet and has been vacant since its use as a long-term care facility ceased in 2022. The facility contains 85 rooms and can accommodate up to 160 persons. This makes it ideal for use as a shelter and the provision of support services for unsheltered and vulnerable patrons with limited upfitting required.
- 2.4 The property was sold in October of 2022 for a consideration of \$8,000,000 and the transaction closed on January 16, 2023. The Region has made multiple attempts to lease the property from the current owners, 1635 Dundas Street East Inc., but has been unable to negotiate a rate the Region considers reasonable. Given the lack of success in negotiating a lease and the Region's ongoing need for supportive housing, Regional staff recommended that negotiations to acquire the facility commence. The opportunity to purchase the property in the fall of 2022 was not an option for the Region as the intent of the original transaction was significant

residential intensification which has now encountered some complexities to allow this to move forward.

3. Property Acquisition

- 3.1 The 2.23-acre (0.902-hectare) parcel is located adjacent to Dundas Street East, having 169 feet of frontage along Dundas Street East and 169 feet of frontage adjacent to the Whitby Mall.
- 3.2 The parcel is “L” shaped and improved with a structure that was formerly used as a long-term care facility known as Sunnycrest Nursing Home. The facility was closed in 2022 and is currently vacant. The design of the building offers opportunities for a variety of shelter and supportive housing options. The space includes 85 residential rooms with washroom facilities and several common rooms to support programs and services for clients. There is also private outdoor space.
- 3.3 The site is designated as Regional Corridor Area and Major Commercial Area within the Regional and Whitby Official Plans, respectively. The parcel is also located within an Intensification Area along the Dundas East Urban Centre Area. Due to the current land designation and location within the Dundas East Urban Centre Area, the Town of Whitby staff have indicated they would support a high-density residential or mixed-use development on the subject property.
- 3.4 This is a strategic location in Whitby, having direct access to national chain anchored retail stores and plazas in the immediate area. The property’s location is adjacent to a major transportation corridor and provides future opportunities for transit-oriented development which will include the provision of affordable housing units.
- 3.5 The Social Services Department, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division will initially use a wing of the facility as a low-barrier shelter program starting by upfitting the 15 residential rooms with full bathrooms and common areas on the ground level of the building to increase capacity within the shelter system. This will provide space for human service, outreach, hub, and housing-first staff in the sector to help people seeking safe space to transition indoors.

4. Progressive Use of the Facility

- 4.1 Social Services will develop the site gradually using data and needs-driven approaches to intentionally manage, plan, and coordinate a variety of services at the site.
- 4.2 Building and maintaining positive relationships with the surrounding community will be a priority for the Region as the use of the facility progresses. A community engagement and communications strategy will be developed to introduce the interim planned use for the facility and to seek input into programming and services to be delivered from this location to support the residents and the community over the longer term. Regional staff, Town of Whitby staff, community human and health service providers and people with lived experience will also be engaged to support the development of the site, and to offer a coordinated and accessible service delivery model that supports people, creates a sense of belonging, and meet individualized needs.
- 4.3 In the immediate short term, the facility will be used to provide low-barrier shelter services to approximately 45 individuals while the community consultation and engagement process is underway. Initial remediation activities including, deep cleaning and disinfection, painting, floor repairs, and the installation of fencing and security measures are anticipated. Processes will also be implemented to support this use, including procedures to address inquiries and concerns from the community.
- 4.4 Once a longer-term vision for the facility is established through the engagement and consultation work, a comprehensive renovation/retrofit plan will be developed and included in future capital budget requests. The consultation work will include discussions around how to recognize the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic as it specifically relates to the outcome at Sunnycrest Nursing home, and the resulting impact on the community.
- 4.5 Regional staff, community human and health service providers, people with lived experience, members of the local community and the Town of Whitby staff will be engaged through consultation to share their concerns and ideas for consideration in the development of services and types of housing to offer at the location in a coordinated service delivery model that empowers people to feel a sense of

belonging, ensure services are accessible and meet individualized needs and promotes community and social connectedness.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 Financing for the site and fixtures acquisition will be provided at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance. Based on the third-party appraisal of the property, an upset limit of \$13 million for the land and building, with an additional \$800,000 for the equipment and furnishing is recommended.
- 5.2 Financing for any immediate remedial work to facilitate the proposed interim use of the site estimated at \$4,800,000 will also be provided at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance.
- 5.3 Financing for more extensive renovation and retrofit work to accommodate the recommendations from the engagement and consultation process will be included in future capital budgets.
- 5.4 Financing for the operating and programming costs for the facility will be provided from the Social Services Department 2023 Business Plans and Budget. Ongoing operating and programming costs will be included in future Business Plans and Budget.

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. Community Vitality Goal 2.3: Influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.
 - b. Community Vitality Goal 2.4: Support a high quality of life for all through human services delivery.
 - c. Social Investment Goal 4.3: Demonstrate leadership in poverty prevention.
 - d. Social Investment Goal 4.4: Expand access to existing life stabilization programs.
 - e. Service Excellence Goal 5.1: Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The proposed acquisition of the site detailed in this report is a strategic purchase to increase shelter, service provision and supportive housing options in the Region of Durham. This acquisition aligns with the Region’s commitment to reducing and ending chronic homelessness. Should the property be successfully acquired, further reports to Council outlining the next steps and consultation recommendations will be presented.

- 7.2 For additional information, please contact Christine Dunkley, Manager of Financial Services and Corporate Real Estate, at 905-668-7711, extension 3475 and Lisa McIntosh, Director, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support, at 905-668-4113, extension 2754.

8. Attachments

Attachment #1: Location Map – 1635 Dundas Street East, Whitby

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

Ramesh Jagannathan
MBA, M.Eng., P.Eng., PTOE
Acting Commissioner of Works

Original signed by:

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance

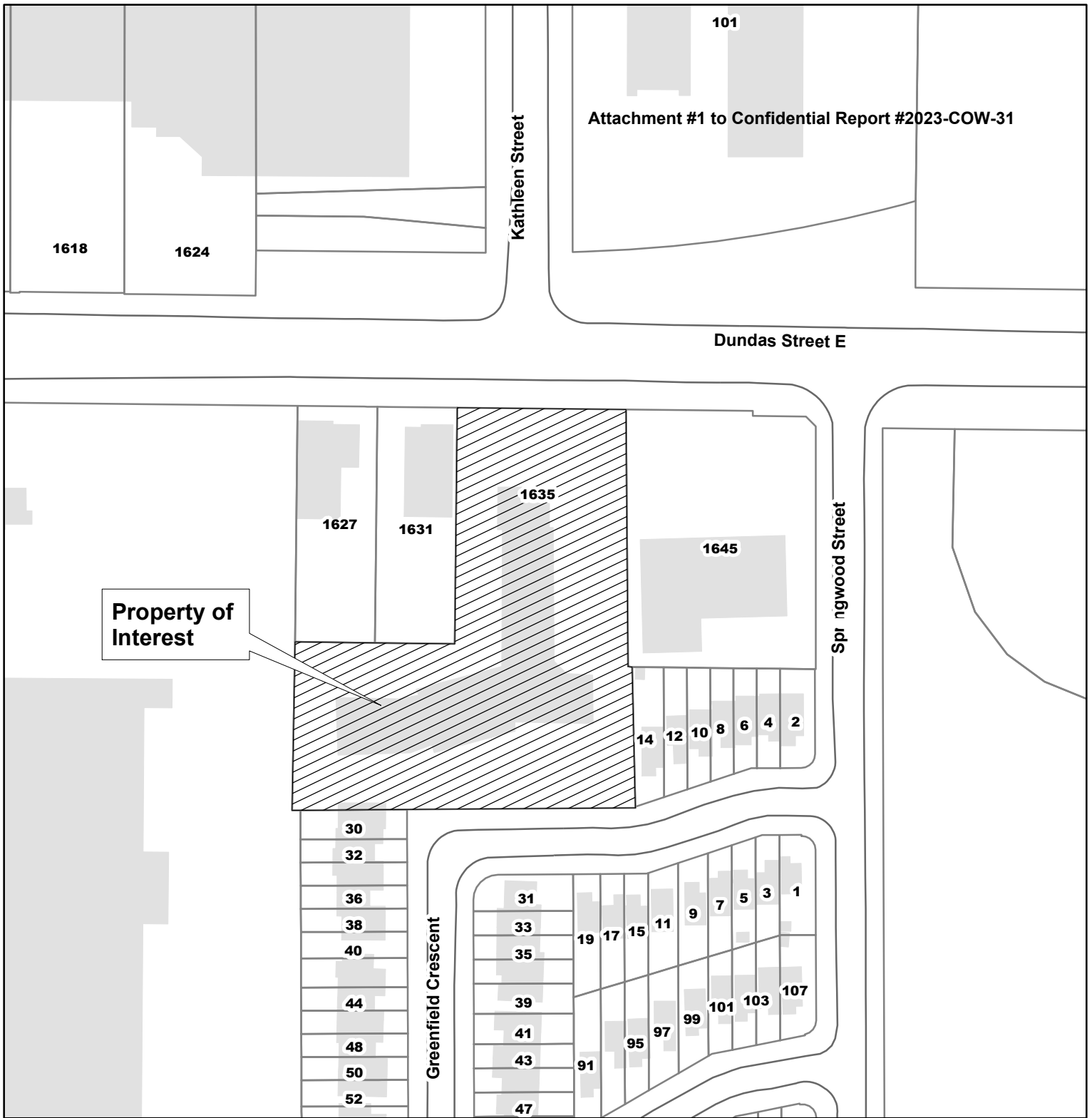
Original signed by:

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou
Commissioner of Social Services

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by:

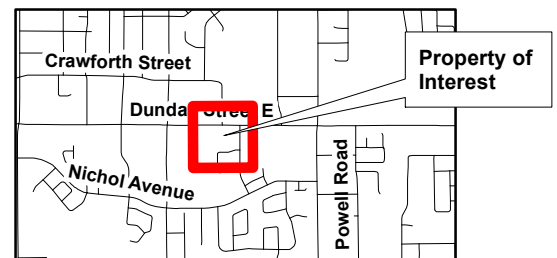
Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer



1635 Dundas Street East, Whitby



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 Map Created: June 6, 2023





Interoffice Memorandum

Date: September 28, 2023

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – September 24, 2023

Health
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*

UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
September 24, 2023

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/3uvnr49c

- Grade 5 Action Pass returns to Durham Region (Sep 5)

tinyurl.com/yckkjsar

- New animated video helps to increase awareness of KI tablets in Durham Region (Sep 18)

tinyurl.com/2shd84fu

- Ordering Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for COVID-19 (Sep 19)

tinyurl.com/4mv2tz25

- New PHO General Test Requisition Form (Sep 22)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/mr3meev9

- Beating 75 percent target for cutting oil and gas methane emissions in Canada's next challenge: Minister Guilbeault (Sep 20)

tinyurl.com/2ffuhuxj

- Minister Guilbeault supports advancing climate ambition in New York City (Sep 22)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/mtvjaewa

- Message from the Minister of Health on Cancer Awareness (Sep 5)

tinyurl.com/yxxpadh2

- Government of Canada seeks input to further reduce tobacco use (Sep 8)

tinyurl.com/3bz4eytc

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – World Suicide Prevention Day (Sep 10)

tinyurl.com/2zu7vup4

- Health Canada authorizes Moderna COVID-19 vaccine targeting Omicron XBB.1.5 subvariant (Sep 12)

tinyurl.com/2ydeyxc8

- Canada Releases Medical Assistance in Dying accredited training program for health professionals (Sep 13)

tinyurl.com/5c3fyecc

- Government of Canada Supports Improved Access to Living Organ Donation Among Marginalized Communities in Canada (Sep 14)

tinyurl.com/bpe8tdc5

- Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health (Sep 14)

tinyurl.com/46xvhyn7

- Government of Canada Highlights Key Progress in Support of Organ Donation and Transplantation (Sep 15)

Prime Minister's Office

tinyurl.com/3mf63xmx

- Prime Minister addresses global challenges and champions inclusive and sustainable growth at the G20 (Sep 10)

tinyurl.com/34hk5v75

- Fighting for the middle class (Sep 14)

tinyurl.com/yz8mupzy

- Prime Minister advances progress toward a peaceful, healthy future at United Nations General Assembly (Sep 21)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/ykn5buue

- Government of Canada announces new fund to complement 9-8-8 helpline to address equity gaps for eligible distress and crisis centres across Canada (Sep 8)

tinyurl.com/5drms7se

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day (Sep 9)

tinyurl.com/mr3uhmaj

- Statement from the Minister of Health on World Alzheimer's Day (Sep 21)

Public Services and Procurement Canada

tinyurl.com/3d4vvf9w

- The Government of Canada announces progress on the Canadian Dental Care Plan (Sep 6)

Transport Canada

tinyurl.com/hyes85ar

- Minister of Transport marks the launch of Rail Safety Week 2023 (Sep 18)

Women and General Equality Canada

tinyurl.com/2syk48xh

- Food Banks Canada selected to run a national pilot addressing barriers to menstrual equity (Sep 21)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/5n7bnej

- Connecting Ontarians to the Tools They Need to Stay Healthy This Respiratory Illness Season (Sep 14)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Access to Genetic Testing

tinyurl.com/24vyc72n

- As countries around the world accelerate their genome-based testing readiness, Canada's health systems can't afford to fall behind (Sep 13)

Association of Ontario Midwives

tinyurl.com/y9s2tp5j

- Ontario midwives deliver essential paramedic training in childbirth emergencies (Sep 14)

Canadian Climate Institute

tinyurl.com/4ynb9t6m

- Heat Pumps Pay Off: Unlocking Lower-Cost Heat and Cooling in Canada (Sep 21)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/5yba8szc

- Pan-Canadian collaboration to support health workforce planning for physicians in Canada (Sep 11)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

<https://tinyurl.com/56r47nzu>

- Message from the Minister of Health – National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (Sep 12)

Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders

tinyurl.com/2fsr3b4d

- Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders supports call on United Nations member states to turn universal health coverage into a reality for people living with rare diseases (Sep 21)

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tinyurl.com/3jsb26bs

- Commercialization of cannabis linked to increase traffic injuries (Sep 6)

tinyurl.com/527rjm5j

- Large rise in hospital visits for self-harm during the pandemic, particularly among young females (Sep 18)

Neighbourhood Pharmacy Association of Canada

tinyurl.com/4cnbwpc

- Neighbourhood Pharmacy Association of Canada Releases Landmark Findings on the Value of Specialty Pharmacy Services (Sep 14)

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

tinyurl.com/yjcrh5zm

- OPC's annual report highlights efforts to protect privacy in a data-driven world (Sep 19)

Ombudsman Ontario

tinyurl.com/zv7yct4y

- Long-term care inspection system collapsed during deadly first weeks of COVID-19 pandemic, Ontario Ombudsman finds (Sep 7)

Ontario One Call

tinyurl.com/4bkxmxv5

- Sewer Safety Week: Ontario Safety Partners Raise Awareness to Call Before You Call (Sep 18)

Ontario Public Health Emergencies Science Advisory Committee

tinyurl.com/yvjm74j9

- Strengthening Ontario's Respiratory Viral Surveillance System (Sep 14)

Public Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/chkh9nya

- Connections (Sep 18)

Unity Health Toronto

tinyurl.com/33dn2x8s

- Accidental drug and alcohol-related deaths nearly doubled in Ontario during pandemic (Sep 14)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/5hb8vmvh

- Leaders spotlight the critical intersection between health and climate ahead of COP-28 first-ever Health Day (Sep 18)

tinyurl.com/mt8v7tak

- First WHO report details devastating impact of hypertension and ways to stop it (Sep 19)

tinyurl.com/v4fawnya

- World leaders commit to redouble efforts towards universal health coverage by 2030 (Sep 21)

tinyurl.com/ym5p4rhv

- World leaders commit to new targets to end TB (Sep 22)

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND

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info@midland.ca



September 8, 2023

The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0A4

Via Email: sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON
M7A 1A1

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario

At its September 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting with Closed Session the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

That the Town of Midland send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system; and

That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Thank you.


Yours very
truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210

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**Corporation of the
 Municipality of West Grey**
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 519 369 2200

September 22, 2023

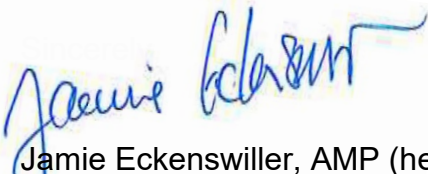
RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on September 19, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230919-005 as follows:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received September 8, 2023 from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, council directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, the MP and MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities."

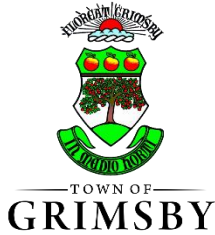
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)
 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
 Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: Town of Grimsby – Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Alex Ruff, MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
 Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
 All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

Office of the Town Clerk

160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby, ON L3M 0J5

Phone: 905-945-9634 Ext. 2171 | **Fax:** 905-945-5010

Email: bdunk@grimsby.ca

September 8, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON, K1A

Attention: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 5, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded by: Councillor Freake

Whereas the Canadian livable wage for Niagara Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 below the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in Grimsby as of August 2023 is now \$2000 a month; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In Niagara west, rent is approximately 272% of Ontario Works, 145% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 75% of minimum wage full-time, and 150% of minimum wage part time; and

Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

Whereas there are no housing units under Niagara Regional Housing for single adults or families with dependents, including 2,3,4 or five bedrooms in our community; and

Whereas the Grimsby Benevolent Fund reported that in 2022:

- 70+ households received monthly rental supplement totaling \$237,744
- \$79,500 was invested into one time emergency housing support as of June 7, 2023
- 78 households are receiving monthly financial benefits to make rental housing more affordable; and

Whereas food inflation was 8.3% and groceries rose by 9.1%; and

Whereas the Grimsby Food Bank numbers from June 2023 reported:

- 19 new households
- 447 served households
- 1055 served individuals
- 7 emergency visits; and

Whereas the Grimsby Economic Strategic Plan identified the general high cost of living and housing affordability as primary obstacles in our workforce attraction.

Therefore be it resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby encourage these same municipalities to join us in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.

Be it further resolved the Town of Grimsby Clerks Department circulates this resolution to Niagara West MP Dean Allison and Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff, requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby, through its Finance and Human Resources departments, undertake a comprehensive assessment to explore the feasibility and implementation of a living wage policy for all Town of Grimsby employees, with the aim of ensuring that all municipal workers receive fair compensation that aligns with the principles of a living wage and that staff be directed to explore becoming a living wage employer.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West

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Josh Machesney, City Clerk

September 25, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building
Queen's Park, Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Support for Municipality of Wawa Resolution re: Chronic Pain Treatments

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on September 20, 2023 Council supported the attached resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding maintaining OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments by passing the following resolution:


"And further that Staff be directed to prepare a letter of support for Item 12.1 (e) Resolution from the Municipality of Shuniah in relation to Support for the Municipality of Wawa regarding Chronic Pain Treatments." **Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

Josh Machesney,
City Clerk

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CC: Municipalities of Ontario
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Todd Smith, MPP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Hon. Michael A. Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Moved by: 	Seconded by: 
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WHEREAS the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons has made a decision that will lead more people who suffer from chronic pain to turn to opioids to alleviate their pain and;

WHEREAS the College is targeting community pain clinics by requiring the use of ultrasound technology in the administration of nerve block injections by licensed physicians. This requirement will increase the time it takes to administer the nerve block and, therefore, reduce the number of patients a physician can see in a day and;

WHEREAS the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is proposing to reduce coverage for several vital healthcare services, including a drastic reduction in the number and frequency of nerve block injections a patient can receive and;

WHEREAS these changes have been proposed without any consultation with pain management medical professionals or with their patients and;

WHEREAS this cut will force chronic pain clinics to shut down, putting a greater strain on family physicians and emergency rooms and;

WHEREAS with the reduction in the number of nerve blocks being administered, many patients, looking for pain relief, will turn to overcrowded emergency rooms, opioid prescriptions from doctors or opioid street drugs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa is requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities of Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
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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

September 25, 2023

Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
 Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development &
 MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Northumberland County Resolution – ‘Highway Traffic Act Amendments’

At a meeting held on September 20, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-09-20-647 adopting the below recommendation from the September 7, 2023 Public Works Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Highway Traffic Act Amendments', recommend that County Council support the correspondence, and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Council Resolution # 2023-09-20-647

Carried

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

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

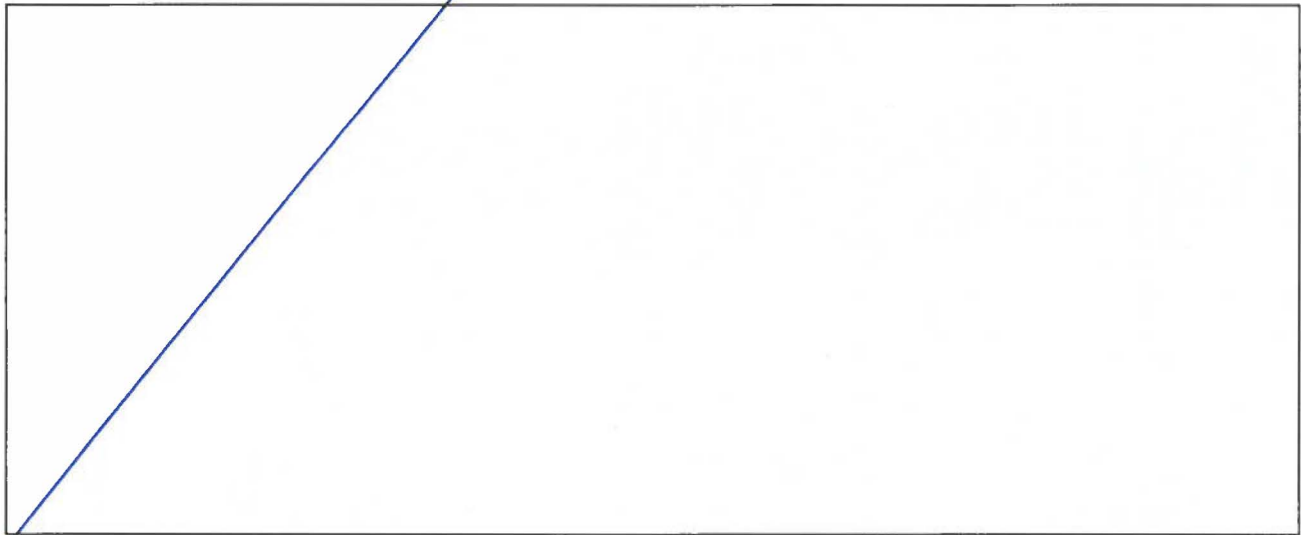
Moved By O. Hankivsky
 Seconded By J. Logel

Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number
 2023-09-20 647

Council Date: September 20, 2023

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held September 5, 6, and 7, 2023), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
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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 _____
 Councillor's Name

Carried Shaney Newton
 Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
 Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
 Warden's Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: September 7, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2023-09-07-629

Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: H. Martin

Council Meeting Date: September 20, 2023

"That the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Highway Traffic Act Amendments', recommend that County Council support the correspondence, and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Carried  
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.4.

Resolution Number 2023-152

Title: Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #16) and the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #10)

Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the City of Cambridge, on May 9, 2023, regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO); the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Division
The City of Cambridge
50 Dickson Street, P.O. Box 669
Cambridge ON N1R 5W8
Tel: (519) 740-4680 ext. 4585
mantond@cambridge.ca**

May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

AND WHEREAS speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

AND WHEREAS barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

AND WHEREAS our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

AND WHEREAS our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

AND WHEREAS s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities




Healthy watersheds for today
and tomorrow.

September 25, 2023

Via email and upload to the Environmental Registry of Ontario

Ms. Anna MacDonald, Director
Provincial Land Use Plans Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park 23rd Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto ON M7A 2J3

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Dear Ms. MacDonald:

Subject: Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority Comments for Consultation on Provincial Consultation on Proposed Return of Lands to the Greenbelt Environmental Registry of Ontario Notice Numbers 019-7561 and 019-7562 CLOCA File# PGDP22

At their meeting of September 19, 2023, the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) Board of Directors passed the following Resolution:

Res. #56 *Moved by R. Mulcahy
Seconded by R. Kerr*

WHEREAS The Greenbelt is composed of Agricultural and Environmental Lands that are necessary for food production, ecological biodiversity, and hydrological integrity – essential elements for human life;

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THAT Commentary in Staff Report #5842-23 be endorsed and submitted to the Province of Ontario as CLOCA’s comments regarding Environment Registry Posting 019-7561 and 019-7562;

THAT Staff Report #5842-23 be circulated to Watershed Municipalities, Members of Provincial Parliament, Members of Parliament, Conservation Ontario, and Adjacent Conservation Authorities for their information.

CARRIED

Accordingly, please find the endorsed staff report and attachments enclosed with this letter for detailed commentary from CLOCA.

Please contact me if you have any questions with respect to this submission.

Yours truly,

Chris Jones, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Regulation
CJ/cj

Encl. CLOCA Staff Report 5842-23 and attachments

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DATE: September 19, 2023
FILE: PGDP22
S.R.: 5842-23
TO: Chair and Members, CLOCA Board of Directors
FROM: Chris Jones, Director, Planning & Regulation
SUBJECT: Provincial Consultation on Proposed Return of Lands to the Greenbelt

APPROVED BY C.A.O. 

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to introduce a new proposal from the Province of Ontario to amend the *Greenbelt Plan* to return an area of land in the CLOCA Watershed (Lynde Creek – Town of Ajax) back to the Greenbelt and to provide commentary for submission to the province under the *Environmental Bill of Rights Registry* (“Registry”).

Background: Previous CLOCA Commentary in Fall 2022 Regarding Removals

At the meeting of November 22, 2022, the CLOCA Board of Directors Resolved as follows:

“Res. #66 Moved by R. Hooper Seconded by B. Nicholson

WHEREAS The Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force’s Recommended Goal of 1.5 million homes in the next 10 years explicitly excluded building on the Greenbelt Protected Countryside;

WHEREAS As Recently as March 24 of this year [2022], the Government of Ontario Stated that “government will not consider the removal of any lands from the Greenbelt”;

WHEREAS Removal Proposals Include Portions of the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System Containing Irreplaceable Provincially Significant Wetlands and Woodlands in the CLOCA Watershed;

WHEREAS CLOCA Previously Commented on Greenbelt Expansion Proposals with the Premise of Improving the Quantity and Quality of the Greenbelt for Future Generations and Not to Facilitate Future Removals;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CLOCA Board of Directors requests that the Province of Ontario withdraw the Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan;

THAT the Commentary in Staff Report #5808-22 and attachments be endorsed and submitted to the Province of Ontario and Conservation Ontario as CLOCA’s comments regarding Environmental Registry Posting ... CARRIED”

Despite the non-supportive commentary made under the Registry, the government proceeded to remove all lands it had proposed without any change on December 12, 2022.

Following significant media attention, critical reports from the Auditor General of Ontario and the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, on September 6, 2023, proposals were posted to the Registry to return lands at 765 and 775 Kingston Road East in the Town of Ajax back to the Greenbelt. The government’s stated rationale for this latest proposal is that “...the lands were recently listed for sale. [This action runs] counter to the government’s objective of building homes quickly.”

Through a letter from the Minister, the province has indicated that it intends to “prepare a review of the Greenbelt to ensure that it is appropriately accommodating Ontario’s significant growth... and will include an evaluation of the remaining properties that were removed from the Greenbelt late last year.” Without any detail yet released, staff cannot evaluate this latest announcement regarding the Greenbelt but will prepare a Report once pertinent details are known.

The full letter from the Minister and Registry Posting is included in Attachment No. 1 to this Report.

Background: Two Greenbelt Removals Took Place in the CLOCA Watershed

Of the 15 areas of land removed from the Greenbelt Protected Countryside, two (2) were located in the CLOCA Watershed.

Ajax Removal

The first area of land is 42.7 hectares (105 acres) located in the Town of Ajax at the southwest corner of Kingston Road East and Lake Ridge Road South within a portion of the Greenbelt Protected Countryside that forms part of the permanent agriculture preserve of the Town of Ajax and a longstanding greenlands and open space separator between the Town of Whitby to the east and the urban portion of the Town of Ajax to the west. An excerpt of the provincial Greenbelt mapping is shown below to the left. The lands are located in the Lynde Creek watershed and contain a tributary of the Lynde Creek and a key natural heritage features in the form of woodland, watercourse and fish habitat along with agricultural lands, which are incorporated into CLOCA's watershed-scale Natural Heritage System. A map of this information is shown below to the right.

Figure 1: Lands Proposed for Removal in the Town of Ajax, Lynde Creek Watershed

Provincial Greenbelt Mapping



CLOCA Mapping of Features and Areas



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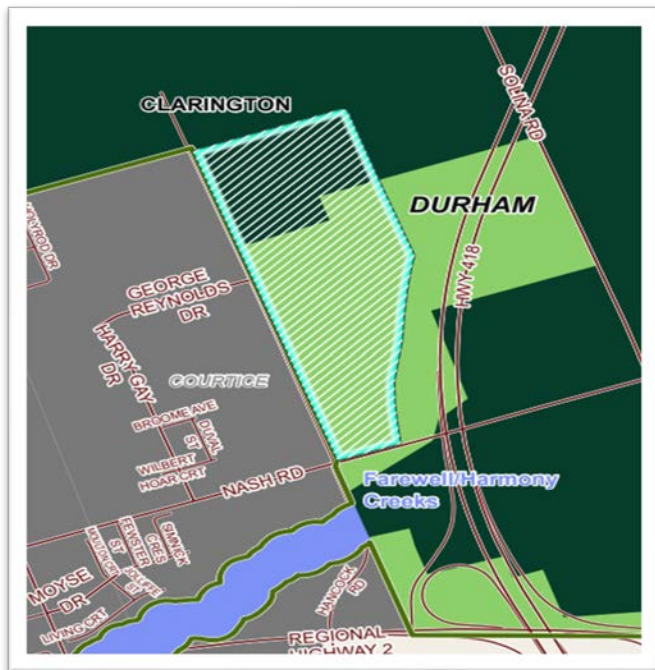
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- Natural Heritage System
- Towns/Villages
- Urban River Valleys
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- Greenbelt Removal
- Assessment Parcel
- Riverine Floodline
- Drainage
- Natural Heritage System

Clarington Removal

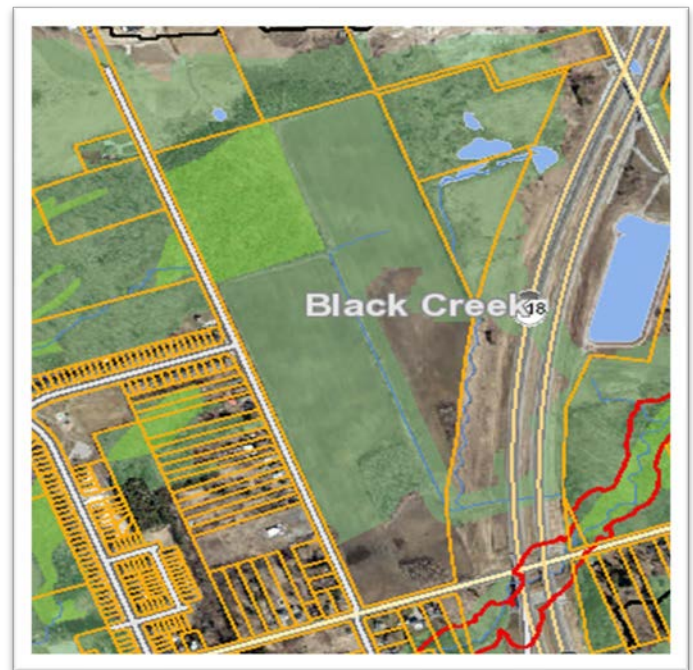
The second area of land is 34.7 hectares (85.8 acres) located in the Municipality of Clarington northeast of the intersection of Hancock Road north of Nash Road within a portion of the Greenbelt Protected Countryside and Greenbelt Natural Heritage System that is intended to permanently protect the Lake Iroquois Beach physiographic region. An excerpt of the provincial Greenbelt mapping is shown below to the left. The lands are located in the Black Creek watershed. Consistent with the location of the lands upon the former Lake Iroquois Beach, the lands also contain woodlands and a large 5.4-hectare (13.2 acre) unit of the *Harmony-Farewell Iroquois Beach Provincially Significant Wetland Complex*, a tributary of the Black Creek and a key natural heritage feature in the form of woodland, watercourse, and fish habitat along with agricultural lands. Appropriate for a site located within the Greenbelt and a portion of the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System, the entirety of the lands is recognized within CLOCA's Wildlife Habitat Network as being either Core Habitat, Secondary Habitat and Regional Corridor for the movement of sensitive plants and animals. In addition, the majority of the site is recognized as being part of CLOCA's watershed-scale Natural Heritage System. A map of this information is shown below to the right.

Figure 2: Lands Proposed for Removal in the Municipality of Clarington, Black Creek Watershed














Provincial Greenbelt Mapping



CLOCA Mapping of Features and Areas



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|  | Greenbelt Area* |  | Assessment Parcel |
|  | Protected Countryside |  | Riverine |
|  | Natural Heritage System |  | Drainage |
|  | Towns/Villages |  | Natural Heritage System |
|  | Urban River Valleys |  | Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) |
|  | Settlement Areas Outside the Greenbelt | | |
|  | Municipal Boundary | | |
|  | Road or Highway | | |
|  | Greenbelt Removal | | |

Analysis and Conclusion

Last Fall, CLOCA provided detailed commentary to the province that indicated that:

- The rationale for the removals was not credible;
- The two removal proposals in the CLOCA Watershed violate core Greenbelt Plan principles;
- The removals did not honour previous commitments made to CLOCA in commenting on earlier proposals to expand and improve the Greenbelt's quality and quantity.

For whatever reason given, due to the environmental value of the lands, as summarized above, it is welcome that the province is reversing its decision to remove lands at 765 and 775 Kingston Road East in the Town of Ajax. Accordingly, the lands should be brought back into the Greenbelt at the earliest possible opportunity. Further reflection should be given to reversing the other removal in the CLOCA watershed given the significant environmental features on the lands.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

WHEREAS The Greenbelt is composed of Agricultural and Environmental Lands that are necessary for local food production, ecological biodiversity, and hydrological integrity – essential elements for human life;

WHEREAS The CLOCA Board of Directors Objected to the Removals Proposed in 2022;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CLOCA Board of Directors supports restoration of the full extent of the Greenbelt Plan within the CLOCA Watershed;

THAT the Commentary in Staff Report #5842-23 be endorsed and submitted to the Province of Ontario as CLOCA's comments regarding Environmental Registry Posting 019-7561 and 019-7562;

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Attachment 1 – Ministerial Letter and ERO Postings

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Municipal Affairs
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234-2023-4434

September 6, 2023

Dear Clerks, CAOs, and Conservation Authority Administrators:

Re: Proposal to return lands in Ajax to the Greenbelt

In December 2022, to accommodate Ontario's unprecedented growth by supporting the building of more homes, our government removed or redesignated 15 areas of land totaling approximately 7,400 acres from the edge of the Greenbelt Area. At the same time, a portion of the Paris Galt Moraine was added to the Greenbelt, along with 13 Urban River Valleys, totalling 9,400 acres, for an overall expansion of approximately 2000 acres.

The government was clear that owners of the lands removed from the Greenbelt would be expected to develop detailed plans to build housing with landowners also being responsible for paying for the full cost of housing-enabling and community-building infrastructure. It is the government's expectation that significant progress on approvals and implementation be achieved by the end of 2023.

It has come to the government's attention that the discussions surrounding the development of the lands removed from the Greenbelt located at 765 and 775 Kingston Road East in the Town of Ajax were at an early stage, and that a 104-acre parcel within the lands was recently listed for sale. These actions run counter to the government's objective of building homes quickly. The government is now seeking feedback on a proposal to return these lands, amounting to approximately 133 acres, to the Greenbelt Area through an amendment to the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation ([O. Reg. 59/05](#)) and an amendment to the Greenbelt Plan.

Further information on the proposal to amend the Greenbelt Plan and Greenbelt Area boundary regulation, can be found at:

[ERO #019-7561 – Proposal to return lands to the Greenbelt \(Amendment to the Greenbelt Plan\)](#)

[ERO #019-7562 – Proposal to return lands to the Greenbelt \(Amendment to Greenbelt Boundary Regulation O. Reg. 59/05\)](#)

Information and mapping on the 2022 decision to amend the Greenbelt Plan can be found here:

[ERO #019-6216 - Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan](#)
[Greenbelt Maps](#)

The comment period on the Environmental Registry of Ontario is open for 45 days and will close on October 20, 2023. I look forward to receiving your input on this proposal.

In the meantime, my ministry is working to prepare a review of the Greenbelt to ensure that it is appropriately accommodating Ontario's significant growth, as is mandated in provincial legislation. This review will be informed by the recommendations of the Auditor General's report

and will include an evaluation of the remaining properties that were removed from the Greenbelt late last year.

As ministry officials design and launch this review, the non-partisan Provincial Land and Development Facilitator will continue to work with proponents of the remaining sites to ensure that progress on these lands continues, including the obligation to provide community benefits such as parks, community centres, schools and hospitals. This work will be an important input into the mandated review into the Greenbelt, as will meaningful consultation with municipalities, Indigenous communities and regular people living in these areas who deal with the negative impacts of the housing supply crisis the most. The properties that were removed from the Greenbelt will have to stand on their own merits: If the review finds these properties cannot support the government's objective of building homes quickly, they will be returned to the Greenbelt.

We have been clear that progress on these sites must meet the government's expectations. If planning and approvals have not significantly progressed by the end of this year and if shovels are not in the ground by 2025, the government will return these lands to the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

The Hon. Paul Calandra

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing,
Planning and Growth Division

Proposal to return lands to the Greenbelt (Amendment to the Greenbelt Plan)

ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number	019-7561
Notice type	Policy
Act	Greenbelt Act, 2005
Posted by	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Notice stage	Proposal
Proposal posted	September 5, 2023
Comment period	September 5, 2023 - October 20, 2023 (45 days) Open
Last updated	September 5, 2023

This consultation closes at 11:59 p.m.
on:

October 20, 2023

Proposal summary

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on a proposal to return lands in the Town of Ajax to the Greenbelt.

Proposal details

In December 2022, the government took bold action to address the housing supply crisis and build 1.5 million homes by 2031 by making changes to the Greenbelt. This action was in addition to a variety of other measures intended to tackle the housing supply crisis, including four housing supply action plans to date, and was intended to support our municipal partners in planning for responsible growth and to help build housing faster and in a targeted manner, while leading to an overall expansion of the Greenbelt.

To accommodate Ontario's expected growth and support the building of more homes, our government removed or redesignated 15 areas of land totaling approximately 7,400 acres from the edge of the Greenbelt Area ([ERO Posting 019-6216: Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan](#))

(<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6216>)). At the same time, a portion of the Paris Galt Moraine was added to the Greenbelt ([https://prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2022-11/Addition%20Map%20A 1.pdf](https://prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2022-11/Addition%20Map%20A%201.pdf)), along with 13 Urban River Valleys (see ERO Posting 019-4485: Growing the size of the Greenbelt (<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4485>)), totalling 9,400 acres, for an overall expansion of approximately 2000 acres.

The government was clear that owners of the lands removed from the Greenbelt would be expected to develop detailed plans to build housing and move forward with the project quickly. It is the government's expectation that significant progress on approvals and implementation be achieved by the end of 2023.

It has come to the government's attention that the discussions surrounding the development of the lands removed from the Greenbelt located at 765 and 775 Kingston Road East in the Town of Ajax were at an early stage, and that a 104-acre parcel within the lands was recently listed for sale.

These lands were removed from the Greenbelt as part of the 2022 Greenbelt Plan and Greenbelt Area boundary regulation amendments. The government is now seeking feedback on a proposal to return these lands, amounting to approximately 133 acres, to the Greenbelt Area through an amendment to the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation (O. Reg. 59/05) (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/050059>) and an amendment to the Greenbelt Plan. The government is not seeking feedback on any ideas for other Greenbelt removals or redesignations through this consultation, nor is it seeking feedback on the 2022 decision to amend the Greenbelt Plan and boundary regulation.

While this ERO posting relates specifically to the proposed amendment to the Greenbelt Plan, there is a related ERO posting regarding a proposed amendment to the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation O. Reg. 59/05 to add these lands back to the Greenbelt:

- ERO 019-7562 (<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-7562>)

The Greenbelt Act, 2005 requires consultation with affected municipalities, public bodies and the public on any proposed Greenbelt Plan amendment.

If these lands are returned to the Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Act and Greenbelt Plan's Protected Countryside policies would apply.

The map available for this consultation is posted in supporting materials below and outlines the land in the Town of Ajax that the government is currently seeking feedback on returning to the Greenbelt.

Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan

The Greenbelt Act, 2005 sets out the legislated public process that applies to any proposed Greenbelt Plan amendments. This includes consultation with affected public bodies such as the Greenbelt Council, municipalities and conservation authorities in the Greenbelt Area and an opportunity for consultation with the general public. Consultation with Indigenous communities would also occur before any amendments are made.

Under the Greenbelt Act, 2005, amendments cannot reduce the total land area covered by the Greenbelt Plan.

Section 5.6 of the Greenbelt Plan provides that amendments to the Greenbelt Plan could be considered outside of the 10-year review in the event of major new Provincial policy, legislation, or regulation that creates the need for an amendment. It also contemplates amendments that are made for the purpose of extending Greenbelt Plan policy coverage to lands which may be added to the Greenbelt.

For more information on the 2022 amendment, and previous amendments to the Greenbelt Plan, please refer to [ERO Posting 019-6216: Decision on proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan](https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6216) (<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6216>).

Analysis of Regulatory Impact

There is no anticipated regulatory impact resulting from this proposal. The proposed return of lands to the Greenbelt is consistent with government's objectives for the 2022 Greenbelt amendment and commitment to building 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years. The return of these lands will continue to effectively direct growth, optimize investments in infrastructure and support needed housing by allowing municipalities to focus resources on lands for housing developments that are making more significant progress. Lands returned to the Greenbelt would be protected by the prohibitions and requirements of the Greenbelt Plan. There would be no additional burden placed on the lands proposed to be returned, as they were previously part of

the Greenbelt and the proposal would result in the lands being subject to the same policies they were subject to prior to December 14, 2022. There are no direct administrative costs associated with this proposal.

Supporting materials

Related files

[Map of proposed lands to be returned to the Greenbelt \(765 and 775 Kingston Road East, Ajax\) \(https://prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2023-09/final_ero_map_use_this_\(3\).pdf\)](https://prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2023-09/final_ero_map_use_this_(3).pdf)
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Related links

[Greenbelt Plan \(https://www.ontario.ca/document/greenbelt-plan-2017\)](https://www.ontario.ca/document/greenbelt-plan-2017)

[Greenbelt Act, 2005 \(https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/05g01\)](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/05g01)

[Greenbelt Maps \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/greenbelt-maps\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/greenbelt-maps)

[Greenbelt Area boundary regulation O. Reg. 59/05 \(https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/050059\)](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/050059)

[Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/oak-ridges-moraine-conservation-plan-2017\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/oak-ridges-moraine-conservation-plan-2017)

[Oak Ridges Moraine Maps \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/oak-ridges-moraine\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/oak-ridges-moraine)

[Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, 2001 \(https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01o31\)](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01o31)

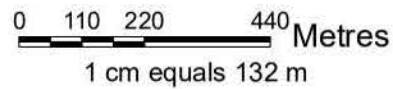
Related ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) notices

[Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan \(/notice/019-6216\)](/notice/019-6216)

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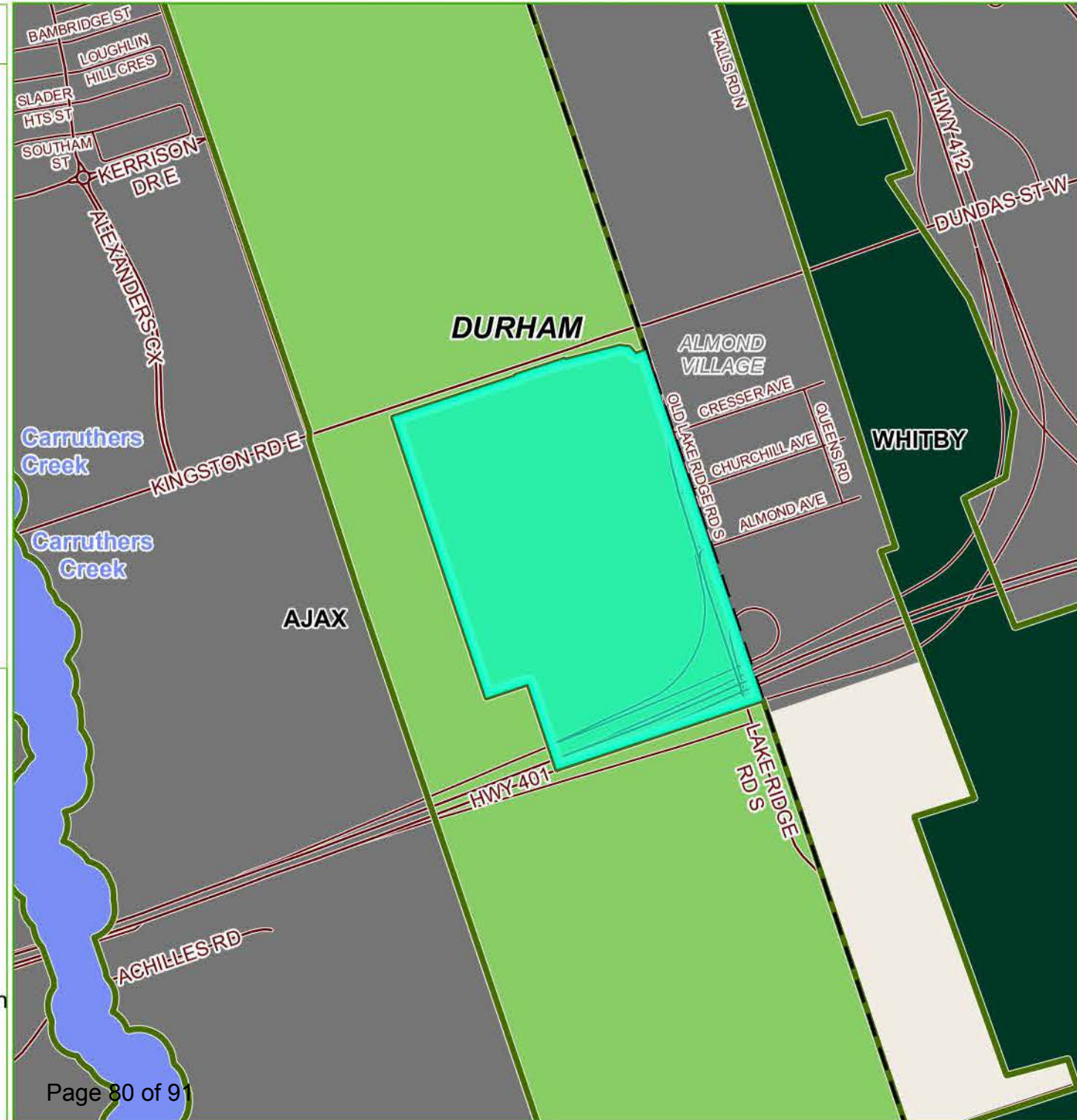


Note: While every effort has been made to accurately depict the information, this map should not be relied on as being a precise indicator of locations of features or roads. For precise boundaries and locations of Settlement Areas, including Towns/Villages and Hamlets, the appropriate municipalities should be consulted.

Produced by and using data sources from the: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry; Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 12, 2023

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: T. Barrie, Clarington
Z. Cohoon, Member at Large, Chair
R. Death, Whitby
N. Guthrie, Ajax
B. Hulshof, Uxbridge
J. Neal, Regional Councillor Alternate
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Member at Large
M. Shiers, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture
D. Stevenson, Oshawa
N. Swain, Scugog
G. Taylor, Pickering
T. Watpool, Brock

Absent: B. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair
M. Somerville, Member at Large
W. Wotten, Regional Councillor

Staff

Present: A. Chung, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. De Vos, Program Specialist, Department of Planning and Economic Development
S. Jibb, Manager, Agricultural & Rural Economic Development, Department of Planning and Economic Development
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by N. Guthrie, Seconded by T. Watpool,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting
held on Tuesday, June 12, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Shauna Muir, Supervisor, Public Affairs & Corporate Communications, City of Pickering – Pickering Corporate Strategic Plan

Shauna Muir, Supervisor, Public Affairs & Corporate Communications, City of Pickering, attending virtually, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Pickering Corporate Strategic Plan.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- What we'll be Covering
- What is a Corporate Strategic Plan?
- Project Activities to Date
- Has anyone taken the Community Survey?
- Goal Areas
 - Economic Growth & Opportunity
 - Community Safety & Well-Being
 - Environmental Leadership
 - Infrastructure Investment & Renewal
 - Good Governance
 - Strong Community Partnerships
- Do you have one big idea for Pickering's Strategic Plan?

S. Muir responded to questions with regards to whether the Mayor of Pickering can overrule any decisions made with the strategic plan; Pickering's plan regarding excess topsoil; the amount of land in Pickering that is rural versus urban; and whether Pickering has an agricultural plan in place.

Discussion ensued with regards to the importance of topsoil being properly managed throughout Durham Region.

5. Discussion Items

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

S. Jibb provided the following update:

- There will be an update provided to the Planning & Economic Development Committee in October regarding the Growing Agri Food Durham Plan which has been implemented over the last year, and will provide an update to the Committee, Agricultural Advisory Committee

of Clarington, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture, Durham Farm Connections and Durham Farm Fresh to communicate what has been accomplished.

A. De Vos provided the following update:

- There will be a month-long promotional campaign with Durham Farm Fresh and Durham Tourism. The campaign will be called Gather on the Farm and it is being held in place of the traditional Gates Open event. The campaign will be centered around celebrating the 30th anniversary of Durham Farm Fresh, shopping at local farms and enjoying on-farm experiences in Durham Region.
- There will be an Apple Value Chain Video project kicking off next week and staff will be filming at Wilmot Orchards, Algoma Orchards, and Beaverton Independent Grocer. It is a promotional resource for the many assets in apple production in Durham Region and Agriculture awareness material.

B) Avian Influenza and Backyard Chickens

S. Jibb provided the following update:

- At the last Committee meeting, Brock was looking into a backyard chickens by-law and an update will be provided at the next meeting with the survey results and how they are planning to move forward with a potential by-law.
- The Town of Whitby is working on a climate change plan and is also looking at a backyard chickens by-law and may be of interest to discuss with staff members.
- The Poultry Industry Council and small flock operators are continuing to do webinars and share information as migration patterns for wild birds are starting again.

It was the consensus of the Committee to take Avian Influenza and Backyard Chickens off future agendas unless there is a substantial update.

C) Agriculture 101 Training

A. De Vos advised that a date to provide the Agriculture 101 Training pilot presentation to Scugog needs to be finalized.

Discussion ensued with regards to potential dates for the presentation; whether the presentation has been adjusted to reflect statistics for Scugog; who will be providing the presentation on the pilot; who will be providing the presentations to the other Durham Region local municipalities; and the best time for Committee members to provide the presentations. Presentations will be delivered this winter to local municipalities.

D) 2023 Farm Tour Sub-Committee Report

D. Risebrough advised the Farm Tour will take place on Thursday, September 21, 2023; there are 131 people currently registered; and Committee members are needed the day before and on the day of the event to assist with set up and take down. D. Risebrough provided an overview of the events for the day to Committee members.

6. Information Items

A) Office of the Auditor General of Ontario – Special Report on Changes to the Greenbelt

Office of the Auditor General of Ontario – Special Report on Changes to the Greenbelt was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

M. Scott advised that the report provides an overview of how lands are potentially going to be changed from Greenbelt to residential development. He noted that Item 6.B) below has similar information and explained how the three Durham properties were selected to be removed from the Greenbelt.

B) Office of the Integrity Commissioner – re: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Member of Provincial Parliament for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes

Office of the Integrity Commissioner – re: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Member of Provincial Parliament for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

C) Information Report #2023-INFO-64 – Proposed Provincial Planning Statement Update

Information Report #2023-INFO-64 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development – Proposed Provincial Planning Statement was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

M. Scott advised that Regional comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement was provided to the Province on the deadline of August 4, 2023. The Province indicated publicly that they will be stepping back on the lot creation process on Farm lots. He will advise the Committee when they receive a draft or final version from the Province and will conduct an analysis.

D) Uxbridge Proposed Urban Provincial Park

M. Scott advised that the Uxbridge Proposed Urban Provincial Park information was circulated to Committee members in the summer and that it is still early in the planning process.

Discussion ensued with regards to the lands being included in the proposed Urban Provincial Park; and who currently owns the proposed lands.

E) Report #2023-EDT-10 – Precision Agriculture Field Day

Report #2023-EDT-10 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development – Precision Agriculture Field Day was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

F) Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) Provincial Planning Statement Submission

Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) Provincial Planning Statement Submission was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda and received.

Discussion ensued with regards to circulating the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's Provincial Planning Statement Submission to the new Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPPs; having farmers and landowners that farm in the Greenbelt at review meetings; and ways to show the Committee's support to the Provincial Planning Statement Submission from OFA.

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by G.L. O'Connor,

That the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee supports and endorses the A Place to Grow and Provincial Planning Statement Submission from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA).

CARRIED

7. Other Business

A) Building Permit for Seasonal Workers

Councillor Neal raised a concern received from an Oshawa resident regarding obtaining a building permit on a farm for seasonal workers. Discussion ensued with regards to the guidelines for seasonal workers and seeking guidance from other municipalities.

B) Durham Farm Connections Celebrate Agriculture Gala

N. Swain advised that the Durham Farm Connections Celebrate Agriculture Gala is looking for nominations for Farm Family of the Year; Spirit of Agriculture and Leadership Award and the deadline to nominate a recipient is September 20, 2023.

C) Bill 23 Update

M. Scott advised that due to Bill 23, the responsibilities of the Durham Region Land Division Committee are being delegated to the lower tier municipalities. He also advised that Report #2023-P-22 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development on this matter is being presented to Regional Council on September 27, 2023 for approval.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 starting at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by N. Swain, Seconded by G. Taylor,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Z.Cphoon, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 19, 2023

A meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Crawford, Chair
A. Ali*, Ajax, attended the meeting at 7:12 PM
A. Andrus*, Community Group, Participation House
M. Bonk, Brock
R. Claxton-Oldfield, Member at Large
P. Gunti, Clarington
W. Henshall*, AAC
J. McEwen*, AAC
A. Mujeeb*, Pickering
T. Ralph, Whitby
T. Smale, Member of Large

***denotes members of the Committee participating electronically**

Absent: I. Giffin, Uxbridge
R. Smith, Community Group, Durham Association for Family Resources

Staff

Present: F. Amin, Administrative Assistant, Durham Region Transit
M. Barta, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit
Z. Osime-Fakolade, Program Manager, Engagement and Change Management, Durham Region Transit
N. Ratti, Manager, Policy and Planning, Durham Region Transit
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by R. Claxton-Oldfield,
That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Transit Advisory
Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Funding and Budget

B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Funding and Budget.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Budget Inputs
- Budget Timeline
- Budget and Funding
 - Key Targets for 2023
 - Operating Expenses
 - Internal Transfers & Recoveries
 - Revenues and Financing
 - Capital Financing

B. Holmes responded to a question with regards to reduction in development charges from Bill 23,

B) Principle of Service Planning

N. Ratti, Manager, Policy and Planning, Durham Region Transit, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Principle of Service Planning.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham Region Transit (DRT) Rural Transit Review
- The Route Ahead
- Service Design Guidelines
- Transit Service in Durham
- A Strong Transit Network
- Transit Challenges in Durham Region
- Challenging Pedestrian Connections
- Isolated Neighbourhood – On Demand
- Pockets of Developments

N. Ratti responded to questions with regards to how transit information is made available to community organizations supporting individuals that use transit; the estimated walking distance to bus stops; potential increased frequency of buses north of Highway 2 in Pickering; whether more bus shelters can be installed;

whether the community bus in Pickering providing service to seniors will be brought back; increase in bus frequency during peak hours; whether the new DRT app has the capacity to monitor and track rides that have been declined to forecast ridership; local area transit plans; information available to customers to know location of bus stops with bus shelters; and scheduled bus routes being added to northern communities.

Discussion ensued with regards to ensuring Durham Region Transit information is available in a more accessible way; bus stop spacing; budget for specialized services; factoring in the population growth of newcomers to Canada; coordination of bus times with school dismissal times; and incidental commuter traffic for evenings and Saturdays.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Correspondence Items

There were no communication items to be considered.

7. Information Items

There were no information items to be considered.

8. Discussion Items

A) Specialized Services Engagement Session Summary

B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Specialized transit customer engagement sessions held in May 2023..

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Engagement Approach
- Themes and Response/Action
 - Service Availability
 - Service Reliability Concern: Last Minute Trip Cancellations
 - Equipment/Infrastructure
 - Service to Adult Day Programs
 - Request for Dedication Travel to/from Day Programs
 - Eligibility Process
 - Trip Booking/Operation
 - Customer Trips Longer than Originally Planned
 - Operators Unaware of Special Needs of Customers
 - Communication
- Closing Remarks

Staff responded to questions with regards to ways to improve the new app to increase ratings, and confirming it complies to accessibility standards; and what vehicle equipment is required for specialized services.

B) Amalgamation of Specialized Services and On Demand

B. Holmes advised that specialized services and on-demand services have now amalgamated to one service called On Demand. Durham Region Transit continues to register customers eligible for specialized transit to ensure they drivers can provide the appropriate assistance such as providing assistance from the vehicle to the door of the building at the destination.

Discussion ensued with regards to the volume level of the next stop announcement on conventional buses, particularly during the summer and winter months when the heating and air conditioning system are on; and kneeling buses at every stop.

C) On Demand in the Township of Brock

M. Bonk raised concerns with respect to transit availability in the Township of Brock, particularly when the new Community Health Centre opens in April 2024.

Discussion ensued with regards to Durham Region Transit's plans to provide service in the Township of Brock through On Demand and other methods that are available to book the service than through the App.

D) Transit Service Plans for the Municipality of Clarington

P. Gunti brought forward concerns from residents with regards to the bus frequency between Newcastle and Bowmanville in the Municipality of Clarington.

B. Holmes advised that route specific concerns should be shared with the Customer Service team to ensure clear, timely and consistent responses to customers and residents.

E) Racism Experienced by Customers

P. Gunti brought forward that the Municipality of Clarington completed an inclusion survey which addressed racism, and if the survey identified that residents experience racism on DRT buses.

B. Holmes advised he is unaware of information arising from the Clarington inclusion survey, but would seek guidance from Durham Region's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division for potential information exchange.

9. Other Business

A) Update on Fire at Raleigh Station

Discussion ensued with regards to the borrowed TTC buses running on DRT routes; the number of buses that were lost in the fire; whether there will be sufficient buses to run all routes when the TTC buses are returned; and whether DRT has an emergency preparedness plan in place.

B) Broadening Reach of Communication to Residents

Discussion ensued with regards to broadening the reach of communication to have information available to residents; how Committee members can assist with communicating information to residents; and DRT Ambassadors attending events to promote Durham Region Transit.

C) Future Agenda Items

Discussion ensued with regards to refining the process to have new items placed on future agendas for discussion. It was the consensus of the Committee to add to the November 21, 2023 agenda for discussion, the topic of homeless individuals in the community, their interactions with transit, and how DRT are responding.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM

11. Adjournment

Moved by P. Gunti, Seconded by J. McEwen,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

M. Crawford, Chair, Transit Advisory Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk