



# The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: #2024-INFO-11  
Date: March 8, 2024

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**Subject:**

Residential Water Meter Reading Update

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for Information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the residential water meter reading changes recently implemented.

**2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 2.1 Staff provided a meter reading update in the Recommended 2024 Water and Sanitary Sewer User Rates Report (2023-F-37) presented on December 12, 2023.

**3. Background**

With the adoption of a user pay approach in 1976, the Region followed up with a program of metering the many residential customers billed flat rate when the Region was formed. As the Region did not have the resources to read all water meters for each billing, customers were asked to supply readings through a self-assessment meter card program.

**4. Self-Assessment Readings**

- 4.1 Quarterly billed residential customers are sent self-assessment meter reading cards three times per year. Customers are asked to read the water meter and submit a reading via phone (TeleRead) or online (MyDurhamWater). Meter readers are sent out to obtain the fourth quarterly reading.

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- 4.2 When first adopted, the Region's self-assessment meter card program had a high participation rate and low cost compared to meter readings taken by meter readers. It was a cost-efficient method of obtaining meter readings. However, despite the promotion of the program, customer meter reading participation has declined to less than 50%. This has resulted in over 40% of all residential billings being based on estimated consumption annually.
- 4.3 When a customer does not provide a meter reading, the Region bills based on an estimated usage volume. Estimated billings are problematic as they can cause plumbing problems to go undetected for long periods. This can lead to high back-billings when an actual reading is obtained, leading to customer complaints. To address this issue, the Region has been upgrading its remote reading capabilities to allow more frequent readings by meter readers.

## **5. Technology**

- 5.1 Meters are installed with remote reading technology, which allows a meter reader to obtain readings without entering the premises. For many years that involved running wires from the display on the meter to a remote readable device on an exterior wall. A meter reader could then obtain a reading from outside a house, although there can still be access problems (snow, gates, etc.). Updated technology using Radio Frequency (RF) enabled meters allows meter readers to read without entering private property. This greatly enhances the efficiency of meter reading and makes the transition to full meter reading possible.
- 5.2 The Region has been installing RF enabled meters for some years. To get sufficient penetration of the technology to widely implement its use, and eventually eliminate self-assessment readings, the Region, in 2022, adopted an accelerated multi-year RF retrofit investment program. This has been made possible without affecting current user rates by utilizing reserve funds.
- 5.3 The Water Billing Customer Information Solution (WBCIS) was implemented in October 2019 followed by MyDurhamWater Customer Portal in April 2020. This large complex project was designed to accommodate the transition from customer self-assessment to full reading by meter readers through many customizations. WBCIS and all customized integration revisions have been built and tested to facilitate the changes required.

## **6. All Billings Based on Readings by Meter Readers**

- 6.1 The transition from self-assessment to full readings by meter readers was completed on March 1, 2024. Using meter readers to obtain readings will decrease estimated billings from 40 per cent to less than 3 per cent. The reduction in estimated billings will translate to a reduction in extended periods of undetected plumbing problems and high back-billings which will improve customer service.

## **7. Next Steps**

- 7.1 The final customer self-assessment request for meter readings was sent on February 29, 2024. A small group of remaining customers were asked to submit a reading by March 14, 2024, via phone (TeleRead) or online (MyDurhamWater) for the last time. This marks the end of the customer self-assessment meter card program which has been in use since 1976.
- 7.2 The TeleRead system and server decommissioning will begin on March 28, 2024, and supports the CS-IT server lifecycle management.

## **8. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

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

## **9. Conclusion**

- 9.1 The transition from self-assessment to full readings by meter readers was completed on March 1, 2024. Over 181,000 residential customers will now be billed based on quarterly meter readings obtained by meter readers. This change will improve customer service by eliminating the need for customers to provide readings and reduce the number of estimated billings issued. This is a very significant milestone in our modernization and customer service enhancements.

Original Signed By

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Commissioner of Finance



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: #2024-INFO-12  
Date: March 8, 2024

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**Subject:**

Economic Update – Higher Interest Rates are Having the Intended Effect as  
Inflation Retreats and Growth and Spending Slow

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report updates Regional Council on the economic environment, as monitored by the Finance Department, including key economic indicators and their impacts on the local economy and Durham Region programs.

1.2 Economic highlights include:

- On March 6, 2024, the Bank of Canada (BoC) again left the overnight interest rate unchanged at 5.0 per cent, in line with market expectations.
- Canada's real GDP grew by 1.1 per cent in 2023, a clear sign that high interest rates are slowing the economy.
- The Labour Force Survey (January 2024 data) by Statistics Canada released on February 9, 2024, showed Canada's unemployment rate was down 0.2 per cent to 5.7 per cent after being on an upward trend through most of 2023.
- According to CMHC, Durham Region housing starts were up in January 2024, from 78 starts in December 2023 to 1,138 starts in January 2024, primarily due to new apartment starts in Pickering/Ajax (695 apartment units) and Clarington (307 apartment units).
- After Durham Region's average housing resale price peaked at \$1,175,010 in June of 2022, Durham's February 2024 average price is 22 per cent lower at \$919,017.
- Ontario Inflation, as measured by the 12-month change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), fell from 3.4 per cent in December 2023 to 2.7 per cent in January 2024.



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## 2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 This report updates the October 13, 2023, Report #2023-INFO-88 “Inflation Proves Difficult to Tame, Increased Interest Rates Moderate Growth and Housing Demand Falls without Material Impacts to Housing Affordability.”

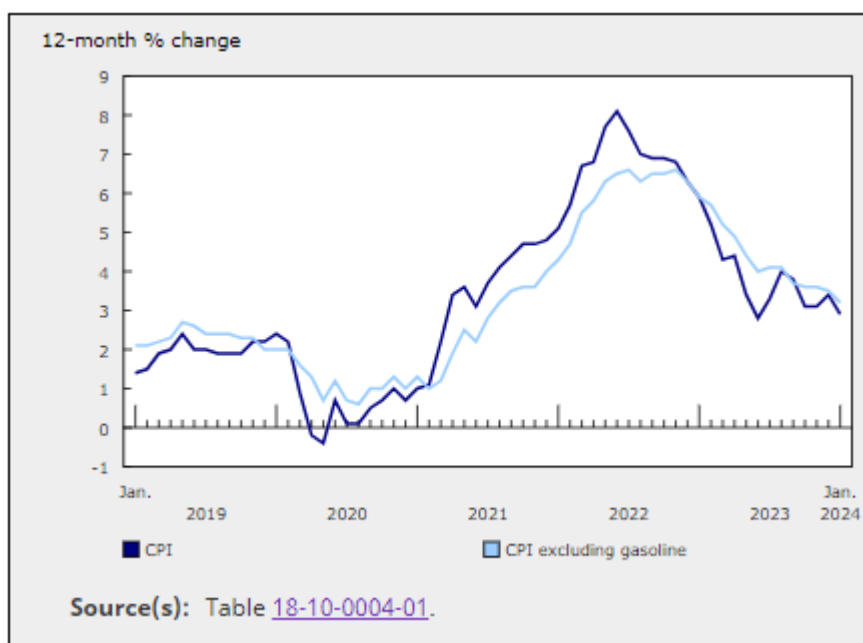
## 3. Bank of Canada Interest Rate Increase

- 3.1 On March 6, 2024, the Bank of Canada (BoC) once again left the overnight interest rate unchanged at five per cent, in line with market expectations.
- 3.2 The central bank has noted that Canada’s economy had stalled since mid-2023, with GDP growth likely to hover around zero per cent throughout the first three months of 2024. Inflation and higher interest rates have slowed business investment and contracted consumer spending, and new jobs are no longer keeping up with population growth. All these factors are anticipated to continue to push inflation closer to the BoC’s target of two per cent by 2025, despite wage growth remaining elevated, at between four and five per cent. In the March 6<sup>th</sup> release however the BofC noted some continuing concerns over, “...risks to the outlook for inflation, particularly the persistence in underlying inflation.” The central bank wants to see further and sustained easing in core inflation. The Bank remains resolute in its commitment to restoring price stability for Canadians.
- 3.3 Shelter pricing remains high and is expected to slow the pace of decreasing inflation. Admittedly, a component of higher cost shelter is higher interest rates themselves, although the BoC notes that low housing supply and high housing demand are much more significant variables.
- 3.4 The next scheduled date for announcing the overnight interest rate is April 10, 2024, but most analysts don’t anticipate a softening of interest rates until at least mid-2024.

## 4. Consumer Price Index (CPI): Canadian Headline Inflation

- 4.1 According to the February Consumer Price Inflation report by Statistics Canada, after peaking at 8.1 per cent in June 2022, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation all items in January 2024 was 2.9 per cent. While it briefly touched 2.8 per cent last June 2023, since then it has fluctuated between 3.1 per cent and four per cent up to December 2023.
- 4.2 The prices for food purchased from grocery stores again slowed year-over-year from 4.7 per cent inflation in December 2023 to a level of 3.4 per cent for January 2024.
- 4.3 Gasoline prices have fallen significantly, and excluding gasoline pricing, as shown in the chart below, inflation in January 2024 would be 3.2 per cent.

**Chart 1 - Twelve Month Change in Consumer Price Index  
(including and excluding Gasoline)**



Source: Statistics Canada. The Daily: Consumer Price Index, February 20, 2024.

- 4.4 In Ontario, the year-over-year CPI decreased more significantly than the national rate from 3.4 per cent in December 2023 to 2.7 per cent in January 2024.

## 5. Canadian Economic Growth Outlook

- 5.1 Canadian real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was essentially unchanged in December 2023, while the preliminary estimate for January 2024 indicates growth of 0.4 per cent. GDP rose by 1.0 per cent on an annualized basis in the fourth quarter, indicating that while Canada's economic performance has slowed, it is at least still expanding.
- 5.2 Exports helped elevate real GDP growth in the fourth quarter, as exports of goods and services rose 1.4 per cent. The increase was driven by sustained production of crude oil in Alberta, as crude oil and crude bitumen exports rose by 6.2 per cent. Overall, exports remained strong throughout 2023, rising by 5.7 per cent. Growth was led by increased exports of passenger cars and light trucks as well as travel services.
- 5.3 Household consumption remained resilient in the fourth quarter of 2023, as household spending increased. The increase was led by higher spending on new trucks, vans, and utility vehicles, as supply chain issues continued to ease and back orders were filled. Household spending in Canada remains subdued, especially when domestic population gains are considered. However, this result should be interpreted as positive, given the current high interest rate environment.

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- 5.4 Compensation of employees rose 0.8 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2023, the slowest growth rate since the second quarter of 2020. This is a welcome sign for the Bank of Canada's attempt to fight inflation, as wage growth is a contributor to higher inflation.
- 5.5 In December 2023, GDP rose in 14 of 20 industrial sectors. Goods-producing industries contracted 0.2 per cent in the month behind a weak performance in the utilities, construction, and manufacturing industries. Output in service-producing sectors was unchanged, as the Quebec public sector workers' strike weakened output.
- 5.6 Canada's economy continued to be plagued by a decline in real business investment in the fourth quarter. In fact, real business investment declined for the sixth time in the last seven quarters. Leading the drop was investment in non-residential structures, which fell 3.0 per cent in the fourth quarter.
- 5.7 The GDP estimates indicate that Canada's economy finished the year stronger than expected, with real GDP increasing by 1.0 percent (annualized growth) in the final quarter. Canada's economy grew by just 1.1 per cent overall in 2023, a clear sign that higher interest rates are doing their job to slow the economy, even with strong population growth.
- 5.8 On a positive note, a technical recession has been avoided. Interest rates have likely reached their peak with inflation coming down. Consumer price growth in January slowed 2.9 per cent year-over-year, within the Bank of Canada target range.
- 5.9 Importantly for Canada, with the US being its largest trading partner, a resilient US economy will help buoy Canada's economy during the current slowdown. Inflation is running higher than expected in the US. In January, consumer price growth increased 0.3 per cent month-to-month, after gaining 0.2 per cent in December. Other indicators such as wages, employment growth, and retail spending are still not easing as much as policymakers expected. This will likely lead to interest rates staying higher for longer in the US too, but rate cuts are still expected later this year.

## **6. The Labour Market**

- 6.1 The Canadian job market is experiencing a mix of subdued hiring activity, influenced by weaker labour demand, and a robust increase in labour supply, driven by high levels of international migration. This dynamic has led to a more balanced job market. However, the past year has been particularly challenging for young workers, with a marked decrease in participation rates and a significant increase in unemployment among those aged 15 to 24, consistent with reduced hiring in the front-line services sector.

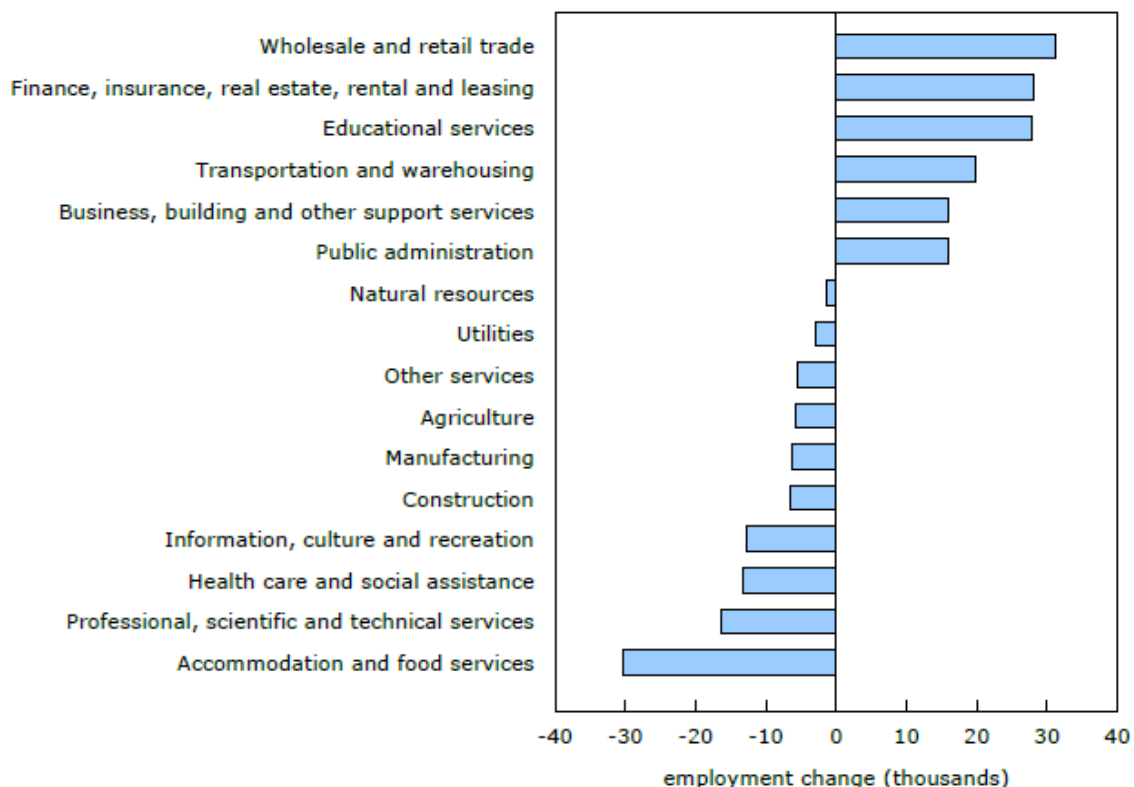
- 6.2 Despite a slight slowdown, wage growth remains relatively high. Looking ahead to 2024, a sluggish labour market is expected to temper wage growth. The current trend of strong wage increases combined with low productivity growth poses a risk of inflating labour costs and potentially refueling inflation.
- 6.3 According to the latest Labour Force Survey for January 2024, employment increased by 37,000 in January, following three months of little change. The employment rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 61.6 per cent, as population growth (+0.4 per cent) outpaced employment growth (+0.2 per cent). The unemployment rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 5.7 per cent, the first decline since December 2022. The unemployment rate had been on an upward trend through most of 2023, rising from 5.1 per cent in April to 5.8 per cent in December.
- 6.4 The labour participation rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 65.3 per cent in January 2024, as the number of people in the labour force held steady and the population aged 15 and older increased.
- 6.5 The seven provinces with job gains were led by Ontario (+23,800) and Alberta

Employment increased

in Ontario (+24,000; +0.3 per cent), Newfoundland and Labrador (+7,500; +3.2 per cent), Manitoba (+6,900; +1.0 per cent) and Nova Scotia (+3,700; +0.7 per cent). Employment declined in Saskatchewan (-6,200; -1.0 per cent).

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- 6.7 There were employment gains spread across several industries in the services-producing sector, led by wholesale and retail trade (+31,000; +1.1 per cent) as well as finance, insurance, real estate, rental, and leasing (+28,000; +2.1 per cent). There were declines in other industries, led by accommodation and food services (-30,000; -2.7 per cent).

**Chart 2 - Employment Increases in several Service Industries (January)**

Source: Statistics Canada. The Daily: Labour Force Survey, February 9, 2024.

- 6.8 In January, average hourly wages among employees were up 5.3 per cent on a year-over-year basis (+\$1.74 to \$34.75), following an increase of 5.4 per cent in December 2023. From January 2023 to January 2024, average hourly wages rose at a faster pace for women (+6.2 per cent to \$32.38) than for men (+4.4 per cent to \$37.06). Wages rose at a similar pace for youth (+5.5 per cent to \$20.79) and core-aged employees (+5.4 per cent to \$37.41) over the same period, while they rose at a slower pace for people aged 55 and older (+3.7 per cent to \$35.72).
- 6.9 Average hourly wages rose 5.9 per cent to an average of \$60.58 for employees with hourly wages in the top 25 per cent of the wage distribution in January 2024, compared with an increase of 4.6 per cent (to \$17.64 per hour) for those with hourly wages in the bottom 25 per cent of the wage distribution (not seasonally adjusted).
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6.11 The recent labour force survey suggests that there are no obvious signs of stress for the economy. A decent job gain, a slight decline in the unemployment rate, and persistent five per cent wage growth will likely not set the stage for rate cuts. The Bank of Canada is likely to view this report as further reason for a patient policy stance.

## 7. Housing Trends

7.1 On March 4, 2024, the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) noted that GTA home sales and new listings were up, on both an annual and monthly basis in February 2024. There is also some relief on the cost of fixed rate mortgage costs. The TRREB President Jennifer Pearce stated that “We have recently seen a resurgence in sales activity compared to last year. The market assumption is that the Bank of Canada has finished hiking rates. Consumers are now anticipating rate cuts in the near future. A growing number of homebuyers have also come to terms with elevated mortgage rates over the past two years. To minimize higher monthly payments, some buyers have likely saved up a larger down payment, chosen to purchase a less-expensive home type and/or looked to a different location in the GTA.” GTA sales growth and new listings growth shows a tightening market to start 2024, one which if combined with lower interest rates later in the year, would put additional upward pressure on GTA housing prices.

7.2 According to TRREB, the average home price in the GTA increased to \$1,108,720 in February 2024 compared to \$1,096,157 in February 2023, an increase of 1.1 per cent. New listings increased 33.5 per cent over the same period to 11,396, while sales were up 17.9 per cent (5,607 sales in February 2024, versus 4,754 in February 2023).

**Table 1 - Toronto Regional Real Estate Board:  
Summary of Select Existing Home Transactions  
(All Home Types – Average Price in Canadian \$)**

	Year-over-Year		Monthly Changes			
	23-Feb	24-Feb	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	24-Feb
<b>Durham</b>	888,448	919,017	883,115	860,622	894,825	919,017
<b>York</b>	1,302,720	1,324,423	1,286,617	1,281,020	1,210,705	1,324,423
<b>Peel</b>	1,032,286	1,037,245	1,031,654	1,020,187	1,024,926	1,037,245
<b>Halton</b>	1,222,095	1,267,011	1,208,950	1,302,551	1,143,518	1,267,011
<b>Toronto</b>	1,071,043	1,072,528	1,051,180	1,062,914	959,915	1,072,528

7.3 Table 1 shows GTA municipalities' year-over-year price changes for resale homes. Prices in February 2024 increased across the GTA, with Toronto and Peel seeing only marginal increases of 0.1 per cent and 0.5 per cent respectively, compared to two to four per cent increases in the other Regions.

- 7.4 After Durham Region's housing resale pricing peaked at \$1,175,010 in June of 2022, Durham's February 2024 average price is 22 per cent lower than this peak despite rising three percent compared to January 2024.
- 7.5 According to CMHC, in Durham Region housing starts were up in January 2024, from 78 starts in December 2023 to 1,138 starts in January 2024, primarily due to new apartment starts in Pickering/Ajax (695 apartment units) and Clarington (307 apartment units). Meanwhile units already under construction in Durham Region increased from 7,152 units to 7,561 units, also mostly due to apartment units under construction along the urban lakeshore (4,561 apartment units are under construction in January 2024). The current volume of under construction housing units should improve housing supply in Durham Region over 2024 and 2025, although demand may again increase with reductions in borrowing costs especially should the Bank of Canada begin to reduce overnight interest rates in the latter part of the year. There were 227 completions across Durham Region in December 2023 compared to an additional 715 completions in January 2024.

## **8. Ontario Economic and Fiscal Outlook**

- 8.1 According to the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario (FAO), Ontario's economic growth (as measured by growth in real GDP) slowed sharply in 2023 and is projected to slow even further to 0.7 per cent in 2024, reflecting the ongoing impact of higher interest rates on household spending and the housing market, and a weaker global environment. Ontario's economic growth is projected to improve over the 2025 to 2028 period as lower interest rates bolster household spending and residential investment.
- 8.2 The FAO projects a \$4.7 billion budget deficit in 2023-24, slightly smaller than the government's \$5.6 billion deficit projected in the 2023 Fall Economic Statement (FES). Ontario's budget deficit is expected to widen to \$6.2 billion in 2024-25 and gradually improve over the outlook, reaching a balanced position by 2026-27, one year later than expected by the Ontario government (the Ontario Minister of Finance will present the new Budget 2024 in the House of Commons on April 16, 2024).
- 8.3 The FAO's Spring 2024 budget outlook is a significant deterioration from the FAO's Spring 2023 outlook, which expected growing budget surpluses over the forecast to 2027-28. This significant downward revision is the result of both lower than projected revenues and higher than projected spending. The FAO now expects the Province to record \$74.1 billion more in net debt by 2027-28 when compared to the FAO's spring projection. Despite this increase, Ontario's net debt-to-GDP ratio is expected to remain below the government's 2023 Ontario Budget target.

- 8.4 The FAO projects revenue growth will average 3.9 per cent per year from 2022-23 to 2027-28, slower than the 7.3 per cent average annual growth recorded during the pandemic. The FAO's revenue projection is lower by an average of \$5.8 billion per year compared to the FAO's Spring 2023 projection, for a cumulative decrease of \$29.0 billion over five years. This decrease is mainly due to lower projected personal income tax based on new information from 2022 tax returns. The FAO's revenue forecast is also \$4.9 billion lower than the government's outlook in 2023-24, and \$4.6 billion lower by 2025-26 due to the FAO's less optimistic projection for corporate and sales tax revenue.
- 8.5 The FAO projects spending growth will average 3.1 per cent per year from 2022-23 to 2027-28, slower than the 5.2 per cent average annual growth over the previous five years. The FAO's spending projection has increased by an average of \$6.7 billion per year compared to the FAO's Spring 2023 outlook, for a cumulative increase of \$33.4 billion over five years. This increase is due in part to higher projected spending on Ontario public sector salaries and wages, new government policy measures, and higher projected interest on debt spending to support the estimated increase in net debt. Overall, the FAO's spending projection is like the 2023 FES spending plan, except for 2023-24, where the government's spending plan is \$4.8 billion above the FAO's projection.

## 9. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 9.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- Economic Prosperity: To build a strong and resilient economy that maximizes opportunities for business and employment growth, innovation, and partnership.

## 10. Conclusions

The economy is slowing and anticipated to bring the inflation rate, as measured by CPI, closer to the two per cent BoC target later in 2024. The Bank again held the overnight rate at five per cent on March 6, 2024, and economists will be watching key data coming out of Statistics Canada to predict when the BofC will shift to lowering of rates (subsequent meetings are April 10<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>). Statistics Canada will be releasing its February employment data on March 8, 2024, and its CPI report on March 19, 2024 (February data).

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA  
Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer





# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** March 8, 2024  
**To:** Health & Social Services Committee  
**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle  
**Subject:** Health Information Update – March 3, 2024

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Health  
Department

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

*“Service Excellence  
for our Communities*

**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**March 3, 2024**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/28shsedt](https://tinyurl.com/28shsedt)**

- Invasive Group A Streptococcal (iGAS) Disease – Close Contact Management (Feb 21)

**[tinyurl.com/3553z3du](https://tinyurl.com/3553z3du)**

- Measles Preparedness (Feb 23)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/59urjfn4](https://tinyurl.com/59urjfn4)**

- Government of Canada announces draft rules to cut pollutants that cause smog in communities across Canada (Feb 23)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3az2zms8](https://tinyurl.com/3az2zms8)**

- Government of Canada Introduces Legislation for First Phase of National Universal Pharmacare (Feb 29)

**Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/4yt4s2a2](https://tinyurl.com/4yt4s2a2)**

- Government of Canada announces major milestone in the Canadian biomanufacturing sector (Feb 23)

**[tinyurl.com/msztzf48](https://tinyurl.com/msztzf48)**

- Government of Canada creates a forum to discuss challenges in the Canadian legal cannabis industry (Feb 23)

**Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2bv57rrj](https://tinyurl.com/2bv57rrj)**

- Government of Canada supports project to prevent and address mistreatment of older adults across Ontario (Feb 22)

**[tinyurl.com/2s3sde48](https://tinyurl.com/2s3sde48)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on Global Increase in Measles and Risk to Canada (Feb 23)

**[202tinyurl.com/yf8sj5c8](https://202tinyurl.com/yf8sj5c8)**

- Government of Canada releases 2024-2030 Action Plan on Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections (Feb 27)

**[tinyurl.com/5ddd22vu](https://tinyurl.com/5ddd22vu)**

- Statement on Ad Hoc Committee Tabling (Feb 28)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Colleges and Universities**

[tinyurl.com/ydxkcnfh](https://tinyurl.com/ydxkcnfh)

- Ontario Investing Nearly \$1.3 Billion to Stabilize Colleges and Universities (Feb 26)

### **Ministry of Health**

[tinyurl.com/yrjev88w](https://tinyurl.com/yrjev88w)

- Ontario Building New Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. Michael's Hospital (Feb 22)

[tinyurl.com/4rmnzx2a](https://tinyurl.com/4rmnzx2a)

- Ontario Investing \$1.6 Billion in New Facilities at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (Feb 29)

### **Treasury Board Secretariat**

[tinyurl.com/mj36nzfd](https://tinyurl.com/mj36nzfd)

- Province Repeals Bill 124 (Feb 23)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Addictions and Mental Health Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/2dp7u6ha](https://tinyurl.com/2dp7u6ha)

- Addictions and Mental Health Ontario is Calling on the Province to Address the Toxic Drug Supply Crisis (Feb 27)

### **Association of Local Public Health Agencies**

[tinyurl.com/2cuje2yw](https://tinyurl.com/2cuje2yw)

- Infant Formula Letter (Feb 23)

### **Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety**

[tinyurl.com/2s4e8w28](https://tinyurl.com/2s4e8w28)

- A Message Worth Repeating: Take Action to Prevent Repetitive Strain Injuries (Feb 21)

### **Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health**

[tinyurl.com/3wmj6xmb](https://tinyurl.com/3wmj6xmb)

- Addressing the Epidemic: First Clinical Guidelines to Equip Healthcare and Social Service Professionals to Address Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults (Feb 28)

### **Canadian Institute for Health Information**

[tinyurl.com/4skspzkr](https://tinyurl.com/4skspzkr)

- Hospital stays in Canada, 2022-23 (Feb 22)

### **Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

[tinyurl.com/42u4md9z](https://tinyurl.com/42u4md9z)

- Government of Canada and partners invest over \$28 million to support underrepresented early career health researchers (Feb 27)

**[tinyurl.com/yystn659s](https://tinyurl.com/yystn659s)**

- Government of Canada invests \$20 million to improve health outcomes of children living with rare diseases (Feb 28)

**Canadian Medical Association**

**[tinyurl.com/64btyenm](https://tinyurl.com/64btyenm)**

- CMA strongly opposes government efforts to restrict access to care (Feb 20)

**Colorectal Cancer Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/4zcpfvs8](https://tinyurl.com/4zcpfvs8)**

- Colorectal cancer is the 2<sup>nd</sup> deadliest cancer in Canada, let's work together to avoid making it number one (Feb 26)

**Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3f78r9r5](https://tinyurl.com/3f78r9r5)**

- Information Commissioner launches a systemic investigation into ArriveCan (Feb 23)

**Public Health Ontario**

**[tinyurl.com/bde5bp7s](https://tinyurl.com/bde5bp7s)**

- PHO Connections (Feb 21)

**[tinyurl.com/4s8unjws](https://tinyurl.com/4s8unjws)**

- 2024-29 Strategic Plan (Feb 29)

**Second Harvest**

**[tinyurl.com/msh8j6jc](https://tinyurl.com/msh8j6jc)**

- More than one-third of food charities in Canada forced to turn people away while bracing for new demand in 2024 (Feb 27)

**World Health Organization**

**[tinyurl.com/edbfu238](https://tinyurl.com/edbfu238)**

- Recommendations announced for influenza vaccine composition for the 2024-2025 northern hemisphere influenza season: Update (Feb 23)

**[tinyurl.com/25wmbyzm](https://tinyurl.com/25wmbyzm)**

- WHO updates its guidance for Ebola and Marburg disease (Feb 27)

**[tinyurl.com/2k4kba6p](https://tinyurl.com/2k4kba6p)**

- Leaders call for scale-up in implementing One Health approach (Feb 29)


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February 23, 2024

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

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Lambton County Council Motion**

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of February 07, 2024, Lambton County Council Passed the following resolution:

#25: Ferguson/Bradley:


**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has agreed to assume responsibility for the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto, which will be uploaded to the Province of Ontario;

**WHEREAS** like the City of Toronto, The Corporation of the County of Lambton and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario are experiencing significant financial and budgetary pressures including those related to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, and are seeking reasonable solutions to address the same while balancing their financial books;

**WHEREAS** the uploading of municipal highway infrastructure to the Province of Ontario or, alternatively, appropriately increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to Ontario municipalities will assist municipalities in addressing such financial challenges;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- a) That the Province of Ontario: (i) upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or (ii) alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the


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Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.

- b) That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Sarnia-Lambton MPP, Bob Bailey; the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria; and the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Ford.

Carried.

Kind Regards,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Olivia Leger

Clerk/County Solicitor

Encl #CC 04-10-24

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Bob Bailey, M.P.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding  
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation



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**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND REGULAR MEETING**

**RESOLUTION**

**Council Regular meeting**

**Resolution:** 2024-16  
**Title:** Resolution proposed by Councillor Kyle Cyr and seconded by Mayor Mario Zanth regarding the 9-8-8 National suicide and crisis hotline  
**Date:** February 14, 2024

**Moved by** Kyle Cyr  
**Seconded by** Mario Zanth

WHEREAS Canada has adopted 9-8-8, as National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and  
 WHEREAS the City of Clarence-Rockland recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;  
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Clarence-Rockland continues to endorse the 9-8-8 Crisis Line initiative and will display the 9-8-8 information poster in all its municipal buildings; and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Todd Doherty, MP for Cariboo-Prince George, as well as all Ontario municipalities.

**CARRIED**

**Monique Ouellet**  
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**RÉSOLUTION**

**Réunion régulière du conseil**

**Résolution:** 2024-16  
**Titre:** Résolution proposée par le conseiller Kyle Cyr et appuyée du maire Mario Zanth au sujet du 9-8-8, soit la ligne d'assistance nationale sur le suicide et les crises.  
**Date:** le 14 février 2024

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**Proposée par** Kyle Cyr  
**Appuyée par** Mario Zanth

ATTENDU QUE le Canada a adopté le 9-8-8, comme ligne d'assistance nationale à trois chiffres sur le suicide et les crises ; et  
ATTENDU QUE la Cité de Clarence-Rockland reconnaît qu'il s'agit d'une initiative importante pour s'assurer que les obstacles critiques sont éliminés pour les personnes en situation de crise et qui demandent de l'aide ;  
QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE la Cité de Clarence-Rockland continue d'appuyer l'initiative de la ligne d'écoute 9-8-8 et affichera l'affiche d'information 9-8-8 dans tous ses édifices municipaux; et  
QU'IL SOIT AUSSI RÉSOLU QU'une copie de cette résolution soit envoyée à Todd Doherty, MP de Cariboo-Prince George, ainsi qu'à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

**ADOPTÉE**

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Monique Ouellet/Greffière





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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.2.

**Resolution Number** 2024-036

**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #5 and #24

**Date:** February 21, 2024

**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus

**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP - Request for Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022;**

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Long Term Care, Stan Cho; our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



# 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Fife".

Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP  
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.4.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-038  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #10  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer on November 15, 2023, regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act;  
AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Associate Minister of Housing, Rob Flack; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR

November 16, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Re: Motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act

At their Regular Meeting of Council on November 15, 2023, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act:

**Whereas** the Ontario government has acknowledged an affordable housing and housing supply crisis, communicating a targeted approach to build 1.5 million homes by 2031; and

**Whereas** nearly one-third of Ontario households rent, rather than own, according to the most recent 2021 Census of Population; and

**Whereas** the Ontario government has reported that Ontario broke ground on nearly 15,000 purpose-built rentals in 2022, a 7.5 percent increase from 2021 and the highest number on record, with continued growth into 2023; and

**Whereas** the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, provides for the maximum a landlord can increase most tenants rent during a year without the approval of the Landlord and Tenant Board; and

**Whereas** the Ontario government recently strengthened protections for tenants with the intention of preserving affordability, by holding the rent increase guideline for 2024 to 2.5 percent, well below the average inflation rate of 5.9 percent; and

**Whereas** the rental increase guideline protection does not apply to rental units occupied for the first time after November 15, 2018, leaving an increasing number of tenants susceptible to disproportionate and unsustainable rental increases compared to those benefiting from legislated increase protection;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved that** the Council of the Town of Aylmer requests provincial consideration for amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, to ensure that all tenants benefit from protections intended to preserve affordability;

**That** a copy of this Resolution be sent to:

- Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Honourable Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- And all Ontario Municipalities.

Thank you,

**Owen Jaggard**

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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.6.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-040  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #16 & 25  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward on November 17, 2023, and the support Resolution passed by Loyalist Township on November 27, 2023, regarding Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to Expand the Use of Permit-by-Rule; AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR

November 17, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023 the following motion regarding support for the Province to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, storm water management systems, and certain water taking activities was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-569**

**DATE: November 14, 2023**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Maynard**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**WHEREAS** the Municipality, in support of the Quinte Conservation Authority, actively supports the Source Water Protection Program, as part of local efforts to implement the Clean Water Act, 2006 and its regulations to protect local municipal drinking water sources;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is proposing to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities;

**AND WHEREAS** In 2018, Bill 68, the Open for Business Act was passed, whereby it legislated that less complex activities that pose low-risk to the environment should not be required to go through the approval process and instead, should self-register on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR);

**AND WHEREAS** Quinte Conservation Authority has outlined in their October 24, 2023 report to their Board, that the activities proposed to move to the EASR may pose too much risk to drinking water, and can pose threats to human health and the environment;

**AND WHEREAS** Quinte Conservation Authority noted the source water protection concern generally lies in the fact the Ministry will no longer undertake an up-front detailed review of applications related to the specified activities, thereby potentially weakening regulatory oversight;

**AND WHEREAS** the specified activities, which have the potential to cause significant adverse impacts to the natural environment and human health will no



longer be subject to public and site-specific scrutiny prior to commencing operation in Ontario;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County supports the concerns outlined by Quinte Conservation Authority and urges the Provincial government to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities; and

**THAT** this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte M.P.P. and Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and

**THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and all Ontario Conservation Authorities.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Maynard and Marcia Wallace, CAO





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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.5.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-039  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #15  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward on November 17, 2023, regarding Guaranteed Livable Income;**  
**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Children, Community and Social Service, Ryan Williams; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament; our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR

November 17, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023 the following motion regarding urging the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a guaranteed livable income was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-568**

**DATE: November 14, 2023**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Maynard**

**WHEREAS** on November 23, 2021 Prince Edward County was certified as a 'Living Wage' Employer at the "support" level, through the Ontario Living Wage Network;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario livable wage for Hastings & Prince Edward, in 2022 was determined to be \$19.05, which is \$3.55 more than the Provincial minimum wage rate of \$15.50; and this rate is paid to all staff including students in 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1,376;

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

**AND WHEREAS** in accordance with the 2023 Vital Signs Report, up to 3,500 residents (10.1% to 13.5%) are living on low income (less than \$36,000 a year after taxes) and PEC's median income lags behind Ontario by \$7,500/year;

**AND WHEREAS** the median rent for one bedroom in Prince Edward County in accordance with the County Housing Plan for 2023 \$1,513 a month;

**AND WHEREAS** rent is considered affordable, when it is no more than 30% of gross annual income and the number of people receiving government benefits has increased to a level above the provincial average in Prince Edward County. Extrapolated, a full 30% of County residents are deemed to be low-income and unable to afford either market real estate or rental housing prices;

**AND WHEREAS** as of March 31, 2023, there are 1,089 households on the Prince Edward - Lennox and Addington Social Services wait list for subsidized housing in Prince Edward County;

**AND WHEREAS**, in accordance with the County Food Collective, Food bank use is up 26% in Prince Edward County and as many as 6,000 residents experience food insecurity over a year's time;

**AND WHEREAS** on July 25, 2023 Council expressed support for a more generous Canada Child Benefit targeting low-income families struggling with food insecurity and urged Federal government expedite its 2021 election promise to roll-out Canada's first national school food policy, and endorsed the Coalition for Healthy School Food mission to work with partners across Canada to advocate for a universal cost-shared healthy Canada-wide school food program on September 26, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** the 2017 Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) study/survey identified the general affordable workforce housing as a primary obstacle in our workforce attraction;

**AND WHEREAS** the collected data of housing and poverty statistics, and continuing to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result is important in establishing a livable income;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County join other municipalities across Ontario, including Belleville, Napanee to urge the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a Guaranteed Livable Income program; and

**THAT** this resolution be sent to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Parsa, M.P.P., Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Ryan Williams, Bay of Quinte M.P.P., Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte M.P.P, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition of Ontario and Pierre Poilievre Leader of the Official Opposition of Canada requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

**THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Maynard and Marcia Wallace,  
CAO



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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.9.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-043  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**WHEREAS** municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;  
**AND WHEREAS**, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;  
**AND WHEREAS**, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortages, which will only be exasperated over the next three (3) to five (5) years, which will cause the levels of service that municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;  
**AND WHEREAS**, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment;  
**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles, calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades, David Piccinni; our local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS); and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

  
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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.7.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-041  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #7  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**WHEREAS** under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a Judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

**AND WHEREAS** over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

**AND WHEREAS** cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

**AND WHEREAS** the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;

- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Todd McCarthy; BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, Jim Cassimatis; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; our local member of Provincial Parliament; and, all Ontario municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.8.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-042  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Township of Asphodel-Norwood on December 12, 2023, regarding Rising Municipal Insurance Costs;  
AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



December 22, 2023

**Sent via E-mail**  
david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

David Piccini, MPP  
Northumberland-Peterborough South  
117 Peter St  
Port Hope, ON L1A 1C5

**Re: Rising Municipal Insurance Costs**

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Dear MPP Piccini,

At its regular meeting held December 12, 2023, the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood considered the above-noted matter and passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** Ontario Municipalities are experiencing higher insurance rates at each renewal with limited access to insurance providers willing to quote on municipal insurance needs;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Asphodel-Norwood's annual insurance premiums have increased from \$150,280 to \$299,729 from 2020 to 2024, representing an accumulated increase of 99.5% over this period;

**AND WHEREAS** these annual increases are unsustainable and divert funds from critical municipal services as one of the most significant constraints in limiting yearly tax levy increases;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood directs staff to send a letter to the MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South calling for action to reduce insurance costs;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that this Resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Trusting you will find the foregoing satisfactory, but please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Melanie Hudson, Acting Clerk  
Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Cc: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.3.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-037  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #9  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Municipality of Shuniah on November 14, 2023, regarding Unnecessary Noise - Engine Brakes;**  
**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Sarkaria; our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 399-23

Date: Nov 14, 2023

Moved By: 

Seconded By: 

WHEREAS excessive noise resulting from the operation of moving vehicles falls under the jurisdiction of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8. ("Highway Traffic Act") which is enforced by provincially appointed officers;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Shuniah, have received complaints from residents regarding noises associated with the use of engine retarder brakes on heavy vehicles;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation recommends the use of engine braking in certain circumstances, such as the downgrade located on Spruce River Road to avoid overheating brakes, and as a form of backup brake if brakes fail;

AND WHEREAS a higher engine noise is typically emitted for a short period of time (e.g., ten (10) to thirty (30) seconds), depending on the vehicle's speed and vehicles may make a loud "chattering" or "jackhammer" exhaust noise when this braking system is engaged;

AND WHEREAS this noise can be amplified if the vehicle has no muffler or an improper muffling system;


AND WHEREAS noise emissions from commercial vehicles form part of the Ministry of Transportation's inspection process;

AND WHEREAS installation of "courtesy" signs that request the drivers to limit the use of loud compression style brakes are difficult to enforce and there is evidence of these types of signs not being beneficial;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to enhance enforcement for deficient muffler systems to address concerns around excessive and unnecessary noise from engine brakes.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP Kevin Holland, MP Marcus Powlowski, MPP Lise Vaugeois, and MP Patty Hajdu.

Carried       Defeated       Amended       Deferred

  
Signature

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



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February 28, 2024

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

**RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

**WHEREAS** the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

**WHEREAS** libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

**WHEREAS** the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

**WHEREAS** Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

**CARRIED**

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos


Town Clerk

[jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario  
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region  
Local Area Municipalities  
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March 1, 2024

Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery  
 Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery  
 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 777 Bay St.  
 Toronto, ON  
 M7A 2J3

Dear Honourable McCarthy:

**Re: Resolution of Council – Town of Huntsville – Support for Municipality of Wawa  
 Resolution RC24017 – Provincial Cemetery Management**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024 the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Huntsville passed the following resolution:

**Motion 28-24**

*Moved by Helena Renwick, seconded by Monty Clouthier*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council support and endorse resolution RC24017 from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Cemetery Transfers, Abandonment Administration, and Management Support.

CARRIED.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Natalie Little  
 Committee Coordinator  
[natalie.little@huntsville.ca](mailto:natalie.little@huntsville.ca)

Cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar  
 Hon. Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North  
 Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound Muskoka  
 All Ontario Municipalities





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Resolution # RC24017	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>L. Newgate</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>

**WHEREAS** the Wawa Cemetery Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 where the Committee received correspondence from Tay Township requesting support regarding Provincial Cemetery Management,

**AND WHEREAS**, under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

**AND WHEREAS** over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

**AND WHEREAS** cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

**AND WHEREAS** the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
• Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
• Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
• Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Jill Dunlop and all Ontario municipalities.

Table with 4 columns: RESOLUTION RESULT, RECORDED VOTE, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, YES, NO. Rows include CARRIED, DEFEATED, TABLED, RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT), PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED, and WITHDRAWN.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature table with two columns: DEPUTY MAYOR - JIM HOEFMANN and CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL. Includes handwritten signatures.

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# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

## Council Resolution


Date: February 27, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024- 81

10.1.7-In Support to Resolution passed by the Municipality of Wawa Fire Apparatus

Moved By: Councillor *GRANT*

Seconded By: Councillor *MORETON*

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WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to service operational needs;

AND WHEREAS fire apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must mee the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even thou they can still meet the safety regulations;

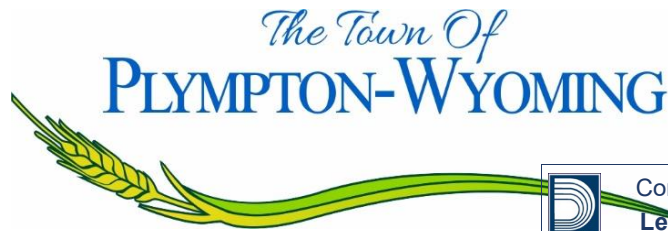
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin is in support of the attached resolution as passed by the Municipality of Wawa and directs the Fire Chief to prepare a letter to give to the clerk as follows; attention to the Fire Underwriters Survey requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, The Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Affairs and Housing, The federation of Canadian Municipalities, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) MPP Vic Fedeli and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Results: *Carried*


**Recorded Vote:**

<u>Member of Council</u>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Mayor Gould	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Moreton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Councillor Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Manson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
(sent via e-mail)

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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Re: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the County of Renfrew regarding Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems.

**Motion #12**

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support correspondence item 'q' from the County of Renfrew regarding water and wastewater.

**Carried.**

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn  
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario)  
Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada)  
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario),  
Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 31, 2024, The County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

**WHEREAS** the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

**WHEREAS** the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives; and

**WHEREAS** in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of

the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

**WHEREAS** in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

**WHEREAS** in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the County of Renfrew:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Emon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Emon, Warden

County of Renfrew


[warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca](mailto:warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca)

cc: Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario)  
Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada)  
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

March 5, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

The Honourable Andrea Khanjin  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Via E-mail: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

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**Re: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for ‘Ineligible’ Sources**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 4, 2024 supported the following resolution from the Township of Perry regarding the above noted matter;

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for ‘eligible’ sources only;

And Whereas ‘ineligible’ sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

And Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the ‘ineligible’ sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And further that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;



And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Local MPP all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

**Judy  
Smith**

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Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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# Ontario's One Fare Program

# Launched on February 26, 2024



**Taking transit is now more convenient and affordable for riders connecting from one system to another.**

As of February 26, 2024, transit riders only pay once when travelling between TTC and GO Transit, Brampton Transit, Durham Region Transit, MiWay and York Region Transit.

Simply tap with a PRESTO card, credit or debit, or PRESTO in Google Wallet and Ontario's One Fare Program savings will automatically be applied.

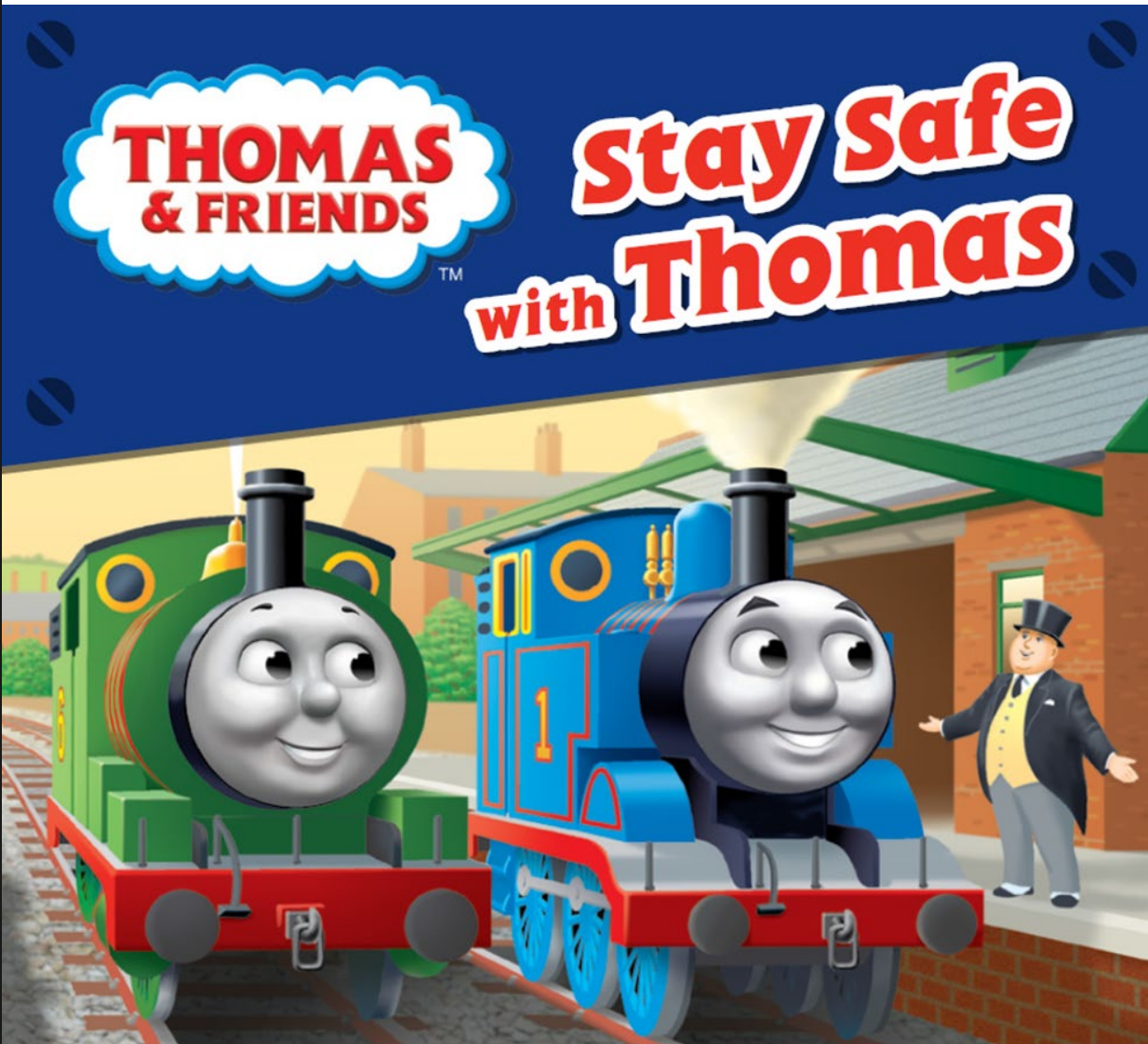
For an adult who commutes five days a week, this could save them up to \$1,600 per year. More affordable transit makes it easier to leave your car at home when commuting to and from work, heading to a sporting event or concert, or visiting family and friends.

"Ontario's One Fare Program makes transit a more appealing option not only for residents but also for the millions of visitors to our region each year," says Andrew Weir, Executive Vice President for Destination Toronto.

"Most visitors to Toronto arrive by air and don't have a car. Fare integration makes their travel within the destination easier and also encourages visitors to explore more of our region so that more communities benefit from the impact of visitor spending."

[Learn more about Ontario's One Fare Program.](#)

## Upcoming Events: March Break Thomas Book Readings - Durham Region Libraries



Our Community Engagement Team will be out at local libraries throughout

Durham Region to continue our Stay Safe with Thomas Book Readings.

These readings focus on safety in and around transit and come with a free cardboard GO Train or GO Bus to take home for all attendees!

- **March 11, 2024 - Clarington Library - Newcastle Branch**
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**\*Reach out to your local library for sign-up details and registration!\***

## **Event Highlight: Family Day Event at the Canadian Automotive Museum**



As part of Metrolinx's YOUTH Strategy, the Community Engagement teams joined the [Canadian Automotive Museum](#) for Family Day to engage with kids and families from Durham about transit projects, available transit, and the [One Fare Program](#).

An Oshawa Regional Councillor and Durham Region MPP visited the pop-up, which had over 400 visitors of which 40% were students, youth and children, with many using their PRESTO card to take advantage of the available [PRESTO Perks Discount](#).

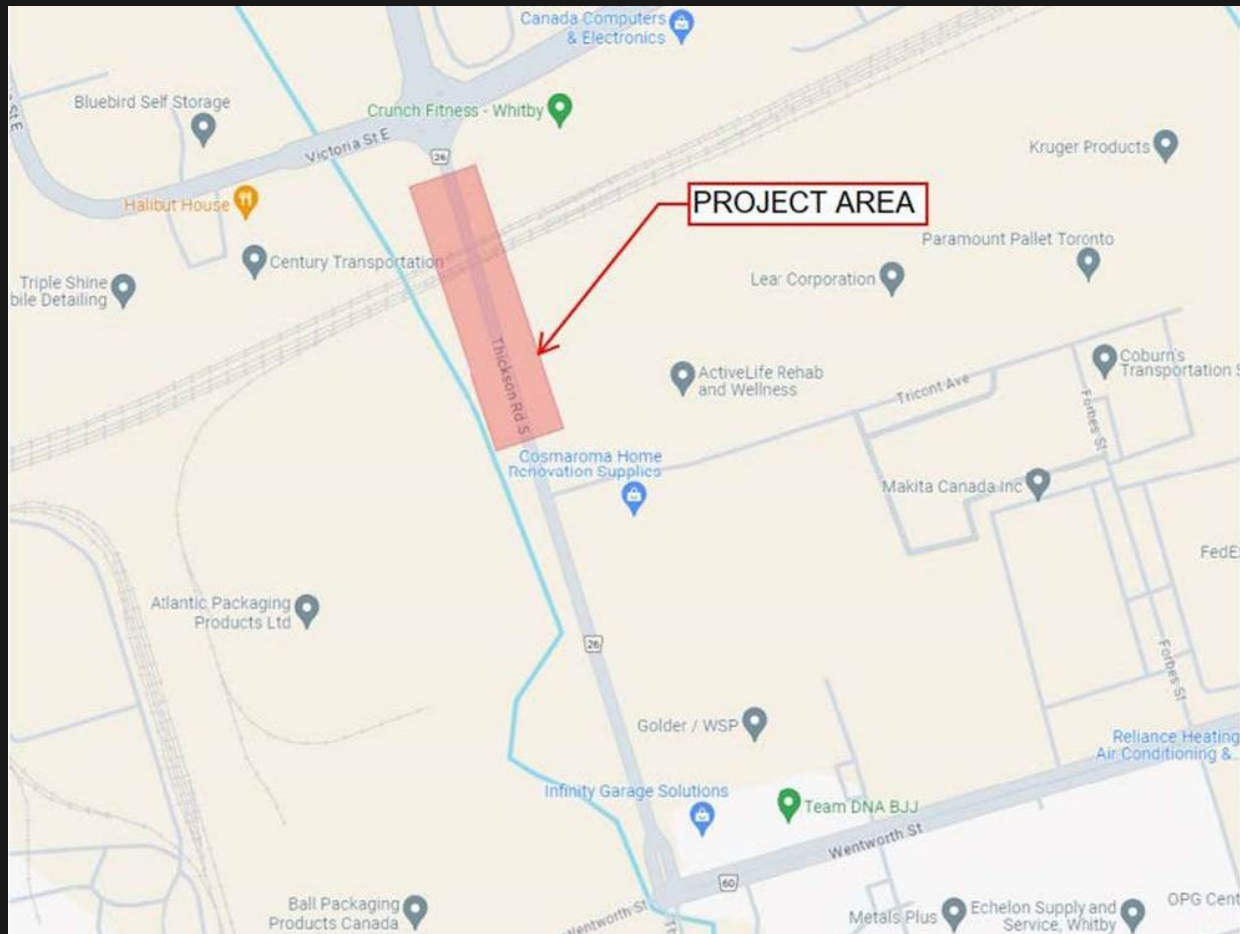
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Save the date for the upcoming March Break event at the Canadian Automotive Museum on **March 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.!**

**Utility Pole Line Relocation -**

# Victoria St E & Thickson Rd - Whitby, Ontario - February 26 to March 29, 2024



## Project Overview

GO service is expanding to serve you better - with more frequent service, more stations, cleaner technology, and more connections. Across the entire network, our goal is to deliver over 10,000 train trips a week - so you won't need a schedule because you know the next train will be coming soon. GO Expansion will transform the GO rail network from a commuter service into an all-day, rapid system.

## What You Need to Know

To support GO Expansion projects, crews will be mobilizing to take overhead utilities and transfer them underground to remove overhead cable conflicts over the Metrolinx Lakeshore East corridor.

### **What to Expect**

Crews will be on site to remove overhead lines running North/South of Thickson Road that are crossing the tracks. Crews will be on site until March 29. Crews will be working within and near the Metrolinx right-of-way.

*Please Note: The work start date is tentative and may be rescheduled due to a variety of factors. Please reach out to the Durham Region Community Engagement Team for any questions.*

### **Hours of Work**

Crew would work near Metrolinx right-of-way between 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. The work within Metrolinx right-of-way will be overnight between the hours of 11pm to 5am. Standard construction noise will remain within the allowable municipal by-law limits.

### **Traffic Details**

There are no anticipated traffic impacts from the upcoming works.

### **Pedestrian Details**

There are no anticipated pedestrian impacts from the upcoming works.

### **Transit Details**

There are no anticipated transit impacts from the upcoming works.

### **Other Information**

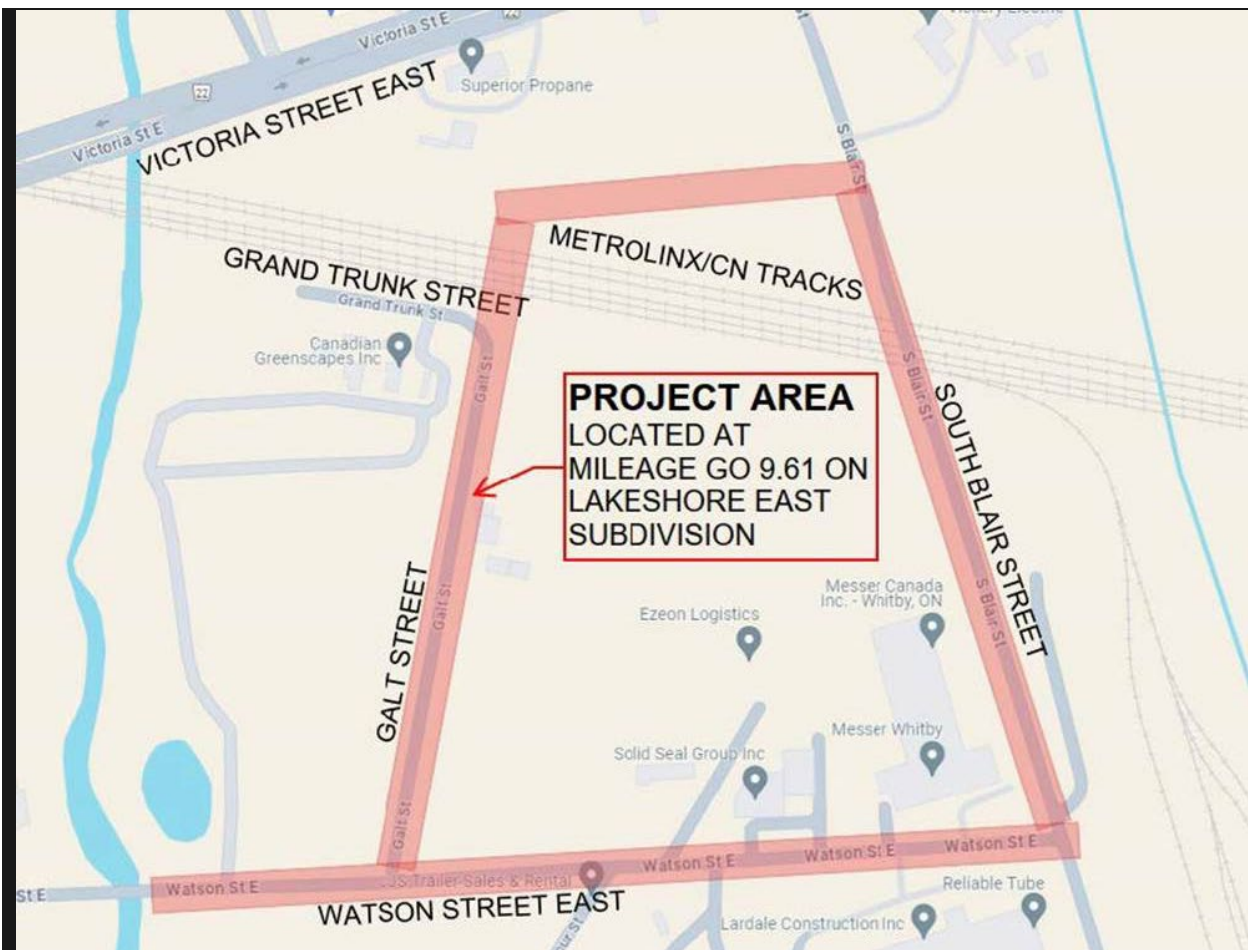
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**Utility Pole Line Relocation – South  
Blair St (Via Galt St) –  
Whitby, Ontario –  
March 18 to December 20, 2024**





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### **What You Need to Know**

To support GO Expansion projects, crews will be mobilizing to take overhead utilities and transfer them underground to remove overhead cable conflicts over the Metrolinx Lakeshore East corridor.

### **What to Expect**

Crews will be on site to take overhead utilities and transfer them underground to remove overhead cable conflict over the Metrolinx LSE corridor to support GO Expansion projects.

Crews will be on site beginning March 18th, 2024. Crews will be working

within and near the Metrolinx right-of-way. There will be increased traffic and noise in the community from trucks and construction equipment.

*Please Note: The work start date is tentative and may be rescheduled due to a variety of factors. Please reach out to the Durham Region Community Engagement Team for any questions.*

### **Hours of Work**

Construction is scheduled between 7am to 5PM, Monday to Friday. Standard construction noise will remain within the allowable municipal by-law limits.

### **Traffic Details**

Crews will be using the shoulder lane along Galt Street and Grand Trunk Street. This will begin on March 18th, 2024. There will be no road closures and there will be signage setup to notify residents of the ongoing construction.

### **Pedestrian Details**

There will be some impact to residents along Galt Street and Grand Trunk Street as crews will be working on the shoulder lane. Residents will still be able to access Galt Street and Grand Trunk Street and its amenities throughout the construction.

### **Transit Details**

There are no anticipated transit impacts from the upcoming works.

### **Other Information**

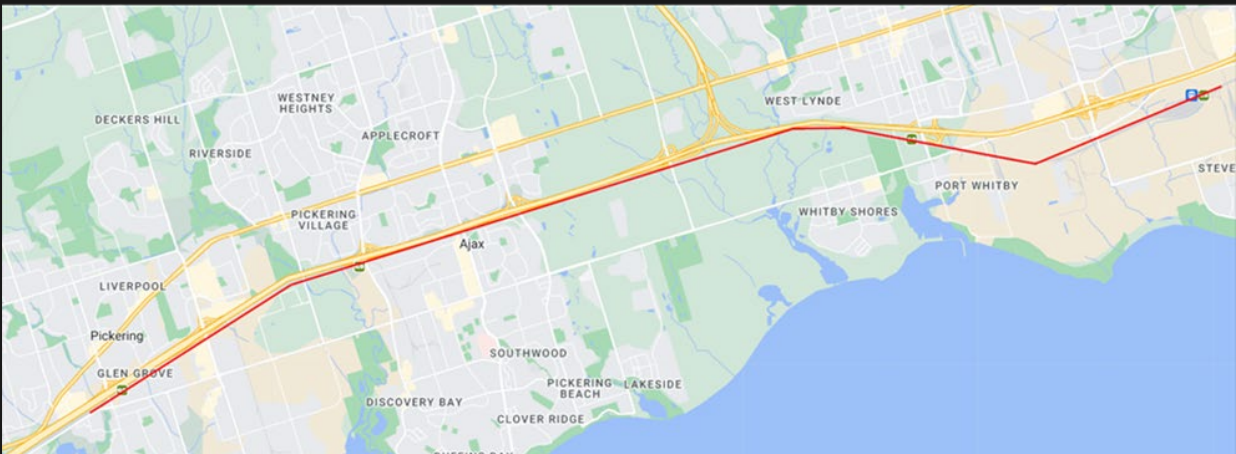
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**UPDATED – Track Surfacing –  
Lakeshore East – Durham College  
Oshawa GO to Pickering GO –**

# April 2 to April 24, 2024



## ***April 2 - 24, 2024 – DC Oshawa GO Station to Durham Junction (west of Pickering GO Station)***

### **Project Overview**

Track surfacing program kicks off on the LSE corridor next month using the Metrolinx owned DynaCAT high production rail maintenance machine. Fluctuating temperatures, exposure to extreme weather, and dozens of heavy trains rolling over the tracks every day can alter their geometry, which can cause a bumpier ride for passengers. Untreated for an extended period of time, these imperfections in the track may require trains to reduce speeds through sections of track, potentially causing delays.

As part of its annual track maintenance, Metrolinx surfaces tracks across its owned rail corridors to correct these defects. Regular maintenance work to keep tracks properly profiled allows GO trains to travel at optimal speeds while keeping the ride smooth and comfortable for commuters.

### **What You Need to Know**

Metrolinx owns a Plasser DynaCAT 09-2X – a modern, high production track

surfacing machine that integrates the work traditionally performed by two machines – a tamper and a dynamic stabilizer – into one. This allows for track surfacing to be completed more efficiently, which minimizes the work time required and ultimately produces a higher quality final product, reducing maintenance costs in the long run.

### **What to Expect**

DynaCat program is set to begin on the Lakeshore East Corridor. Crews will be on site beginning April 2, 2024, moving along the track as work progresses until April 24, 2024.

DynaCat equipment will be staying within the Metrolinx right-of-way and will be starting at Durham College (DC) Oshawa GO Station and moving westbound toward the Durham Junction in Pickering. Overnight on track work utilizing the DynaCat equipment will take place from April 2, 2024, to April 24, 2024, between Durham College Oshawa GO Station to Durham Junction (west of Pickering GO Station).

Work is expected to create additional levels of noise and vibrations when DynaCat equipment is passing. Metrolinx is working to ensure impacts are as minimized as possible and within municipal by-law limits.

### **Hours of Work**

Crews will be on site between the hours of 10:00pm to 6:00am on the days noted. Equipment will be running from 12:00am (midnight) to 4:30am each night.

### **Traffic Details**

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Do you have questions about GO Expansion, Bowmanville Extension, or other Metrolinx projects in your neighbourhood? Our team is always happy to help!

Feel free to call us, email us or reach out on social media!

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## **Community Features Call Out**

We're looking to spotlight local groups, clubs or organizations that are making a positive impact in Durham Region. [Contact us](#) for a chance to be featured in upcoming editions of our newsletter.

## **Stop by and say hi!**



We'll be in the community again soon! Drop by and chat with us about the Bowmanville Extension, Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit, and GO Expansion!

Please also reach out to let our team know if there are any accessibility related concerns or requests you may require (i.e. ASL interpreter, large-print materials, etc.)

### **Transit In Your Community (TIYC)**

We are also completing school visits across Durham Region to teach elementary school students about the benefits of public transit, the various players involved in building new transit projects, and transit safety. If you happen to be an educator who would be interested in having our team present to your students, please send us an email at [DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com](mailto:DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com).

### **Stay Safe with Thomas Book Readings (Recommended Ages 2+)**

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This is where we'll be over the next couple of weeks for community drop-in pop-up tables:

- March 16, 2024 - March Break Event - Canadian Automotive Museum
  - Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm
  - Address: 99 Simcoe St S, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 4G7

### **Door-to-Door Canvassing**

Our team will also be out in Durham Region over the next several weeks performing door-to-door canvassing to let residents know about all of the great projects happening in the area and to answer any questions.

*Please note: Our team always tries our best to make the confirmed dates. However, there are instances where we have to cancel our pop-ups due to staffing shortages or unforeseen circumstances. If this occurs, it will be communicated via our social media channels!*

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### Minutes

#### Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

A meeting of the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:02 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was discovered that due to technical difficulties, there was no audio being recorded during the meeting.

#### **1. Roll Call**

Present: G. Gordon, Whitby, Chair  
G. Baswick, Clarington  
G. Best, Whitby attended the meeting at 7:05 PM  
M. Cannon, Oshawa  
R. Fleming, Pickering  
P. Haylock, Clarington, Vice-Chair  
T. Shomar, Clarington  
J. Vinson, Clarington  
**\*all members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: K. Palinka, Oshawa

#### Non-Voting Members

Present: S. Kaur, Environmental Specialist, Covanta  
N. Ratnasingam, Climate Action Response Coordinator  
**\*all non-voting members of the Committee participated electronically**

#### Staff

Present: S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
K. Dykman, Supervisor, Waste Services  
A. Evans, Director, Waste Management Services  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology  
L. Saha, Manager, Waste Services  
D. San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Department, Durham Region  
N. Williams, Project Manager, Waste Services  
**\*all staff members participated electronically**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by T. Shomar, Seconded by M. Cannon,  
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on Tuesday,  
November 28, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

**4. Presentations**

There were no presentations heard.

**5. Delegations**

There were no delegations heard.

**6. Correspondence**

There were no correspondence items to be considered.

**7. Administrative Matters**

A) EFW-WMAC Work Plan (2023-2024) – Working Group Updates

A. Evans reminded the committee members that the three areas of the workplan that could be further investigated are:

1. Plan and Program Implementation (as it relates to the Long-Term Waste Management Plan, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and changes and enhancements to the Region's Organics Program);
2. Diversion Program Assessment (review and assess opportunities for the Region to optimize and increase diversion opportunities within Durham Region); and
3. Technology and Facility Review (reviewing key technologies which are or may be utilized by the Region in delivery of waste management services).

Discussion ensued regarding the need for a clearer direction with respect to the Committee members investigating the various topics listed above.

Due to technical difficulties, P. Haylock, Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair at 7:06 PM. G. Gordon resumed the Chair at 7:21 PM for the remainder of the meeting.

## 8. Other Business

### A) Update by Lipika Saha, Manager, Waste Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding 2024 Community and Outreach Activities

L. Saha advised that there will be a number of special events in waste management occurring in 2024 that members of the EFW-WMAC could volunteer to participate in. She highlighted the following events:

- Compost Giveaway Days (April – June 2024)
- Environment Days (June – October 2024)
- Durham Open Doors Events – June 2024 (Durham Region Celebrates 50 Years)
  - The Durham Open Doors anniversary events are replacing tours arranged annually in celebration of National Public Works Week (NPWW) – May 19 to 25, 2024

L. Saha also advised the Committee of the following additional events occurring in Durham Region:

- Curbside Giveaway Days (May 4, 2024 and September 14, 2024)
- Waste Reduction Week (WRW) – October 16-22, 2024

Staff responded to questions from the Committee regarding why the City of Oshawa and the Town of Whitby did not participate in the 2023 Curbside Giveaway Days, and whether local Councils have to opt in in order to participate in that event.

R. Fleming indicated that she would be interested in participating at the City of Pickering's Compost Giveaway Day in May.

### B) Update by Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Durham York Energy Centre

A. Evans advised that the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) facility remains fully operational with no issues to report. He advised that the DYEC processed the full 140,000 tonnes of waste in 2023, and that the annual report is due at the end of March 2024 to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

Discussion ensued regarding various tours that the Committee members have taken, and that a number of nuclear engineering students toured the DYEC in February 2024.

A. Evans responded to questions from the Committee regarding concerns with respect to how black polystyrene trays will be processed at the material

recovery facility; and when investigations would start with respect to future expansion of the DYEC.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EFW-WMAC will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 in Council Chambers, at 7:00 PM, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by R. Fleming, Seconded by M. Cannon,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

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G. Gordon, Chair, Energy from Waste – Waste  
Management Advisory Committee

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S. Ciani, Committee Clerk