



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Friday, December 1, 2023

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There are no Confidential Reports.

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There is no Staff Correspondence.

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There is no Miscellaneous Correspondence.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2023-INFO-98
Date: December 1, 2023

Subject:

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

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Region's Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development has been delegated the authority to approve certain area municipal official plan amendments in all area municipalities, as well as subdivisions, condominiums, and part lot control exemption by-laws in the Townships of Brock, Scugog, and Uxbridge. This report summarizes actions taken under this delegated authority between July 1 and September 30, 2023 (Q3).

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

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

3. Commissioner's Approval of Area Municipal Plan Amendments

3.1 Prior to the adoption of an area municipal official plan amendment by a local Council, a draft is forwarded to the Region for review and a determination as to whether it affects a matter of Regional interest, including conformity with Provincial

Plans, consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement and conformity with the Regional Official Plan. If it is felt the draft amendment deals with matters of Regional significance, it is subject to approval by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. If the area municipal official plan amendment does not trigger a matter of Regional interest, then approval would rest with the area municipality.

3.2 In the third quarter of 2023, the Planning Division received four area municipal official plan amendment applications. All applications are exempt from Regional approval, as follows:

- In the City of Pickering, application **OPA 23-003/P** proposes a site-specific amendment to increase the permitted density to 755 units per hectare (uph), in order to permit a 220-unit residential condominium building and 2 ground floor retail units. Staff are reviewing this application in conjunction with the related rezoning application A 09/23.
- In the City of Pickering, application **OPA 23- 004/P** proposes a site-specific amendment to increase the permitted density on the lands to 221 uph. This will facilitate the development of a 12-storey building containing approximately 262 units. Staff are also reviewing this application in conjunction with the related rezoning application A 10/23.
- In the Town of Ajax, application **OPA-23-A1** proposes to remove the future roundabout symbol from Schedule 'C-1' of the Town of Ajax Official Plan, as it relates to the future development of segment of Church Street North, located north of the Hydro Corridor, and south of Taunton Road West.
- In the City of Oshawa, application OPA-O-2022-06 proposes a site-specific amendment to increase the permitted density on the lands to 102 uph. This will facilitate the development of a 46-unit residential building. Staff are also reviewing this application in conjunction with related condominium application C-O-2022-06, and rezoning application Z-2022-07.

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

4.1 The Commissioner is the approval authority for proposed plans of subdivision and condominium in the three northern Townships. In the third quarter of 2023, the Planning Division received one subdivision application.

- In the Township of Scugog, application **S-S-2023-01** proposes to create a 12-lot subdivision consisting of single detached dwellings serviced with private well and septic systems located on the west side of Simcoe Street, north of Bank Road within the Hamlet of Seagrave.

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

5.1 The Commissioner is the approval authority for part-lot control exemption by-laws in the three northern Townships. In the third quarter of 2023, the Planning Division did not receive any Part- Lot Control applications.

6. Region's Review of Planning Applications

6.1 Regional staff review planning applications circulated from the area municipalities to ensure conformity with the Regional Official Plan (ROP), other Regional policies, and Provincial plans and policies. The Planning Division coordinates comments from other Regional Departments and responds to the area municipalities on the following planning matters:

- Area Municipal Official Plan amendment applications;
- Delegated plans of subdivision and condominium, and part-lot control exemption by-laws;
- Zoning By-law amendment applications; and
- Select minor variance applications.

6.2 Planning Division staff also provide coordinated comments to the Regional Land Division Committee on consent applications.

6.3 Attachment 1 provides a numeric summary of Regional staff's review of planning applications across the Region.

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

7.1 Regional Council is the approval authority for applications to amend the Regional Official Plan.

7.2 As of September 30, 2023, there were 15 ROPA applications under consideration (refer to Attachment 2 which includes a chart and maps). In the third quarter of 2023, no new ROPA applications were received.

8. Appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)

8.1 In the third quarter of 2023, one appeal related to a Land Division Committee application was received.

8.2 Four non-exempt area municipal official plan amendment applications are currently before the OLT (Refer to Attachment 3B).

9. Reserved Street Names

9.1 The Planning Division coordinates street naming in the Region. Street names are reviewed by the Region in consultation with Durham Regional Police Services, primarily from a public safety standpoint, to avoid the use of similar sounding street names. The Region does not assess whether the proposed street names may, or may not be, in good taste. Street names that are viewed as not being in conflict or duplicative with existing street names are included in a street name reserve list for each area municipality. In the third quarter of 2023, the Region approved 27 new street names (Refer to Attachment 4).

10. Regional Woodland By-law Permit Applications

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

11. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

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

12. Attachments

- Attachment #1: Summary of Regional Review of Planning Applications
- Attachment #2: Summary and Maps of Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed or before the Ontario Land Tribunal
- Attachment #3A: Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications before the Ontario Land Tribunal
- Attachment #3B: Land Division Applications before the Ontario Land Tribunal
- Attachment #4: Summary of Reserved Street Names

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP, PLE
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development

**Regional Review of Planning Applications –
Summary July 1 to September 30, 2023**

Area Municipal Official Plan Amendments

Received	4
Commented	4

Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Lakeshore Area Municipalities)

Received	4
Provided Comments & Conditions of Draft Approval	2
Cleared Conditions of Draft Approval	0

Non-Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Northern Municipalities)

Received	1
Provided Draft Approval	0
Issued Final Approval	0

Non-Delegated Part Lot Control

Received	0
Commented	0
Approved	0

Zoning By-laws Amendments

Received	10
Commented	5

Consents

Received	22
Commented	22

Good Forestry Practice and Clear-Cutting Applications

Received	2
Issued	2

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

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

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

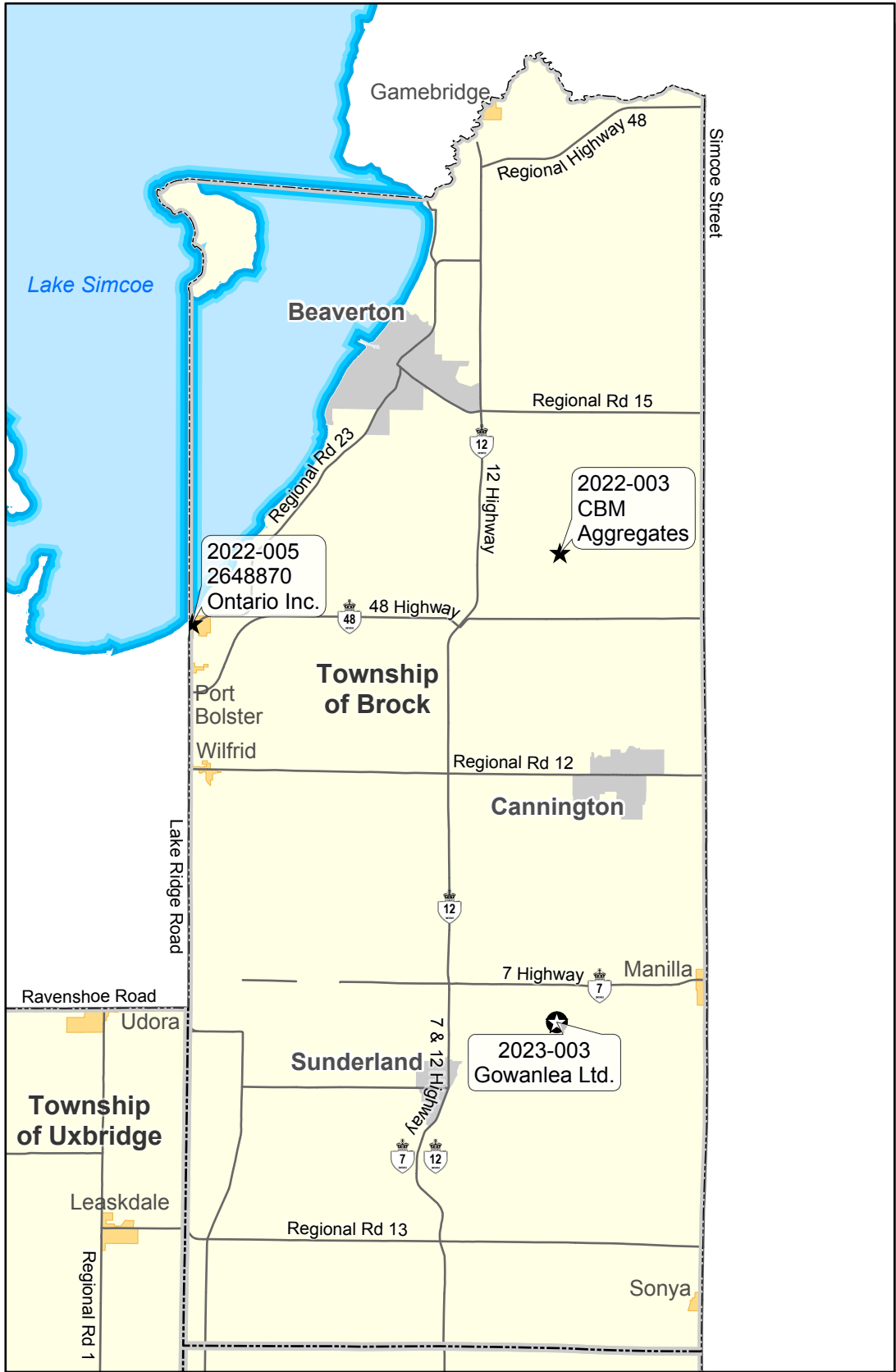
OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
2022-003		CBM Aggregates Township of Brock Lots 7&8, Concession 2 (S895 Regional Road 13)	<p>To permit an aggregate pit expansion consisting of a licensed area of approximately 35.2 ha and an area proposed for extraction of approximately 22.4 ha, including above and below the water table extraction.</p> <p>Status: Decision Meeting scheduled for November 7, 2023.</p>
2022-005		2648870 Ontario Inc. Township of Brock Lot 1, Concession 14 (23801 Thorah Park Boulevard)	<p>To permit the development of a resort comprised of a three-storey building with 42 suites and four single-storey “villas” for a total of 46 rental units.</p> <p>Status: Public Meeting held January 10, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>
2022-006		Wooden Sticks Golf Inc., Township of Uxbridge, Part Lot 27, Concession 6. (40 Elgin Park Drive)	<p>To permit a five-storey hotel and expanded parking area ancillary to the existing golf course.</p> <p>Status: Decision Meeting scheduled for November 7, 2023.</p>
2023-001		Bethesda Ridge Farms, Municipality of Clarington, Part of Lot 8, Concession 6 (2774 Sixth Concession)	<p>To permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties.</p> <p>Status: Public meeting held on April 4, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>
2023-002		Thornlea Holsteins Ltd. Municipality of Clarington Part Lot 1, Concession 5 (4854 Concession Road 5)	<p>To permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties.</p> <p>Status: Public meeting held on April 4, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>

OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
2023-003		Gowanlea Ltd. Township of Brock Part of Lots 17 & 18, Concession 7 (1705 Concession Road 7)	<p>To permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties.</p> <p>Status: Approved by Regional Council on September 27, 2023. No appeals were received.</p>



Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs) Township of Brock

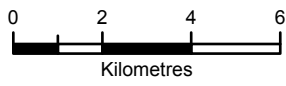
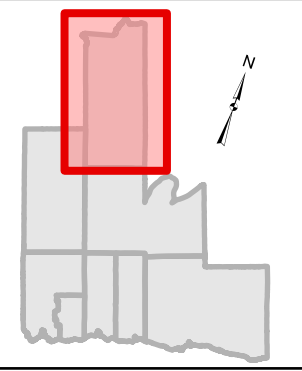
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ROPA Locations

- ☆ New Application
- ★ Under Consideration
- ⊗ Refused/Withdrawn
- ⊛ Appealed to OLT
- ⊙ Approved
- Regional Official Plan Urban Area
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- ▭ Municipal Boundary
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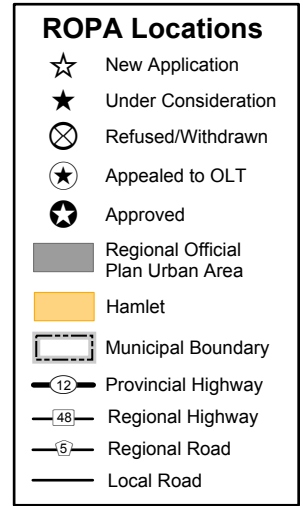
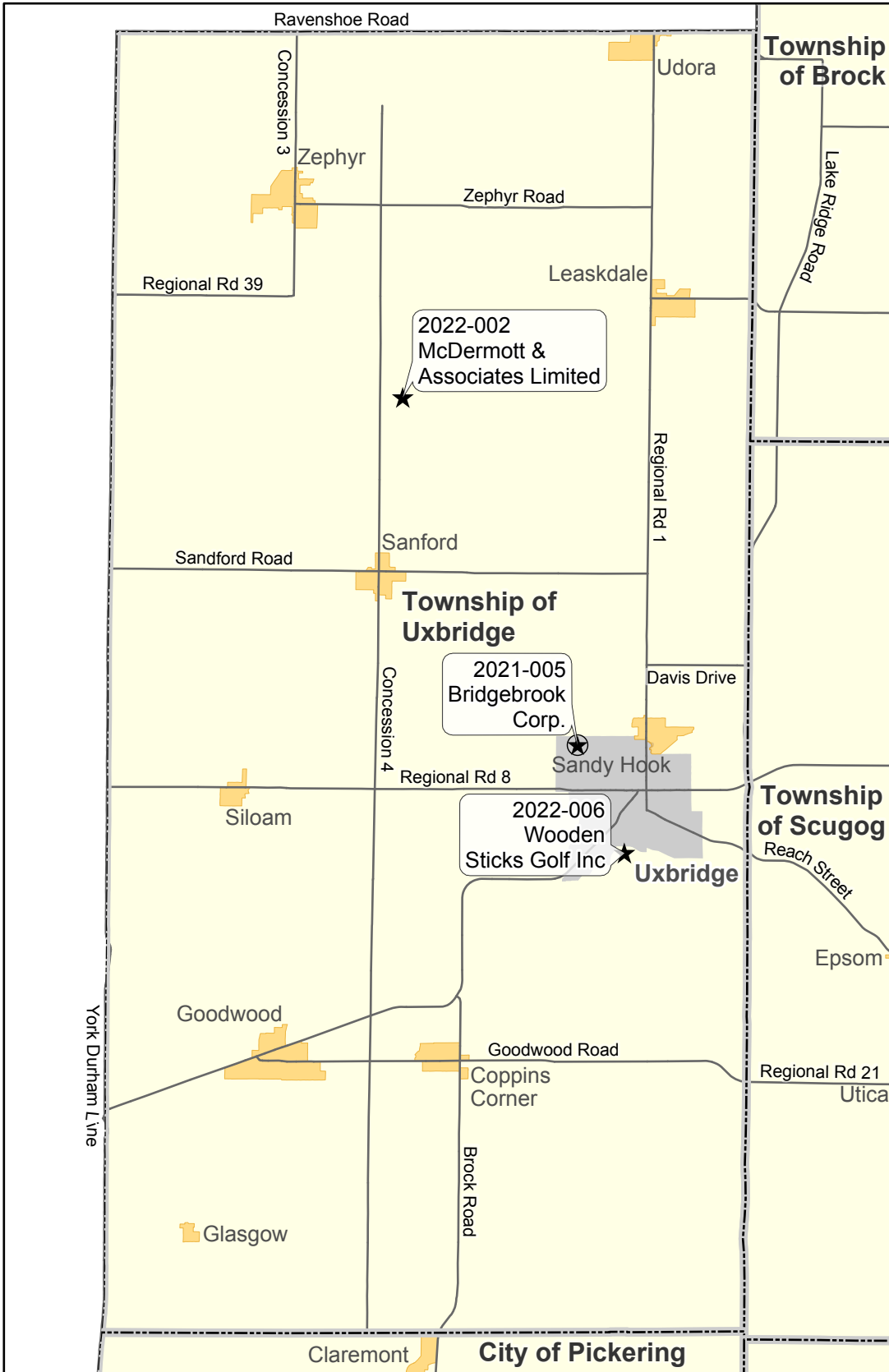
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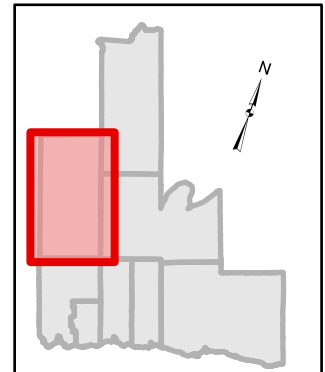


Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs) Township of Uxbridge

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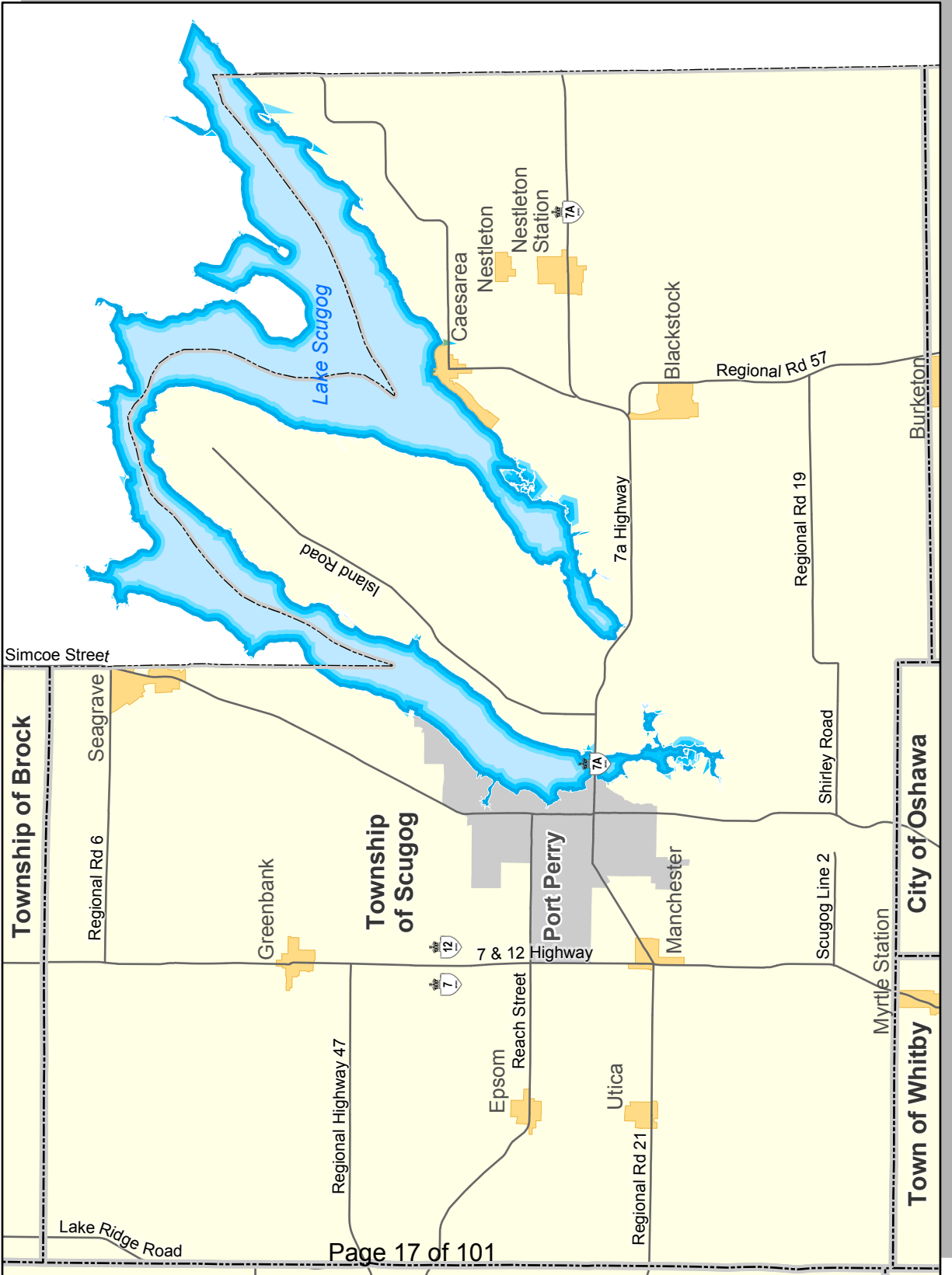




Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs)

Township of Scugog

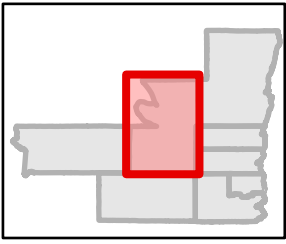
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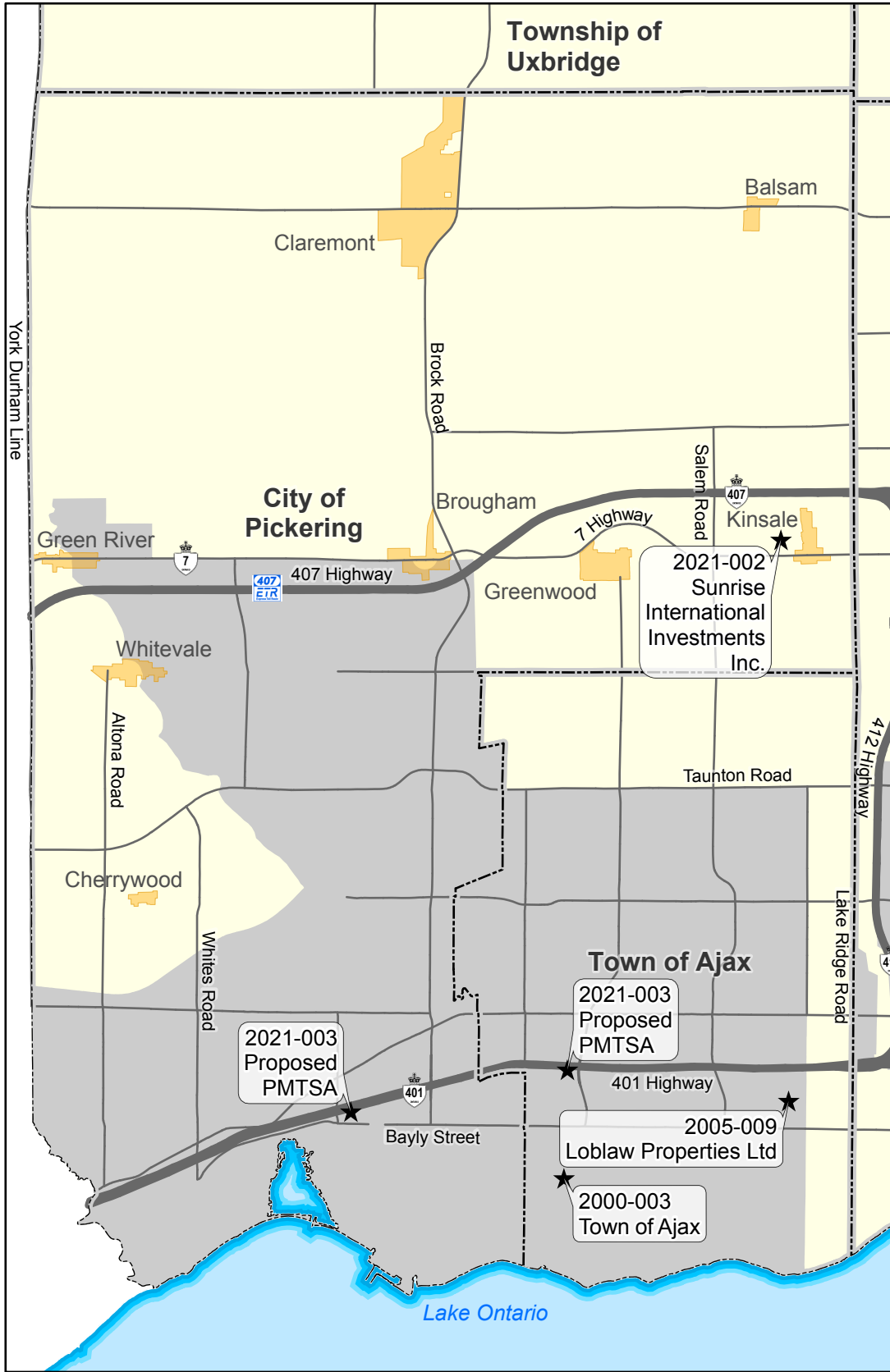
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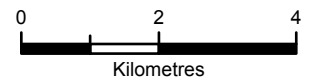
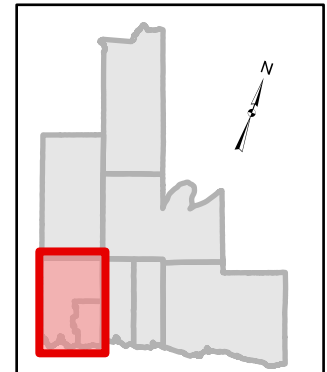
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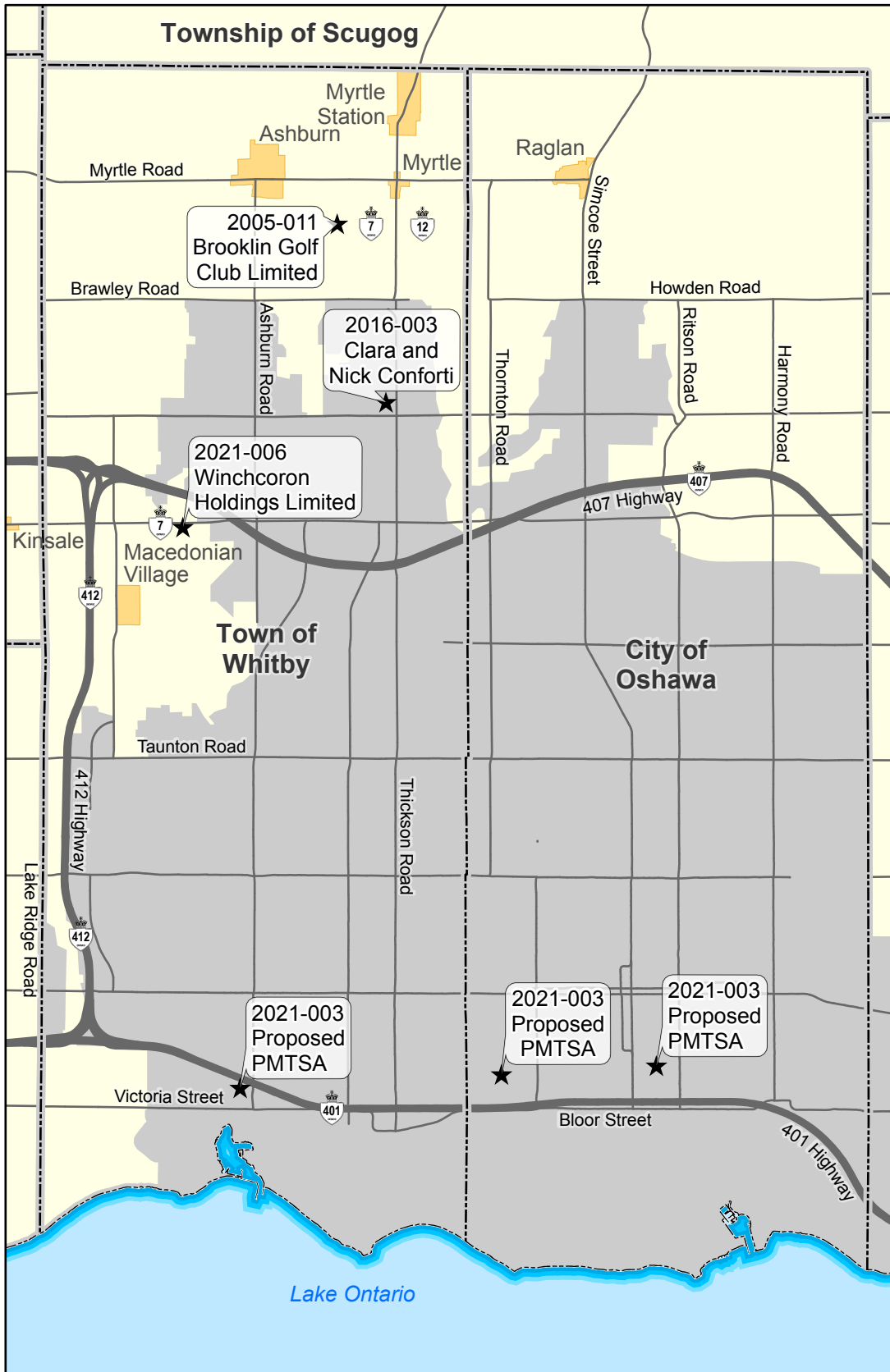
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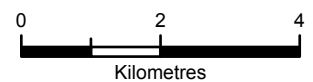
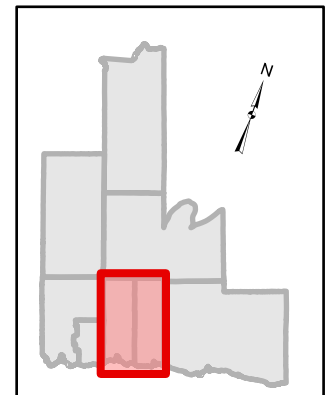
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Municipality of Clarington

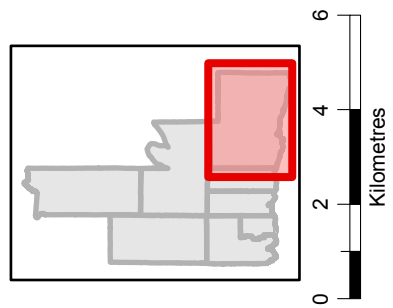
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**Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications Under Appeal Before the
Ontario Land Tribunal (As of September 30, 2023)**

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
OPA 66 OLT-22-002958 &OLT-22-002959	Bridgebrook Corp.	Township of Uxbridge	To redesignate the lands at 7370 Centre Road from Future Residential Area to Residential.	Applicant appealed to the Township of Uxbridge's failure to make a decision on March 16, 2022. This application is related to ROPA 2021-005. An OLT Case Management Conference was held September 1, 2022, and OLT Case Management Conference conducted on September 1, 2022. Hearing is scheduled for January 15, 2024.
COPA 2022-003 OLT-22-004850	Wasser and Yassim Philobes	Municipality of Clarington	Appealing the low-density designation on specific parcel of land to permit a higher density use. Appealed various policies and sections of the Southwest Courtice Secondary Plan.	The second Case Management Conference was scheduled for November 7, 2023.

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
OPA 20-004/P (OPA 38) OLT-22-004770	City of Pickering	City of Pickering	To add new policies and change existing policies and land use designations to the Pickering Official Plan to enable the redevelopment and intensification of the Kingston Road Corridor and Specialty Retailing Node, and to identify required infrastructure improvements and transportation connections throughout the area in support of anticipated population and employment growth.	The second Case Management Conference was held May 26, 2023, a third Case Management Conference is scheduled for July 28, 2023. The matter has been adjourned with no new date set. All the parties have indicated that their appeals will be site specific, and the City is working with the parties on next steps on how to proceed with the scoped appeals.
COPA 2022-0003, OLT-23-000308	VAD Retail Limited	Municipality of Clarington	Appealing failure of the Municipality of Clarington to make a decision within 120 days on the applicant's applications to permit a townhouse and seniors housing campus.	A second Case Management Conference is scheduled for November 7, 2023.

**Regional Land Division Committee Applications Currently Before the Ontario
Land Tribunal (as of September 30, 2023)**

Regional File No./OLT Case No	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
LD 041/2023 OLT-23-001036	Brundale Fine Homes Ltd.	Township of Uxbridge	The purpose of this application is to sever a 835.60 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a 835.64 m ² residential parcel of land. Existing dwelling is to be demolished.	Waiting for the OLT's acknowledgement of receipt of the appeal package.

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

Municipality	Number of New Street Names Added in third Quarter of 2023	New Street Names Added*	Total Number of Street Names Reserved
Ajax	0		318
Brock	0		45
Clarington	0		655
Oshawa	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everette Warne 	465
Pickering	0		659
Scugog	0		218
Uxbridge	0		153
Whitby	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterlily • Moonprint • Napkin Rign • Nappy • Nut Bowl • Octagon • Ostrich • Paperweight • Parkersburg • Parlour • Pastel Hat • Plain Jane • Primrose • Prism • Pulpit • Quill • Radiance • Rising Sun • Rose Spray • Scottie • Scroll • Sea Gulls • Serpent • Shot Glass • Soda Gold 	484

Municipality	Number of New Street Names Added in third Quarter of 2023	New Street Names Added*	Total Number of Street Names Reserved
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="792 338 956 369">• Spittoon	
Total	27		2,996

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

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2023-INFO-99
Date: December 1, 2023

Subject:

Canadian Cancer Statistics 2023

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the report entitled [Canadian Cancer Statistics 2023](#), released by the [Canadian Cancer Society](#) (CCS) and the Government of Canada on November 8, 2023.

2. Background

2.1 CCS is a national charitable organization that supports people living with cancer across the country. CCS releases comprehensive and up-to-date surveillance statistics on cancer in Canada every other year.

2.2 The CCS report is supported by the [Canadian Cancer Statistics Dashboard](#), which provides a user-friendly and interactive visualization of projected estimates of cancer incidence and mortality.

3. CCS Report Highlights

3.1 This year's report focuses on incidence, mortality, survival, and other measures of impact of cancer for selected types of cancer in Canada. The information is presented by sex assigned at birth, age group, geographic region and time period.

3.2 Incidence information is useful for determining the number of diagnoses, treatment and support services needed. Mortality information is useful for determining the amount of healthcare and support services needed. Survival information allows for

comparison across populations and over time, and monitoring the effects of early detection and diagnoses and treatment on cancer outcomes.

3.3 Chapter 1 of the CCS report provides statistics and information on cancer incidence in Canada.

- a. It is estimated that 45 per cent of Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime and 239,100 new cases of cancer are expected to be diagnosed in Canada in 2023. The most frequently diagnosed cancers (i.e., lung, breast, prostate, and colorectal cancers) are estimated to account for 46 per cent of all diagnoses in 2023.
- b. The number of diagnoses each year has been increasing due to the growing and aging population. However, cancer rates have declined by 1.2 per cent annually since 2011 for males and 0.4 per cent annually since 2012 for females. It is expected that 93 per cent of new cancer cases in males and 87 per cent in females will be diagnosed in people aged 50 and older.
- c. Cancer incidence rates are lower in the western provinces and the territories and higher in the central and eastern provinces. Ontario is expected to have the third highest incidence rate in Canada.

3.4 Chapter 2 of the CCS report provides statistics and information on cancer mortality rates in Canada.

- a. It is estimated that 22 per cent of Canadians will die from cancer and this probability is higher for males compared to females. In 2023, it is estimated that 86,700 Canadians will die from cancer.
- b. Over 96 per cent of cancer deaths are expected to occur in people aged 50 and over and the types of cancers causing death in children and young people under the age of 30 are very different than the ones common in older adults. The mortality rates for all cancers peaked in 1988 and have been decreasing, however, the number of cancer deaths continues to increase annually due to the growing and aging population.
- c. Cancer mortality rates are lower in the western provinces and Ontario, and higher in Quebec and eastern provinces.

3.5 Chapter 3 of the CCS report provides statistics and information on cancer survival in Canada. Key data on net survival are provided below. Net survival is the percentage of people diagnosed with a cancer who survive a given period past their diagnosis, in the absence of other causes of death unrelated to their cancer diagnosis.

- a. Between 2015 to 2017, the estimated five-year net survival for all cancers combined was 64 per cent.

- b. Five-year net survival was higher among females (66 per cent) than among males (62 per cent).
- c. For children diagnosed with cancer, 84 per cent survived at least five years.
- d. Significant progress has been made in five-year net survival in each province studied. The five-year net survival for all cancers combined is currently highest in Ontario (64 per cent).

3.6 The CCS report provides the following notable new statistics:

- a. Colorectal cancer incidence rate is declining the fastest, however, 24,100 people are still expected to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2023.
- b. The rate of cervical cancer incidence has increased in recent years.
- c. More females (15,800) than males (15,300) are expected to be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2023.
- d. The lung cancer mortality rate is decreasing at the fastest rate reported to date and is declining faster than other cancer types. However, 20,600 people are still expected to die from lung cancer in 2023.

4. Previous Reports

- 4.1 Report [2021-INFO-18](#) provided an update on the report: [Ontario Cancer Screening Performance Report, 2020](#), which was released on February 2, 2021.
- 4.2 Report [2021-INFO-28](#) provided an update on the article: [The Economic Burden of Cancer in Canada](#), released by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer on February 8, 2021.
- 4.3 Report [2021-INFO-125](#) provided an update on the report: [Canadian Cancer Statistics 2021](#), which was released by CCS and Government of Canada on November 3, 2021.
- 4.4 Report [2022-INFO-103](#) provided an update on three cancer statistics reports: [Canadian Cancer Statistics 2022: A special report on cancer prevalence](#), which was released by CCS and Government of Canada on November 8, 2022; [Ontario Cancer Statistics 2022](#), which was released by Cancer Care Ontario on December 7, 2022; and [Projected Estimates of Cancer in Canada in 2022](#), which is a research article released by Dr. Darren Brenner and a group of researchers for the Canadian Cancer Statistics Advisory Committee on May 2, 2022.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 5.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goal and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

a. Goal 2: Community Vitality

- 2.3: Enhance community safety and well-being
- 2.4: Influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Cancer is the leading cause of death in Canada, in addition to being the leading cause of premature death. This poses an enormous burden on both the health of Canadians and the healthcare system.
- 6.2 Progress has been made but challenges continue, including the aging and growing population in Canada, inequities in access to care and outcomes for different populations, in addition to new challenges that continue to arise.
- 6.3 Statistics can help guide cancer control by identifying disparities, gaps and opportunities in cancer control strategies and identify priority areas for clinical and health services research.
- 6.4 Local cancer rates and screening data are available on the new [Durham Region Cancer Data Tracker](#). The Cancer Data Tracker provides information about cancer incidence (new diagnosed cases of cancer) and mortality (deaths from cancer) for Durham Region and Ontario. From 2010 to 2018, there were 31,763 newly diagnosed cases of cancer and 10,795 cancer deaths among Durham Region residents.
- 6.5 Federal, provincial, and local data inform Durham Region Health Department's chronic disease prevention programs.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2023-INFO-100
Date: December 1, 2023

Subject:

The 2023 Report of the National Advisory Council on Poverty

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on [Blueprint for Transformation: the 2023 Report of the National Advisory Council on Poverty](#), released on October 30, 2023.

2. Background

2.1 In 2018, the Government of Canada made a commitment to reduce poverty through [Opportunity for All – Canada's First Poverty Reduction Strategy](#). This foundation included establishing an official measure of poverty (i.e., Canada's Official Poverty Line), setting concrete poverty reduction targets to reduce poverty by 20 per cent by 2020 and 50 per cent by 2030, and passing the [Poverty Reduction Act](#).

2.2 The National Advisory Council on Poverty (NACP) was created to monitor and report on Canada's progress towards achieving its poverty reduction targets.

3. The NACP Report Highlights

3.1 Previous NACP reports noted a decrease in poverty rates between 2015 and 2020. However, due to existing and new pressures following the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 was the first time since the Poverty Reduction Strategy was implemented that the poverty rate increased. Data from the 2021 Canadian Income Survey show an increase of 15.6 per cent (i.e., about 405,000 more people living in poverty) in the overall national poverty rate compared to 2020.

- 3.2 Longstanding issues surrounding poverty reduction include: inequalities in poverty in which there are disproportionately higher poverty rates among groups made most marginal; linkages between the social determinants of health (e.g., low income and experiences of discrimination); the housing crisis; climate change; inflation and high cost of living (e.g., food insecurity); and strained frontline services.
- 3.3 There are data gaps related to poverty and certain populations are under-surveyed, namely First Nations, Inuit and Métis (FNIM) people, people living in institutions, 2SLGBTQ+ people, people seeking asylum, people with refugee status, people with temporary protected status, and people experiencing homelessness.
- 3.4 In Ontario, the poverty rate increased by 13.2 per cent from 2020 to 2021, despite a reduction of 49 per cent from 2015 to 2021.
- 3.5 Certain demographic groups experienced increased poverty rates between 2020 and 2021, including people who identified as Black, other racialized groups, persons in male-led lone parent families, and seniors.
- 3.6 The NACP engagement sessions with the public, including people with lived expertise, revealed four themes: income inadequacy and impact of the rising cost of living; the need to make equity and inclusion a priority; challenges faced by specific populations made most marginal; and challenges accessing benefits and services.
- 3.7 The NACP urges the Government of Canada to take urgent action in the following five areas:
 - a. Decrease FNIM poverty by continuing to work to earn the trust of FNIM people.
 - b. Continue to support equity-enabling efforts to improve dignity and inclusion.
 - c. Develop income adequacy.
 - d. Streamline benefits and services to make them low-barrier, easier to access and more responsive to individual needs.
 - e. Invest in poverty prevention and protection.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Locally, the Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) is monitoring Canada's Poverty Reduction Strategy. Staying updated on the national strategy will ensure DRHD is informed on national poverty trends and any changes to federal-level programming, policies and resources.
- 5.2 DRHD's Health Neighbourhoods initiative provides a picture of how health varies by where residents live. In 2015, seven Priority Neighbourhoods were identified that require focus to build on health and well-being. These Priority Neighbourhoods have the lowest income levels in the region.
- 5.3 DRHD works to improve health outcomes for those living with low income by modifying programs and services to address the needs of this population. DRHD also collaborates with Regional and community partners to help improve outcomes for those living with low income.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2023-INFO-101
Date: December 1, 2023

Subject:

Board of Health Self-Evaluation Survey

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To summarize the results of the Board of Health (BOH) self-evaluation survey and identify opportunities for improvements in BOH effectiveness and governance.

2. Background

2.1 The [Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability](#) (OPHS) specify organizational requirements and establish good governance and management practices required of all BOHs. The Ministry of Health holds BOHs accountable for executing good governance practices to ensure effective functioning of boards of health and management of public health units.

2.2 Under the OPHS, Durham Region's BOH (Regional Council) is required to conduct a self-evaluation of its governance practices and outcomes at least every other year. Completion of the self-evaluation survey includes an analysis of the results, BOH discussion, and implementation of feasible recommendations for improvement, if any.

2.3 The previous BOH self-evaluation was conducted in 2017. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD's) focus on COVID-19 response since early 2020, a BOH self-evaluation survey has not been conducted since that time.

3. The Survey

- 3.1 On October 27, 2023, the members of Health & Social Services Committee (HSSC), including the Regional Chair, were invited to participate in an online and anonymous BOH self-evaluation survey developed by DRHD staff.
- 3.2 The survey's original deadline of November 10 was extended to November 17 to facilitate greater participation. HSSC members received weekly reminders to complete the survey.
- 3.3 The survey included questions related to BOH roles and responsibilities, information sharing with additional questions for the COVID-19 pandemic, relations, annual review and planning, and suggestions for improving the self-evaluation process.
- 3.4 Respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement with a list of statements.

4. Survey Results

- 4.1 Five of eight HSSC members responded to the survey.
- 4.2 The survey results are attached to this report and show that most Regional Councillors agree that information shared by DRHD is helpful and understand their roles and responsibilities as BOH members.
- 4.3 All respondents provided positive feedback on board relations with varying strengths of agreement and there was unanimous praise for the information sharing during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4.4 Respondents noted opportunities for improvement regarding: the level of detail for presentations; the potential to add LinkedIn to the DRHD social media strategy; BOH member participation in available educational opportunities; having a dialogue regarding Durham's changing challenges; and future BOH self-evaluation processes.
- 4.5 Although most respondents agreed with statements on annual review and planning, there were three areas of disagreement with a suggestion for brief updates at HSSC.

5. Previous Reports

- 5.1 Report [#2017-INFO-125](#) provided a summary of the BOH self-evaluation survey conducted in September 2017.

6. Attachment

- 6.1 Attachment: Durham Region Board of Health Self-Evaluation Results

Respectfully submitted,

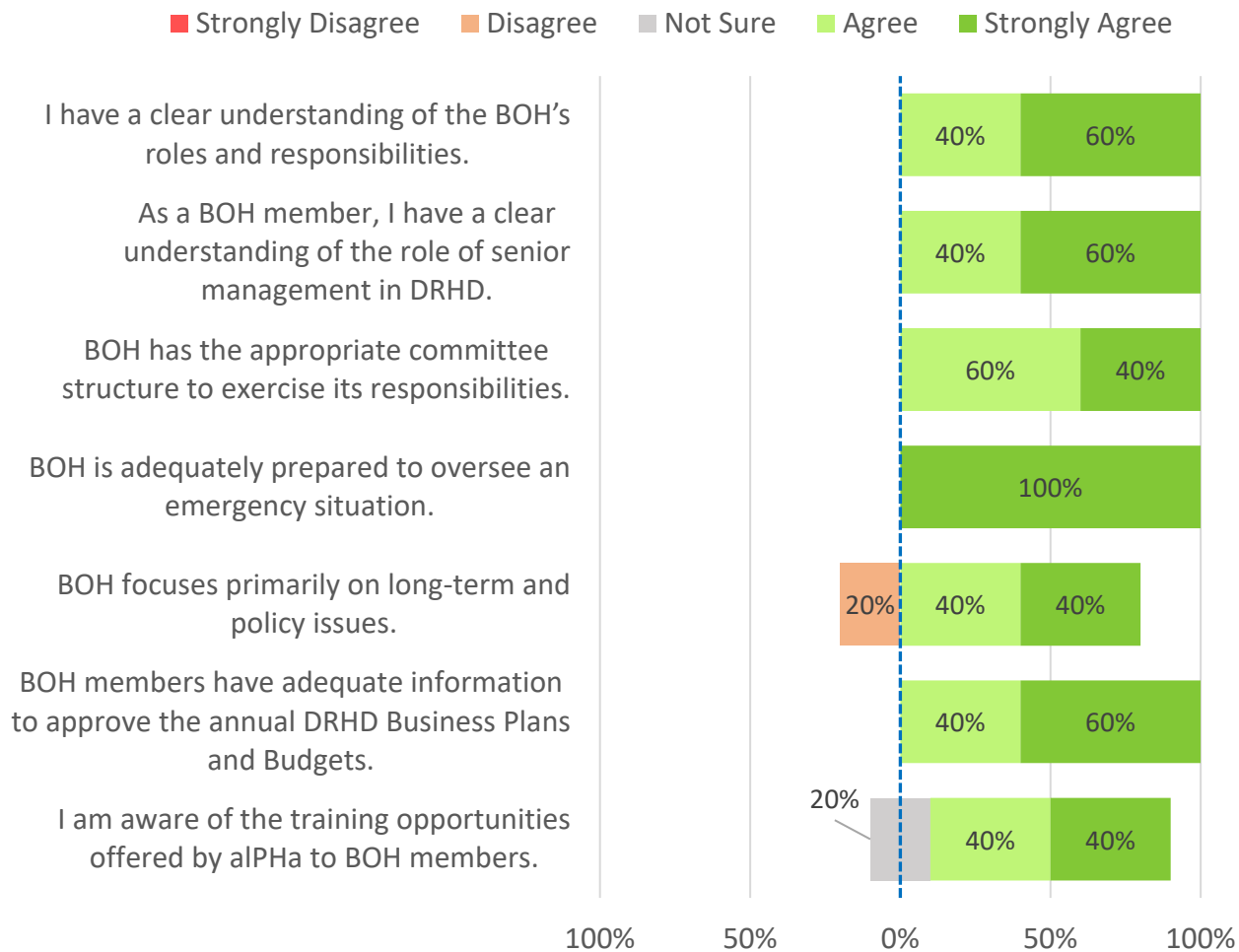
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Durham Region Board of Health Self-Evaluation Results

BOH Roles and Responsibilities

Figure 1: BOH Roles and Responsibilities



Two respondents provided suggestions to clarify BOH members' roles and responsibilities:



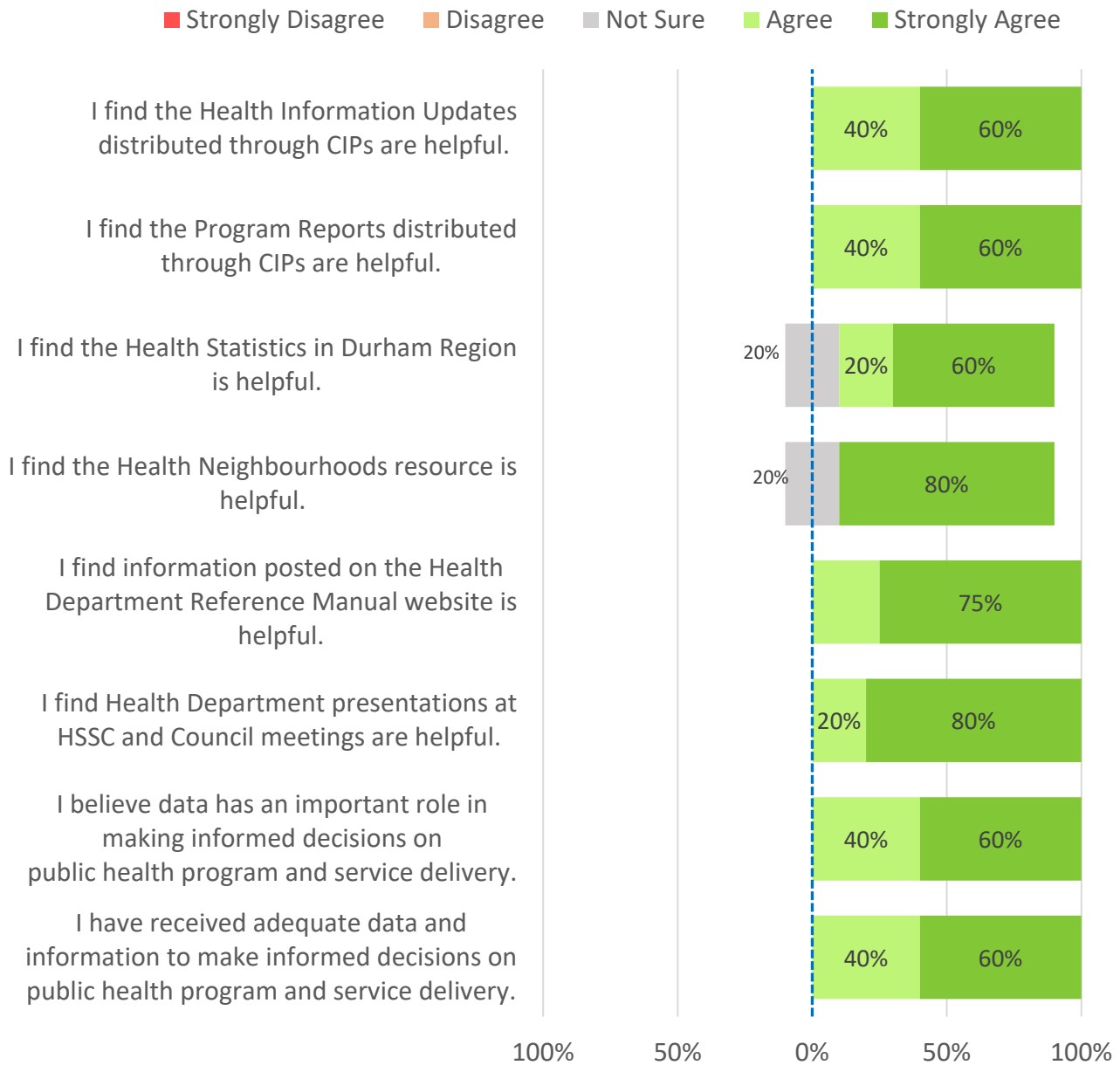
I would like to see an opportunity to have an open dialog in regards to the changing challenges Durham is facing and if there is a need to review our existing committee structure.

I think that we need to look at how we create an opportunity for BOH members to participate more in educational opportunities.

It is important they continue to educate themselves in BOH practices. Many seem to wait for the information to be provided vs going out and doing some research themselves.



Figure 2: BOH Information Sharing



- 80% (4/5) of the respondents currently follow DRHD on social media
- 75% (3/4) found that DRHD's social media strategy for information sharing is very helpful, the rest 25% found that it is somewhat useful.
- 75% (3/4) reported that DRHD Facebook was the most useful social media channel, and one member (25%, 1/4) found that X (Twitter) was the most useful one.

Three members provided suggestions to improve DRHD's information sharing products and also the process of information sharing:



For those not familiar with DRHD presentations are helpful, however for members who have an extensive knowledge at times presentations can be boring. I would like to see more presentations that are technical vs what seems like orientation.

Sometimes the data presented in reports is rather 'granular', this can take time away from focus on higher level issues.

Extending to LinkedIn. I follow Ec Dev on LinkedIn as well and many healthcare providers are also on LinkedIn.



Figure 3: Information sharing during the COVID-19 Pandemic

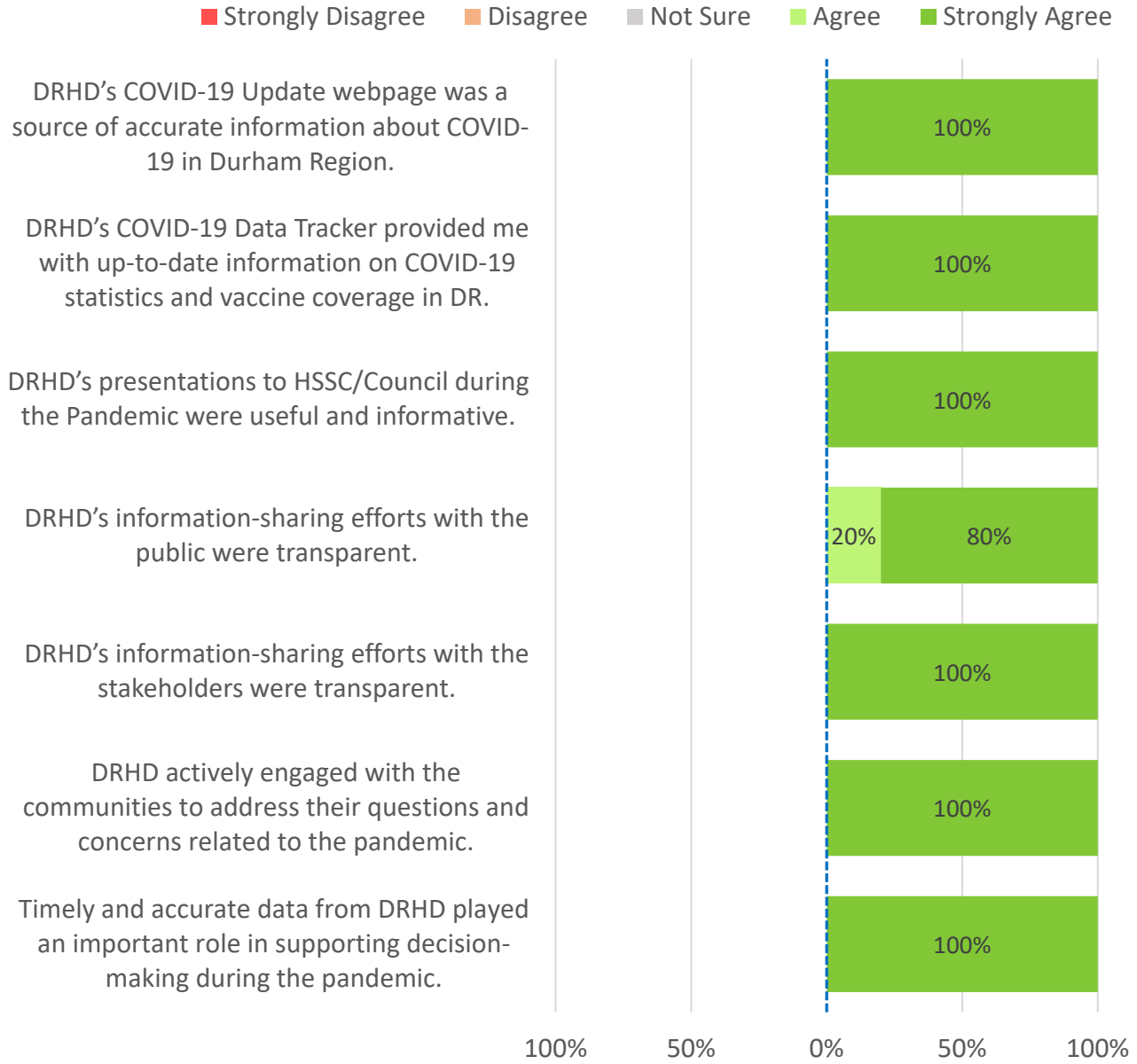
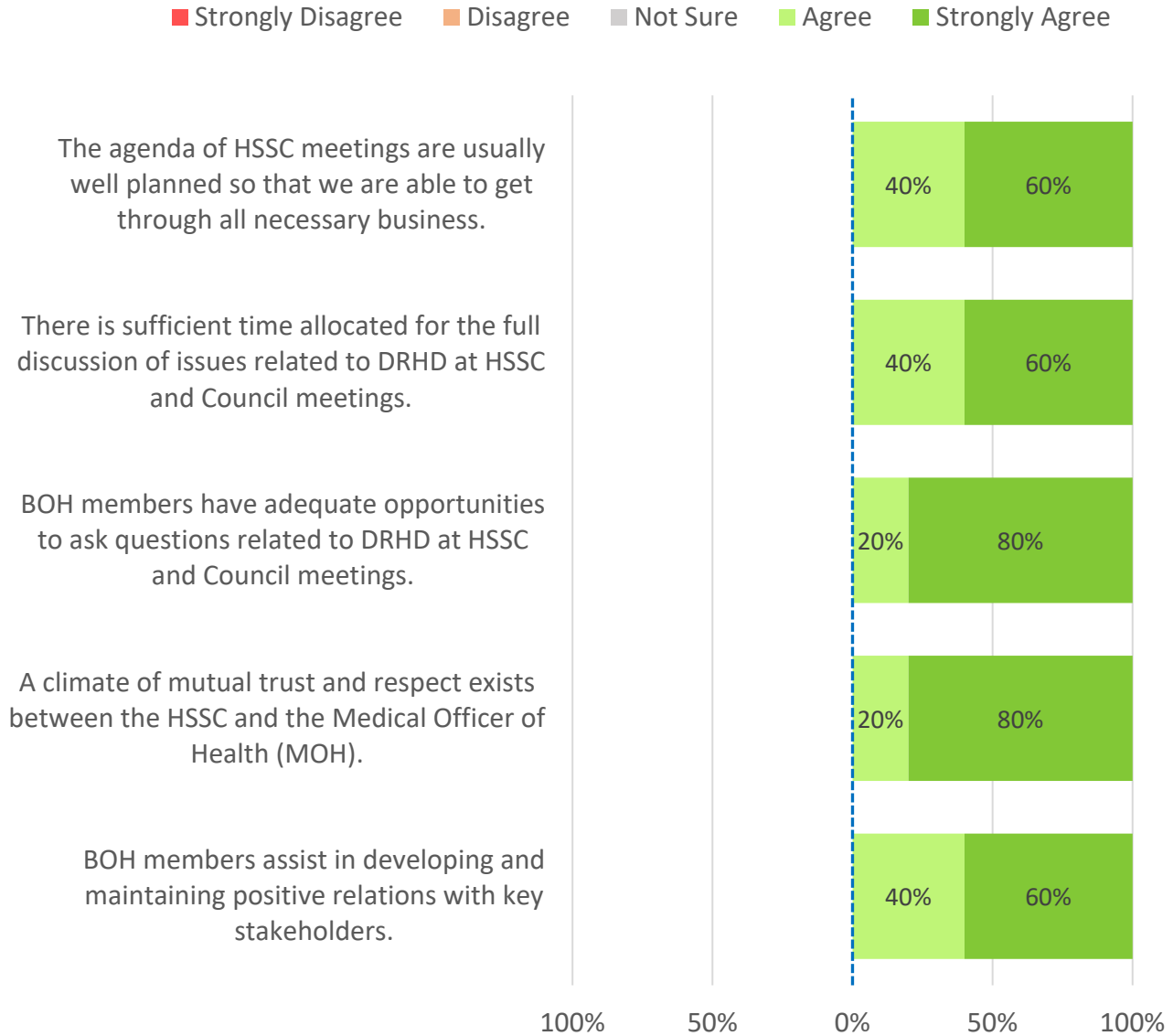
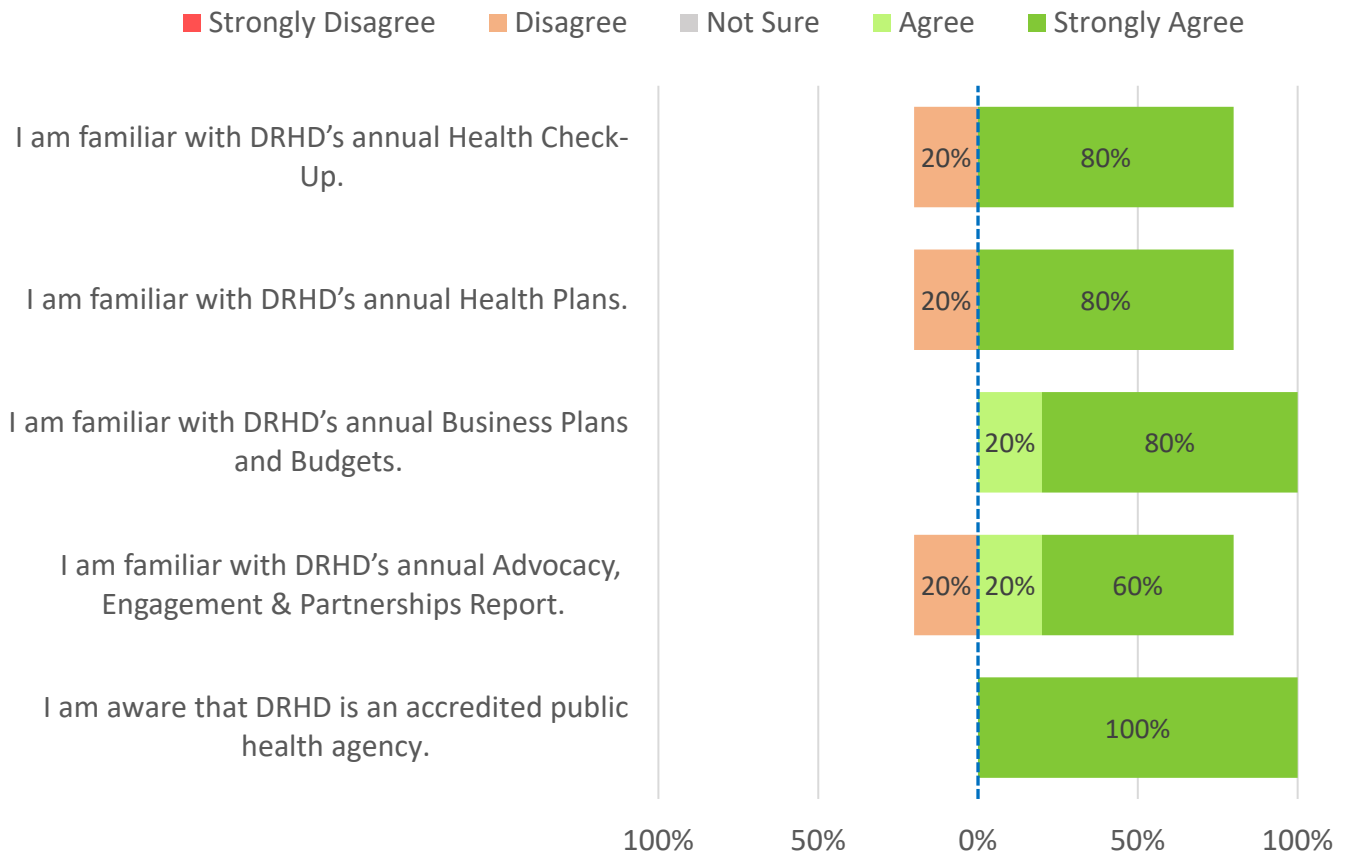


Figure 4: Board Relations



No comments were provided for the question on any areas for improvement in BOH relations.

Figure 5: Annual Review and Planning



One respondent provided a suggestion on Annual Review and Planning:



Perhaps brief updates at Committee on the Durham Health Check Up/Annual Health Plans/Advocacy?"



Board of Health Self-Evaluation Process

Respondents did not provide comments on the question if the current survey an effective way to assess the BOH's governance practices and strategic outcomes.

The most important questions to include in the BOH self-evaluation survey include:

- Expansion on the question of Committee Structure
- Listed above and financial requirements

Two respondents provided suggestions to improve Regional Councillors' participation in the BOH self-evaluation process:



“It would be helpful to have a special meeting to enable some open discussion by members on their thoughts about the BOH followed by the self evaluation”

I think we should continuously look at self-evaluation throughout the year. As we move through changes the understanding of the needs is fluid.



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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2023-INFO-102
Date: December 1, 2023

Subject:

Monitoring of Growth Trends, File: D01-02-01

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report is the second of two biannual reports monitoring growth trends in Durham. It presents historical population and household data for the Region and area municipalities for the 2018 to 2023 period. It also includes short-term forecasts for the 2023 to 2028 period.
- 1.2 The data is provided for the end of May (to correspond with the timing of the Census) and for December (calendar year-end). Information presented in this report is intended for use in various Regional studies and programs including developing capital budgets for Regional infrastructure, Development Charges Studies, and future municipal comprehensive reviews.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 Monitoring of Growth Trends ([2022-INFO-197](#)).
- 2.2 Monitoring of Growth Trends ([2023-INFO-51](#)).

3. Historical population and household estimates (2018-2023)

- 3.1 The population and household estimates presented in Attachments 1 and 2, are based on:
- a. Statistics Canada Census information for 2016 and 2021 including an estimate for net undercoverage¹; and
 - b. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) monthly housing completion data for non-Census years.
- 3.2 The semi-annual population estimates presented in Attachment 1 indicate that the Region's mid-year population growth increased by 11,790 persons from 2022 to 2023, representing a growth rate of 1.6%. The population growth for the five-year period from May 2018 to May 2023 was 9.3%.
- 3.3 The semi-annual household estimates presented in Attachment 2, indicate that the Region's mid-year household growth increased by 4,000 households from 2022 to 2023, representing a growth rate of 1.6%. The household growth for the five-year period from May 2018 to May 2023 was 7.3%.

4. Short-term growth forecasts (2023-2028)

- 4.1 The short-term growth forecasts for population and households presented in Attachments 3 and 4 are based on:
- a. housing production estimates provided by the area municipalities;
 - b. an analysis of past trends; and
 - c. estimates of the timing and anticipated annual housing occupancy across the Region².
- 4.2 The accuracy of the forecasts is subject to the risk of unpredictable changes in economic conditions and other factors affecting residential growth (e.g. significant changes in mortgage rates, persistently high inflation, building trade strikes, etc.)³.

1 Net undercoverage refers to the net population counts that are missed during the Census enumeration due to persons with no usual residence, incorrect questionnaires, missed dwellings, away from home, etc.
2 Growth estimates are supported by a review of housing supply and development timing by Regional staff.
3 Although large and fast-growing municipalities across the province, including Ajax, Clarington, Oshawa, Pickering and Whitby, have committed to meeting ambitious provincial housing targets; short-term growth forecasts are principally informed by the supply of housing in the development pipeline, market and economic conditions.

- 4.3 The short-term forecasts indicate that in the next five years Durham's population is projected to increase from 753,500 in 2023 to 855,700 in 2028 (refer to Attachment 3). The population growth for the five-year period from May 2023 to May 2028 is expected to be 14.2%.
- 4.4 Similarly, the current number of households in Durham is projected to increase from 252,460 in 2023 to approximately 286,270 in 2028 (refer to Attachment 4). The household growth for the five-year period from May 2023 to May 2028 is expected to be 14.1%.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Regional Council will continue to be kept apprised of emerging population and household data and trends through regular updates of this information.
- 6.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Area Municipalities, the Durham Regional Police Services, the Central East Home and Community Care Support Services and the School Boards in Durham.

7. Attachments

- Attachment #1: Semi-annual Population Estimates, 2018-2023
- Attachment #2: Semi-annual Household Estimates, 2018-2023
- Attachment #3: Semi-annual Population Forecasts, 2023-2028
- Attachment #4: Semi-annual Household Forecasts, 2023-2028

Respectfully submitted,

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Semi-annual Population Estimates, 2018-2023 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2018 (Dec)	127,490	12,525	98,820	172,255	98,370	23,010	22,355	136,310	691,130
2019 (May)	129,670	12,640	100,215	175,040	98,590	22,080	22,245	136,905	697,385
2019 (Dec)	130,235	12,720	101,650	176,505	99,595	22,115	22,290	138,120	703,230
2020 (May)	132,305	12,910	102,000	179,135	101,310	22,140	22,205	140,755	712,760
2020 (Dec)	132,705	13,390	102,865	179,530	103,755	22,175	22,275	142,630	719,325
2021 (May)	134,225	13,700	104,080	181,080	103,240	22,565	22,350	144,790	726,030
2021 (Dec)	134,630	13,725	105,525	182,210	103,985	22,550	22,360	147,220	732,210
2022 (May)	134,990	13,735	106,195	182,935	104,635	22,535	22,435	149,250	736,705
2022 (Dec)	135,615	13,755	107,220	185,275	105,185	22,520	22,510	151,010	743,095
2023 (May)	135,930	13,760	107,770	187,080	106,505	22,505	22,605	152,340	748,495

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census and CMHC monthly housing completions data.

Semi-annual Household Estimates, 2018-2023 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2018 (Dec)	38,650	4,610	34,530	65,380	31,895	8,235	7,915	44,505	235,720
2019 (May)	38,740	4,625	34,725	65,765	32,065	8,245	7,925	44,610	236,710
2019 (Dec)	38,910	4,640	35,180	66,330	32,380	8,255	7,945	44,975	238,620
2020 (May)	39,325	4,685	35,460	66,405	32,510	8,260	7,960	45,550	240,160
2020 (Dec)	39,450	4,785	35,730	66,595	33,215	8,275	7,990	46,110	242,140
2021 (May)	39,490	4,790	35,955	66,635	33,425	8,290	8,010	46,460	243,050
2021 (Dec)	39,610	4,795	36,455	67,050	33,665	8,285	8,010	47,240	245,110
2022 (May)	39,715	4,800	36,685	67,315	33,875	8,280	8,035	47,890	246,600
2022 (Dec)	39,895	4,805	37,040	68,175	34,055	8,275	8,065	48,455	248,770
2023 (May)	39,990	4,810	37,230	68,840	34,480	8,270	8,100	48,880	250,600

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census and CMHC monthly housing completions data.

Semi-annual Population Forecasts, 2023-2028 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2023 (Dec)	134,200	13,200	110,800	189,300	109,750	22,750	22,750	150,700	753,500
2024 (May)	135,250	13,250	112,200	190,600	111,450	22,900	22,800	151,800	760,300
2024 (Dec)	137,100	13,350	114,600	192,750	114,450	23,100	22,850	153,600	771,800
2025 (May)	138,700	13,450	116,250	194,250	116,400	23,250	22,900	154,800	779,900
2025 (Dec)	141,450	13,600	119,000	196,850	119,700	23,450	22,950	156,850	793,800
2026 (May)	143,200	13,700	120,750	198,350	121,900	23,600	23,000	158,350	802,800
2026 (Dec)	146,200	13,850	123,750	200,950	125,600	23,850	23,050	160,950	818,100
2027 (May)	148,100	13,950	125,600	202,600	128,300	24,000	23,050	162,650	828,200
2027 (Dec)	151,400	14,100	128,850	205,400	132,900	24,200	23,100	165,500	845,500
2028 (May)	153,550	14,200	130,800	207,100	135,300	24,350	23,150	167,250	855,700

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census and CMHC monthly housing completions data.

Semi-annual Household Forecasts, 2023-2028 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2023 (Dec)	40,200	4,830	37,740	69,110	35,530	8,350	8,120	48,580	252,460
2024 (May)	40,520	4,860	38,220	69,570	36,090	8,400	8,130	48,920	254,710
2024 (Dec)	41,060	4,890	39,030	70,370	37,050	8,480	8,160	49,500	258,550
2025 (May)	41,540	4,920	39,590	70,920	37,680	8,530	8,170	49,890	261,240
2025 (Dec)	42,360	4,970	40,530	71,850	38,760	8,610	8,190	50,550	265,830
2026 (May)	42,890	5,010	41,130	72,410	39,460	8,660	8,210	51,040	268,800
2026 (Dec)	43,790	5,060	42,140	73,360	40,670	8,750	8,220	51,870	273,870
2027 (May)	44,370	5,100	42,790	73,960	41,540	8,800	8,240	52,420	277,210
2027 (Dec)	45,350	5,160	43,880	74,980	43,030	8,890	8,250	53,340	282,890
2028 (May)	45,990	5,190	44,550	75,610	43,820	8,940	8,270	53,900	286,270

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census and CMHC monthly housing completions data.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham
Information Report

From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2023-INFO-103
Date: December 1, 2023

Subject:

2024 – 2028 Planned Federal Investments for Homelessness: Reaching Home Allocations

Recommendation:

Receive for Information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the Regional Municipality of Durham's (Region) federal funding investment allocations within the Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Program.

2. Background

2.1 The federal Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy is intended to support the National Housing Strategy and integrate tools and approaches, such as a Coordinated Access System, which are used effectively in Durham to support people in need.

2.2 Reaching Home supports the goals of the [National Housing Strategy](#), in particular, to support the most vulnerable Canadians in maintaining safe, stable and affordable housing and to reduce chronic homelessness nationally by 50 per cent by fiscal year 2027 to 2028.

2.3 Funding is primarily delivered through the Community Entity (CE) model. The Community Entity, normally an incorporated organization (i.e., community's municipal government or an established not-for-profit organization), implements the community plan and is responsible for the selection, approval and management of

projects in the local area. The Region of Durham is the designated Community Entity, or fund administrator for the Reaching Home program, locally.

3. Updated Allocations and Reductions

- 3.1 On November 28, 2023, the Region received notification that the Reaching Home agreement will be extended for four (4) years to cover the period from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2028.
- 3.2 The incremental funding allocations were noted as follows:

Previously Committed	
2023-2024	\$4,956,923
New Allocations	
2024-2025	\$4,666,872
2025-2026	\$4,666,872
2026-2027	\$940,221
2027-2028	\$940,221

- 3.3 In 2023, funding through the Reaching Home program was allocated to local agencies providing housing stability programs (e.g., housing maintenance support, eviction prevention, etc.), respite beds and supports services, and other emergency shelter operations. All of these funded services have consistently seen increasing pressures and demand for supports.
- 3.4 With the new allocation amounts noted above, the Region (as the Community Entity) will see a **decrease** in funding for homelessness and supporting a Coordinated Access System.
- 3.5 Any incremental reductions to federal investments within this stream will mean reductions to services and supports that are directly impacting our community's most vulnerable residents. The cost of reducing homelessness is increasing as economic conditions continue to negatively impact many residents unproportionally (e.g., average rental costs continue to rise, food bank usage at record high numbers, rates of poverty trending up, affordability out of reach for many, etc.).

4. Federal Response to Reduced Supports

- 4.1 Noted within the communication was an explanation for the allocation amounts stating that although there has been some variation in the way the funding allocations have been determined over the years, the focus remains on two key principles:
- a. Considerations of historical and existing funding levels to minimize service disruptions at the community level; and,

- b. Leverage census population statistics, recognizing comparability across all communities in Canada and that there is a high correlation between population and various community-level homelessness indicators.
- 4.2 Recipient-level allocations for 2024-2028 were determined based on these principles to maintain consistency with previous years while also taking into account population changes in the 2021 Census.

5. Homelessness in Durham

- 5.1 The homelessness crisis is taking a devastating toll on people and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario. Homelessness imposes unnecessary costs on our institutions, community agencies, economy, health system and government.
- 5.2 Homelessness is growing in our community. Durham's data shows a 67 per cent increase in people experiencing unsheltered homelessness over the past year. 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 Funding announcements from both the Federal and Provincial government is appreciated, but reductions in funding amounts with an increasing population of residents and those experiencing homelessness is going in the wrong direction. 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.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 Investments in homelessness supports and prevention will continue to place pressure on the municipal tax base, as communities experience unprecedented demands on existing services. Any expansion related activities will require a 'whole

of government' approach where governments, at all levels contribute to solutions to reduce homelessness.

- 7.2 Staff will 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.


Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou
Commissioner of Social Services



The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau
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November 29, 2023

Re: Committing to More Housing-Advancing Initiatives

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on November 27, 2023:

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax has applied for approximately \$43.5 million from the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) to invest in community-related infrastructure, programs, and studies that support housing through the submission of seven key initiatives previously presented to Council;

AND WHEREAS the HAF grant program represents an opportunity for the Town to refine the policies, procedures and processes to encourage development to increase Ajax’s housing supply;

AND WHEREAS Ajax Council is using every tool available to address the housing crisis, including introducing 4 units as of right zoning permissions, requesting Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator orders to advance 4,100 housing units, utilizing the Strong Mayor tool to advance two 60 story towers in the Major Transit Station Area (MTSA), and various of staff improvements and policy updates;

AND WHEREAS in consultation with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), which is managing the HAF fund, further housing-advancing initiatives have been identified as beneficial to the success of the Town’s application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Planning and Development staff be directed to undertake the following actions:
 - Introduce reduced parking rates Town-wide, particularly in the MTSA and related to ADUs, based on peak demand and including reduced rates where developments provide items such as carpool spaces and shower facilities for active transportation users, both of which reduce parking demand; and
 - Identify and increase height restrictions in the MTSA, also known as the Go Transit Station Mixed Use Area, which is identified as one of the Town’s intensification areas and is intended to introduce a mix of uses that take of advantage of transit accessibility

- in the vicinity of the Ajax GO Station and support the surrounding employment lands; and
- As part of the secondary plan for the Uptown Regional Centre, along the Durham-Scarborough BRT corridor, explore increasing heights and density permissions; and
 - As part of the surplus public land inventory initiative, foster partnership with the Region's new Affordable Housing Development and Renewal Department to identify and advance affordable housing projects in the Town; and
 - As part of the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) initiative, update the ADU Building Permit Package, including simple design examples prepared by a qualified individual(s), and work with Communication staff to socialize the updated information to encourage the building of ADUs by residents; and
2. Utilize HAF funds to establish a contract Affordable and Supportive Housing Development Liaison position to:
 - Provide application guidance, policy development and partnership facilitation between the Town, the Region, non-profit community housing providers and for-profit developers to deliver purpose-built rental housing, special needs housing, community housing and housing projects with affordable units in Ajax; and
 - Explore the feasibility of grant or incentive programs using HAF funding to further encourage and increase the building of special needs housing, community housing and housing projects with affordable units in Ajax to exceed Ontario's 5% target.
 3. A copy of this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Mark Holland, MP for Ajax, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax, John Henry, Durham Regional Chair, and Durham Regional Council.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca.

Sincerely,




Jason McWilliam
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

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Regional Councillor M. Crawford
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Hon. Mark Holland, MP for Ajax
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November 29, 2023

Re: Support for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on November 27, 2023:

WHEREAS the bulk of government funded programs for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) end at age 18 in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS families supporting a loved one with ASD are often forced to make the difficult decision between expensive private day programs and leaving the workforce to provide care;

AND WHEREAS getting out of the home and connecting with others can alleviate social isolation, improve mental and physical health, and lead to an overall better quality of life;

AND WHEREAS Autism Home Base, based in Bowmanville and with weekly drop-ins at McLean Community Centre in Ajax, provides supports and services to 191 Durham Region families, or more than 450 participants, five days a week;

AND WHEREAS by supporting programs for adults with ASD, the Government of Ontario can achieve its goal of keeping patients healthy in their communities and out of hospitals, as noted in the Ministry of Health's 2022-2023 Strategic Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

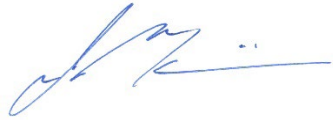
Ajax Council formally requests that the Government of Ontario provide core funding for organizations providing programs, care, and services for adults with ASD, including Autism Home Base, as part of the 2024 Provincial Budget; and

A copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Health Sylvia Jones, Minister Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister Mental Health and Addictions Michael Tibollo, Ajax MPP Patrice Barnes, the Region of Durham, the lower tier Durham municipalities, local school boards, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Autism Ontario.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jason McWilliam', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason McWilliam
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

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Councillor L. Bower
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Michael A. Tibollo, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
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November 27, 2023

RE 6.7 Town of Cobourg - Illegal Land Use Enforcement

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 8, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-358:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda items 6.6, 6.7, and 6.8 listed for NOVEMBER 8, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas Council has previously passed a resolution regarding illegal land use enforcement;

That Council direct staff to connect with the Town of Cobourg and other municipalities with similar concerns on the possibility of a joint delegation to AMO lead by the Town of Cobourg and report back to Council.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.



Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston,
Municipal Clerk

Cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon,
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
Rural Ontario Municipal Association,
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The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

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October 11, 2023

RE: Correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on October 2, 2023, passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Miriam Mutton
Seconded by Councillor Brian Darling

Resolution No: 314-2023
October 2, 2023

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council endorse and support the resolution from the Township of Puslinch and Council direct staff to send a duplicate resolution to associated ministries and Ontario Municipalities.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Illegal Land Use Enforcement Taskforce's mandate be expanded to include other types of illegal land uses and not solely on illegal trucking land uses; and

That the Province be requested to strengthen municipal enforcement powers by:

- Amending the Municipal Act to enable municipalities to physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations;
- Increasing the maximum penalty amounts in the Planning Act to \$50,000 for an individual upon conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted; and



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

- Including provisions to ensure a corporation is liable to fines of not more than \$100,000 upon first conviction and not more than \$50,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the corporation was initially convicted.

That a copy of this report be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; and

That a copy of this report be provided to the municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe area seeking support in the request for strengthened enforcement powers to combat significant illegal land uses negatively impacting communities across Ontario and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).


Sincerely,



Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon,
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November 22, 2023

RE 6.10 Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 8, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-246: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda items 6.9, 6.10, and 6.11 listed for NOVEMBER 8, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas Council supports the resolutions from Township of Plympton-Wyoming and the Township of McKeller regarding an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 to permit digital notice;

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.



Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston,
Municipal Clerk

Cc: Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)
Neil Oliver, CEO & President, Metroland Media Group
All Ontario Municipalities



Hon. Doug Downey
Attorney General
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October 26th 2023

Sent via e-mail: doug.downey@ontario.ca

Re: Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006

Dear Mr. Downey,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on October 25th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the attached resolution from the Township of McKellar regarding a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006.

Motion 10

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues


Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the Township of McKellar regarding a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,


Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Sent via e-mail
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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October 19, 2023

Hon. Doug Downey
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Sent via email: Douq.Downey@ontario.ca

RE: Call for an Amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006*

Dear Mr. Downey,

At the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 17, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar carried the following resolution:

Resolution No. 23-671

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

WHEREAS Metroland Media Group has sought bankruptcy protection and will cease the print publication of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario, moving to an online-only model; and

WHEREAS Neil Oliver, Chief Executive Officer and President of Metroland Media Group, said the 71 Metroland community publications will be digital only going forward; and

WHEREAS the *Legislation Act, 2006* provides a definition of “newspaper” which applies to every Ontario Act and Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that, (a) **is printed in sheet form**, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; (“journal”); and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

WHEREAS communities such as the West Parry Sound Area cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Parry Sound North Star news publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper”; and

WHEREAS some small, rural, Ontario Municipalities may not have the means to bring an application to the Court to ask for directions and approval of an alternate manner of providing notice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby request the Provincial government to make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Regards,


Karlee Britton
Deputy Clerk
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cc:

Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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November 28, 2023

RE 6.12 Town of East Hawkesbury Fixing the Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part)

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 8, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-360:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items 6.12, and 6.13 listed for NOVEMBER 8, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas Council supports the resolutions from the Township of East Hawkesbury regarding Bill 21, Fixing the Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part); and

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

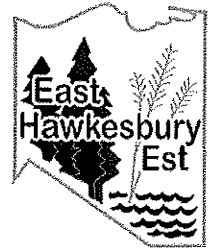


Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston,
Municipal Clerk

Cc: Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
All Ontario Municipalities

**Township of East Hawkesbury
Regular Meeting**



Agenda Number: 16.
Resolution # 2023-50
Title: Correspondence
Date: October 10, 2023

Moved by: Monique Desjardins
Seconded by: Stéphanie Sabourin

Be it resolved that Council support Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

[Redacted signature]

Carried

[Redacted signature]

Hemi Villeneuve, Clerk,

**Canton de Hawkesbury Est
Réunion Extraordinaire**




No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 16.
Résolution # 2023-50
Titre: Correspondance
Date: le 10 octobre 2023

Proposé par: Monique Desjardins
Appuyé par: Stéphanie Sabourin

Qu'il soit résolu que le Conseil soutien le projet de loi 21 qui modifie la Charte des droits des résidents énoncée à l'article 3 de la loi de 2021 sur les soins de longue durée en ajoutant le droit des résidents de ne pas être séparés de leur conjoint au moment de leur admission, mais de disposer d'un logement pour les deux conjoints afin qu'ils puissent continuer à vivre ensemble.

Adoptée



Hemi Villeneuve, Gréffière,





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October 26th, 2023

Minister of Long-Term Care
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To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on October 16th, 2023 regarding a request for support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022 from Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP.

Moved By: Lee Anne Andriessen **Seconded By:** Sarah Blazek

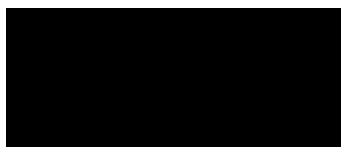
THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports Consent Agenda Item 7.11 *Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP – Request for Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022.*

AND THAT: Staff be directed to forward the resolution to other provincial entities and other Council counterparts across Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



Sarah Carter
Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
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Cc: Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Perth Wellington MPP, Matthew Rae
All Ontario Municipalities



Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Todd Kasenberg
Mayor of Municipality of North Perth

RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Kasenberg,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,



Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2022, the Till Death Do Us Part Act, passed second reading in the Ontario legislature after being [introduced for the third time in September 2022](#). The bill was then referred to the Ontario Legislature's Social Policy Committee. You can view highlights of the second reading debate here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYRlgQqDe2k>

I have been pushing for the Standing Committee on Social Policy to schedule a time to begin the work of reviewing Bill 21 since November 2022. **Today marks 286 days since the Act passed second reading at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.** Unfortunately, the Bill has yet to be called to committee.

Bill 21, which was formerly Bill 153 and 95, respectively, had passed second reading and was sent to the Justice Committee in December 2019, but was wiped off the order paper when Premier Ford prorogued the house in 2021. It was reintroduced early 2022 but did not have time to progress before the election.

Since I first introduced this Bill in 2019, the number of people who've reached out to my offices with heartbreaking stories of couples entering long-term care who are torn apart has skyrocketed. Simply put, Ontario seniors deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age. Of note, Nova Scotia passed similar legislation, titled the [Life Partners in Long-Term Care Act](#) in 2021.

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The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

November 21, 2023

SENT VIA EMAIL

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4
VIA EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca

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Date & Time Received:	November 23, 2023 4:04 pm
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Attn: The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario

Re: Cigarette Producer Responsibility

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting on November 13, 2023 the Town of Amherstburg Council considered a resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago in support of amending legislation to ensure cigarette manufacturers are responsible for the collection, recycling, and proper disposal of cigarette waste and passed the following resolution:

Resolution # 20231113-009


Moved By Councillor Allaire
Seconded By Councillor Pouget

That a letter of support for item 16.1 - Township of The Archipelago | Resolution 2023-178 Cigarette Producer Responsibility **BE SENT** to all municipalities and the appropriate Minister.

Sincerely,

Michael Prue, Mayor
Town of Amherstburg



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November 27, 2023

Re: Item for Discussion – Request for Amendment to Legislation Act, 2006

At its meeting of November 15, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #23-GC-229, regarding the Request for Amendment to Legislation Act, 2006, as follows:

“WHEREAS Metroland Media Group sought bankruptcy protection and ceased the print publication of more than seventy (70) of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Metroland Media Group will offer a digital-only format for its customers in place of the more than seventy (70) weekly community newspapers;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation Act, 2006 provides a definition of “newspaper” that is applicable to every Provincial Act and Regulation, as a document that, (a) is printed in sheet form, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations;

AND WHEREAS communities such as the Town of Bracebridge cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Bracebridge Examiner news publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper”;

AND WHEREAS Bill 73, Supporting Ontario’s Community, Rural and Agricultural Newspapers Act, 2023, is an Act to amend various Acts with respect to the publication of notices in newspapers, however, it does not address the needs of communities that have no local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper” being “(a) is printed in sheet form, published at regular intervals of a month or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest.”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge does hereby request the Provincial government to make an amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); and, all Ontario Municipalities.”

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In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for you reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



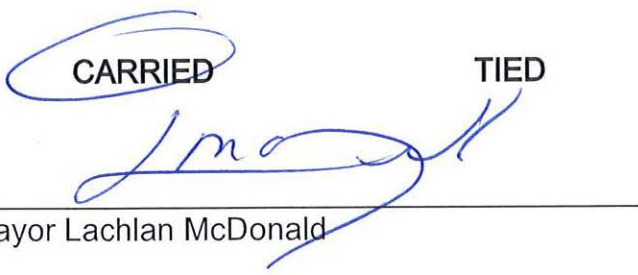
Resolution Number 335-2023
Title: Notice of Motion - Support Resolution - Amendment to the Legislation Act
Date: Monday, November 20, 2023

Date & Time Received:	November 23, 2023 10:23 am
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Moved by Deputy Lang
Seconded by Councillor Tomasi


BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry hereby supports the resolution passed by the Township of McKellar and requests that the Provincial government make an amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations and that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Nolan Quinn, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Township of McKellar.

CARRIED **TIED** **DEFEATED** **POSTPONED**



Mayor Lachlan McDonald



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November 23, 2023

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Via Email

Re: Support for Town of Grimsby resolution on Guaranteed Livable Income

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, November 20, 2023, adopted Resolution No. 2023-0222 regarding Support for Town of Grimsby resolution on Guaranteed Livable Income.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2023-0222.

Respectfully,

Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- Hon. Michael Chong, MP – Wellington – Halton Hills
- Hon. Ted Arnott, MPP – Wellington – Halton Hills
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Halton Region
- All Ontario Municipalities



TOWN OF
HALTON HILLS

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OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2023-0222

Title: Support for Town of Grimsby resolution on Guaranteed Livable Income

Date: November 20, 2023

Moved by: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No. 13.1

WHEREAS the Canadian livable wage for the Greater Toronto Area for 2023 was determined to be \$25.05. This was \$16,511.25 above the annual income of a minimum wage employee;

AND WHEREAS Town of Halton Hills residents on programs such as Ontario Works receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of up to \$733, and ODSP recipients receive up to \$1308;

AND WHEREAS at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,679.03 monthly (before tax);

AND WHEREAS the median rent (MMR) for a one bedroom apartment in the Town of Halton Hills as of 2022 was \$1100.00 a month, and average market rent (AMR) for the same was \$1215.00;

AND WHEREAS rent is considered affordable when it is less than 30% of income. In the Town of Halton Hills, rent is approximately 150% of Ontario Works, 84% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 41% of minimum wage full-time (before tax), and 82% of minimum wage part time;

AND WHEREAS an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$60.50 monthly;

AND WHEREAS the recent 2022 State of Housing Report from the Region of Halton determined that the Region of Halton has serious shortfalls in both affordable and attainable housing supply;

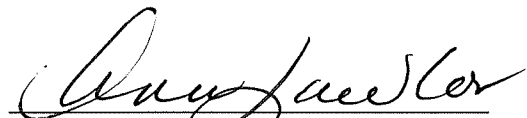
AND WHEREAS this resolution is in support of the September 5th resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby on Guaranteed Livable Income.

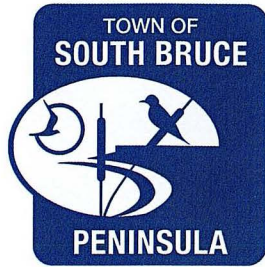
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills circulates correspondence to all Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills encourage these same municipalities to join the Town of Halton Hills in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data,

AND FURTHER THAT other levels of government continue to promote affordability and work to align government support programs, such as Ontario Works and ODSP, with the cost of living and average market rent (AMR), including looking into a Guaranteed Livable Income Program;

AND FURTHER THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Region of Halton, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Ted Arnott, MP Michael Chong, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Michael Parsa, Premier Doug Ford and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.


Mayor Ann Lawlor



Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2023

29. Notice of Motion – Deputy Mayor Hull – Request to Amend Highway Traffic Act for Use of Automated Speed Enforcement Systems

R-407-2023

It was **Moved** by C. Hull, **Seconded** by K. Durst and **Carried**

Whereas speeding on the roads of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula is a concern and can occur in all areas of the community;

And whereas the Town of South Bruce Peninsula has limited resources to implement effective traffic calming measures, speed mitigation, road design and re-design;

And whereas current barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to the community;

And whereas 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 Town of South Bruce Peninsula supports the request of Parry Sound and the City of Cambridge 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, MPP Rick Byers, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities;

And further that a delegation be requested at the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association Conference regarding our request to amend the *Highway Traffic Act* in order for the municipality to utilize automated enforcement systems.




COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 440-23

Date: Nov 28, 2023

Moved By: 

Seconded By: 

THAT Council hereby receives the resolution from North Perth supporting Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP - Request for support for Bill 21, Fixing Long Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022 and same be filed in the Clerk's Office;


AND THAT Council directs the clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Long Term Care Stan Cho, MP Marcus Powlowski, MP Patty Hajdu, MPP Kevin Holland and MPP Lise Vaugeois, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred



Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



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October 26th, 2023

Minister of Long-Term Care
438 University Avenue, 8th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2K8

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on October 16th, 2023 regarding a request for support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022 from Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP.

Moved By: Lee Anne Andriessen **Seconded By:** Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports Consent Agenda Item 7.11 *Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP – Request for Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022.*

AND THAT: Staff be directed to forward the resolution to other provincial entities and other Council counterparts across Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Sarah Carter
Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth
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Cc: Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Perth Wellington MPP, Matthew Rae
All Ontario Municipalities



Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Todd Kasenberg
Mayor of Municipality of North Perth

RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Kasenberg,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2022, the Till Death Do Us Part Act, passed second reading in the Ontario legislature after being [introduced for the third time in September 2022](#). The bill was then referred to the Ontario Legislature's Social Policy Committee. You can view highlights of the second reading debate here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYRlgQgDe2k>

I have been pushing for the Standing Committee on Social Policy to schedule a time to begin the work of reviewing Bill 21 since November 2022. **Today marks 286 days since the Act passed second reading at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.** Unfortunately, the Bill has yet to be called to committee.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 14, 2023

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 14, 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, attended the meeting at 7:35 PM
Z. Cohoon, Member at Large, Chair
R. Death*, Whitby
B. Hulshof*, Uxbridge, attended the meeting at 7:41 PM
J. McKay, Durham Farm Fresh
H. Schillings, Member at Large
M. Shiers, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture
B. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair
M. Somerville*, Member at Large
D. Stevenson*, Oshawa
N. Swain, Scugog
G. Taylor, Pickering

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

Absent: N. Guthrie, Ajax
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
D. Risebrough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair
T. Watpool, Brock
W. Wotten, Regional Councillor

Staff

Present: M. Campo, Senior Economist, Finance Department
A. Chung, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. De Vos, Program Specialist, Department of Planning and Economic Development
S. Gill, Director, Economic Development & Tourism, Department of Planning and Economic Development
D. Howes, Senior Economist, Finance Department
S. Jibb, Manager, Agricultural & Rural Economic Development, Department of Planning and Economic Development
C. Pattee, Engineer, Development Approvals, Works Department
N. Pincombe, Director, Business Planning and Budgeting, Finance Department
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development

M. Simpson, Director, Risk Management, Finance Department
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by B. Smith, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting
held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

Z. Cohoon welcomed Jordan McKay from Willowtree Farms as the representative
for Durham Farm Fresh.

4. Presentations

A) Dana Howes, Senior Economist, and Nicole Pincombe, Director, Business
Planning and Budgeting, Durham Region Finance Department, re: Tax Class
Discussion

Dana Howes, Senior Economist, and Nicole Pincombe, Director, Business
Planning and Budgeting, Durham Region Finance Department, provided a
PowerPoint presentation with regards to Property Taxation Update.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Agenda
- 2023 Property Tax Overview
- Farm Property Tax Classification and Assessment
- Property Tax Policy Framework
- Farm Forestry Exemption
- Small Scale On Farm Optional Business Subclass
- Reassessment

Discussion ensued with regards to the number of farms in Durham Region eligible
to be considered in the small scale on farm optional business subclass; the
weighted average in relation to property tax changes; when the Province will be
conducting reassessments for properties in Ontario; and the need for the
Province to conduct reassessments as soon as possible.

B) Mary Simpson, Director, Risk Management, Economic Studies and Procurement,
and Matthew Campo, Senior Economist, Durham Region Finance Department, re:
Development Charges Discussion

Mary Simpson, Director, Risk Management, Economic Studies and Procurement,
and Matthew Campo, Senior Economist, Durham Region Finance Department,

provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Development Charges and Agricultural Uses.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Agenda
- Purpose
- Overview of Development Charges (DCs)
 - Purpose of Development Charges
 - Development Charges Act, 1997
 - Changes to the Development Charges Act
 - How DC Rates are Determined
 - Development Charge Calculation
 - Development Charge Rates as of July 1, 2023
 - DC Collection Process
 - How do Municipalities fund DC Exemptions
- Agricultural Uses and Development Charges
 - Agricultural Use and Farm Building Exemptions
 - Redevelopment and Expansion Credits
 - Redevelopment Credit
 - Industrial Expansion
- Survey: Application of Development Charges for Agricultural Uses
 - Survey Method
 - Survey Results (Niagara Region & Prince Edward County)
 - Survey Results (Durham Region)
- Next Steps

M. Simpson and M. Campo responded to questions with regards to development charges for building an additional house on a property; affordable housing units being exempt from development charges; the timeframe for redevelopment credits; ways to assist those submitting On-Farm Diversified Uses (OFDU) applications to understand there will be development charges on the project; any initiatives for municipalities to allow for an exemption on OFDUs; providing public information sessions that includes information on the processes happening in other municipalities; whether development charges could be more progressive; and if the seasonality of the agriculture business is considered when paying for development charges.

5. Discussion Items

A) Agriculture 101 Training

S. Jibb advised that the Township of Scugog is concerned with the length of the Agricultural 101 Training presentation being presented to Council on December 4, 2023, and would like the presentation to be 15 minutes.

Discussion ensued with regards to the length of the presentation; the number of questions from Councillors; and providing an education session to Scugog rather than a presentation at a Council meeting.

It was the consensus of the Committee to advise the Township of Scugog that the presentation will be approximately 10 minutes in length followed by questions from Councillors.

A. De Vos advised that the dates for presentations to the remaining municipalities need to be finalized, and that she would email the available dates to Committee members.

B) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

S. Jibb advised that the Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Team is currently working on a North Durham Project to bring the Townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge together to update their zoning by-laws related to agriculture-related and on-farm diversified uses. She stated that the project will run for the duration of 2024 and DAAC will be consulted throughout the process.

A. De Vos advised that she is meeting with Durham Farm Connection to begin planning the 2024 Agri Programming and Career Awareness and that the program will be similar to last year's with the Barrie Family.

C) 2024 Draft DAAC Workplan and Terms of Reference

M. Scott provided a brief overview of the changes implemented in the 2024 Workplan.

M. Scott advised that there were no changes to the Terms of Reference.

Moved by N. Swain, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional
Council:

That the Draft 2024 Workplan of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

D) Report #2023-P-** - Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan submitted by CBM Aggregates, to Permit the Expansion of Aggregate Resources Extraction Area No. 2 in the Township of Brock

Report #2023-P-** - Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan submitted by CBM Aggregates, to Permit the Expansion of Aggregate Resources Extraction Area No. 2 in the Township of Brock as provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda and received.

E) Oshawa Port – Grain Terminal Update

S. Jibb advised that Jeremy Dunn, Commercial Vice President, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority, is looking for feedback from the Committee on their recent

experiences with the Oshawa Port and whether Committee members are still using the location.

Discussion ensued with regards to the current operator of the Oshawa Port; if the Oshawa Port is a necessity for Durham farmers; how many cargos are going through the Oshawa Port per year; if the Oshawa Port is connected to the railway system; wanting the investment to continue in the Oshawa Port; and the potential volume that exists or could exist for the terminal.

S. Jibb advised she would contact Jeremy Dunn to request a presentation at a future Committee meeting.

F) New Durham Farm Fresh Member & Partner Organizations Update

M. Scott advised that Jordan McKay has been appointed as the new member representing Durham Farm Fresh. During future meetings all representatives who also sit on partner organizations will give an update to DAAC.

J. McKay advised that the Durham Farm Fresh Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be taking place on November 30, 2023 at Pingle's Farm Market and welcomed the Committee members to attend.

6. Information Items

A) #2023-INFO-87 – Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2023 Farm Tour

Information Report #2023-INFO-87 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development – Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2023 Farm Tour was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

B) New Act Regarding the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve Easements and Covenants

New Act Regarding the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve Easements and Covenants was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

M. Scott advised that Information Items B) and C) are open for comment until November 30, 2023 and are in relation to repealing the Duffins Rouge Agriculture Preserve and introducing legislation that would restore the 15 parcels of land that were redesignated or removed from the Greenbelt in late 2022.

M. Scott advised he would send the list of the 15 parcels of land to Committee members.

C) Proposal to Return Lands to the Greenbelt – Greenbelt Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023

Proposal to Return Lands to the Greenbelt – Greenbelt Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023 was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

D) Minutes of the Durham Environment and Climate Change Advisory Committee (DECAC) – September 21, 2023

Minutes of the Durham Environment and Climate Change Advisory Committee (DECAC) – September 21, 2023 was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

7. Other Business

A) Township of Scugog Agriculture Roundtable

N. Swain advised that she was contacted by the Township of Scugog to run an agriculture roundtable in the next few months.

Discussion ensued with regards to items to be included on the agenda; having the invitation open to the public; and the goal of hosting an agriculture roundtable.

B) Applications for Battery Storage Project

M. Scott advised that the Federation of Agriculture has reached out to him in regard to applications for battery storage projects in Brock and Clarington for lithium phosphate ion battery packs to support the grid. He stated that the applications require Durham Region consent to proceed but have not received any applications to date. He advised that the applications are due by mid-December.

C) Harmony Road Compost Site

H. Schilling advised that the Harmony Road compost site is reopening and will be accepting yard waste from outside of Durham Region.

M. Scott advised he would provide an update on this compost site at a future meeting.

D) Bill C-234: An Act to Amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act

Z. Cohoon advised that Bill C-234 is before the third reading of the Senate to exempt agricultural businesses from the carbon tax.

Moved by H. Schillings, Seconded by B. Smith,
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That Council be advised of Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee being in support of Bill C-234: An Act to Amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act and be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 starting at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by H. Schillings, Seconded by B. Smith,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Z. Cohoon, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 16, 2023

A regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 16, 2023 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:01 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: B. Baszyk, Brock
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
P. Cohen, Post-Secondary Student
J. Cuthbertson, Member at Large, First Vice-Chair
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
K. Lui, Member at Large
K. Murray, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair attended the meeting at 7:04 PM
L. Nguyen, Youth Member
Councillor Shahid
B. Widner, Whitby
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair
M. Nasir, Ajax
D. Stathopoulos, Oshawa

Staff

Present: A. Chung, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
A. Luqman, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability left the meeting at 7:45 PM
***all staff members participated electronically**

In the absence of the Chair, J. Cuthbertson, First Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Lui, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,
That the agenda for the November 16, 2023 Durham Environment and
Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) meeting, be approved.
CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the minutes of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory
Committee meeting held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the Closed minutes of the Durham Environment and Climate
Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, be
adopted.

CARRIED

5. Delegations

A) Challenging Climate Change Assumptions, Jeanette Miller

Jeanette Miller, participating electronically, appeared before the Committee to discuss challenging climate change assumptions.

J. Miller raised concerns that Durham Region is spending billions of dollars toward green energy when they are of the opinion that there is not a climate emergency. J. Miller referenced several areas of the document titled, "World Climate Declaration – There is no Climate Emergency" by the Global Climate Intelligence Group that was distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. Particular reference was made on the statement "Scientists should openly address uncertainties and exaggerations in their predictions of global warming, while politicians should dispassionately count the real costs as well as the imagined benefits of their policy measures" as found on Page 3 of the document.

B) The Nature of Climate Change Science and the Cost of Net Zero Policies, James Bountrogiannis

James Bountrogiannis appeared before the Committee later in the meeting. See Item 5. B) on page 4 of these minutes.

6. Presentations

- A) Annual GHG Inventory (A recap of the Durham Climate Roundtable Greenhouse Emissions and Climate Action Report), Dr. Daniel Hoornweg and David Wotten, Ontario Tech University
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Dr. Daniel Hoornweg and David Wotten, participating electronically, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Annual Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Durham Region Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions – Scopes 1, 2, & 3, 2022
- Canada Greenhouse Gas Ranking Per Capita
- Closer to Home
 - Climate Emergencies Declared!
 - Net-Zero Targets Legislated!
- The Power of Politics
- European Union (EU) Carbon Border Tariff
- Strong Goals, Weak Plans
- Net Zero Targets Under Increasing Scrutiny
- Durham Community Energy Plan
- Migration Priorities (Community-Wide)
- Full Report Available Friday, November 17 at Brilliant Energy Website

Dr. D. Hoornweg D. Wotten responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether there are any numbers for Durham Region with respect to fugitive emissions (unintentional and undesirable emission, leakage or discharge of gases or vapors) from Regional infrastructure.

- B) Restoring and Protecting Pollinator Habitat in Rights-of-Way, Vicky Papuga, Rights-of-Way Pollinator Habitat Coordinator, Canadian Wildlife Federation
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Vicky Papuga, Rights-of-Way Pollinator Habitat Coordinator, participating electronically, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding restoring and protecting pollinator habitats in rights-of-way (ROW).

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Agenda
- The ROW Restoration Team at Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF)
- Canada's and Ontario's Role in Monarch Recovery
- The Right Way
- ROW can Provide Landscape- Scale, Connected Habitat
- Benefits of Habitat Restoration
- Addressing Invasive Plant Species
- Reduced Maintenance Costs
- Passive Restoration

- Adjust Mowing Practices Where Possible (Yearly or Cyclically)
- Active Restoration
- Steps Needed
- Wood Chip Trial on Roadside
- Assessing Pollinator Habitat Quality on ROW
- What Affects Site Quality?
- The CWF Rights-of-Way as a Habitat Program
- What CWF Offers
- Rights of Way as Habitat Working Group
- Building on Success
- Communities of Practice
 - Eastern Ontario
 - Southwestern Ontario
 - The Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area
- Building and Sharing Knowledge is Integral to Successful Restoration
- Online Resources for Partners in ROW Restoration
- Let's Work Together Toward Restoring Pollinator Habitat!

V. Papuga responded to questions from the Committee regarding the effectiveness of seed bombs; what the next steps would be for Regional staff, and the Town of Whitby staff in order to partner with the ROW Restoration Team at the CWF; and whether the benefits outweigh the risks to the wildlife when planting near roadways.

6. Delegations

B) The Nature of Climate Change Science and the Cost of Net Zero Policies, James Bountrogiannis

James Bountrogiannis, participating electronically, appeared before the Committee to discuss the nature of climate change science and the cost of net zero policies.

J. Bountrogiannis raised concerns with respect to net zero policies being too expensive of a venture; and what the effect of spending billions of dollars trying to achieve net zero will have on inflation and the cost of living for generations to come. He also highlighted the need to separate the climate issues from the environmental issues when discussing climate change science.

J. Bountrogiannis responded to questions from the Committee.

7. Items for Action/Discussion

A) Environmental Achievement Awards Follow-Up (Aneesah Luqman)

A. Luqman advised that the Durham Environment and Climate Forum was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Ontario Tech University. She thanked the DECAC awards subcommittee members and all staff that

contributed to the successful event. She also noted that O. Chaudhry, P. Cohen, K. Lui, K. Murray, and Councillor Shahid were in attendance for the event and encouraged everyone to attend 2025 DECAC awards ceremony.

Discussion ensued regarding modernizing the application process for next time.

B) Introduction of the Durham Climate Dashboard (Ian McVey and Nayel Halim)

In the absence of I. McVey, A. Luqman advised that the Durham Climate Dashboard was recently launched, and that I. McVey and N. Halim will present the dashboard to the Committee in the New Year and provide a full demonstration.

C) Friends of Second Marsh – Letter of Support for the Love the Marsh! Campaign (Aneesah Luqman)

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by B. Basztyk,
That the draft letter of support for the Friends of Second Marsh – Love the Marsh! Campaign as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

D) ERO #019-7735: New Act Regarding the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve Easements and Covenants

A. Luqman advised that the deadline for comments is November 30, 2023.

E) ERO #019-7739: Proposal to Return Lands to the Greenbelt – Greenbelt Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023

A. Luqman advised that the deadline for comments is November 30, 2023.

F) 2024 DECAC Workplan and Terms of Reference

A copy of the 2024 Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) Workplan and Terms of Reference was received.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by P. Cohen,
That we recommend to the Planning & Economic Development Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the proposed 2024 Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) Workplan be amended as follows, and as amended, be approved:

Under Item 2.0 (High Priority):

- Move “Promote and continue to implement the Environmental Achievement Awards” to medium priority;
- Under the second bullet, and second sub-bullet, add as a new sub-bullet “identify timelines for Spring of 2024”; and

- Add as a new bullet: “Participate in Durham Climate Forum in partnership with the Sustainability Team”.

Under Item 2.0 (Medium Priority):

- Move “Invasive and native species management and education” to high priority; and
- Move “Explore opportunities for a volunteer program” to high priority.

CARRIED

Moved by K. Lui, Seconded by K. Murray,
That we recommend to the Planning & Economic Development
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional
Council:

That the proposed 2024 Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee
(DECAC) Terms of Reference, be approved.

CARRIED

G) 2024 Meeting Schedule

A copy of the 2024 DECAC meeting schedule was received.

Discussion ensued regarding the Committee meeting in-person in the New Year at least once with a suggested date of the June 20, 2024, DECAC meeting. A. Luqman advised that she would look into room availability for that date.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the 2024 Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee
(DECAC) meeting schedule, as presented, be adopted.

CARRIED

H) Mileage Reimbursement

A. Luqman requested Committee members to submit to her any travel expenses incurred with respect to DECAC business via email for reimbursement by the end of the year.

8. For Information

- A) Commissioner’s Report #2023-P-28: Durham Region’s response to Environmental Registry of Ontario Postings #019-7735 and #019-7739 related to a Proposed Act regarding the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve and Proposed Act to return lands to the Greenbelt – Greenbelt Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023
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A copy of Report #2023-P-28 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

- B) Commissioner's Report #2023-P-26: Decision Meeting Report – Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by CBM Aggregates, to permit the expansion of Aggregate Resource Extraction Area No. 2 in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2022-003

A copy of Report #2023-P-26 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

- C) Resolution Passed at Brock Township Council Meeting Held on October 23, 2023, regarding Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

A copy of the resolution passed at the Brock Township Council meeting held on October 23, 2023, regarding legislative amendments to improve municipal codes of conduct and enforcement was received.

- D) Resolution Passed at Township of Oro-Medonte Council Meeting in Support of the Town of Georgina's Resolution Regarding Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Strategy

A copy of the resolution passed at the Township of Oro-Medonte Council meeting in support of the Town of Georgina's resolution regarding the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Strategy was received.

- E) Resolution Passed at City of Pickering Council Endorsing the City of Hamilton's Request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Abandon Greenbelt Development

A copy of the resolution passed at the City of Pickering Council endorsing the City of Hamilton's request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to abandon Greenbelt Development was received.

- F) Minutes of the October 10th, 2023 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC)

A copy of the minutes of the October 10th, 2023 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting was received.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by B. Widner,
That Information Items 8. A) to F) inclusive, be received for information.
CARRIED

9. Other Business

There was no other business considered.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM

J. Cuthbertson, First Vice-Chair, Durham
Environment and Climate Advisory Committee

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk