



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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7. Miscellaneous Correspondence

There is no Miscellaneous Correspondence.

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- March 7, 2024

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2024-INFO-20
Date: March 28, 2024

Subject:

Annual Subdivision/Condominium Activity Report for 2023

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides an overview of subdivision and condominium activity in the Region of Durham from January 1 to December 31, 2023. This report focuses on applications which achieved major milestones in 2023 in terms of:

- a. New applications received;
- b. Applications draft approved;
- c. Plans registered; and
- d. Active applications.

1.2 This report also compares the 2023 activity results with 2022.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

2.1 A subdivision/condominium report is prepared for Council's information annually. The last report outlining activity in 2022 was provided in the Council Information Package on May 5, 2023 ([#2023-INFO-37](#)).

3. Highlights

3.1 Highlights from 2023 are as follows:

- a. **Applications Received: 31** – 16 subdivision and 15 condominium (see Attachment #1);
- b. **Units Received: 7,955** – 6,854 within plans of subdivision and 1,101 within plans of condominium (see Attachment #1);
- c. **Draft Approved Plans: 32** – 14 subdivision and 18 condominium (see Attachment #2);
- d. **Draft Approved Units: 8,594** – 7,366 subdivision units and 1,228 condominium units (see Attachment #2);
- e. **Plans Registered: 41** – 19 subdivisions and 22 condominiums (see Attachment #3);
- f. **Registered Units: 3,735** – 2,980 within plans of subdivision and 755 within plans of condominium (see Attachment #3);
- g. **Total Number of Active Subdivision and Condominium applications in Durham Region at the end of 2023: 349** – 295 plans of subdivision, 54 plans of condominium (see Attachment #4);
- h. **Total Number of Active Subdivision and Condominium units in Durham Region at the end of 2023: 76,524** – 45,322 draft approved residential units and 31,202 residential units in process (i.e., not yet draft approved) (see Attachment #4).

4. Applications Received

- 4.1 In 2023, a total of 31 subdivision and condominium applications were received Region-wide, compared to 53 in 2022. Of these 31 applications, there were 16 residential plans of subdivision, 6 standard residential plans of condominium, 7 common element plans of condominium, and two industrial plans of condominium.
- 4.2 In 2023, a total of 7,955 residential units were proposed within subdivisions and standard condominium plans, compared to 10,066 in 2022. About 72 per cent of the units are located in the City of Oshawa, the majority of which are associated with one application in proximity to the future GO train station in the downtown area. The City of Pickering, the Municipality of Clarington, and the Town of Whitby accounted for about 16 per cent, 6 per cent and 5 per cent of units respectively. 36 industrial units within two condominium plans were also received.

5. Draft Approved Plans

- 5.1 A total of 32 plans were draft approved in 2023, compared to 39 draft approvals in 2022.
- 5.2 The number of units draft approved in 2023 increased from a total of 8,176 units in 2022 to 8,594 units in 2023. It should be noted that 59 per cent of the draft approved units were located within one plan of subdivision in the City of Pickering within the Pickering Urban Growth Centre.
- 5.3 In 2023, approximately 70 percent (5,983) of the residential units within draft approved plans were in the City of Pickering, 14 per cent (1,165) in the Town of Whitby, 8 per cent (722) in the Municipality of Clarington, 7 per cent (582) in the Town of Ajax, and 2 per cent (142) in the City of Oshawa.

6. Registered Plans

- 6.1 The number of plans of subdivision and condominium registered in 2023 decreased from 54 in 2022 to 41 in 2023. Also, fewer units were registered in 2023, with 3,735 units registered in 2023 compared to 6,067 registered in 2022.
- 6.2 The City of Pickering and the Town of Whitby combined for approximately 78 per cent of total units registered, with 1,739 units and 1,180 units respectively. The City of Oshawa (349 units) and the Municipality of Clarington (253 units) had approximately 9 per cent and 7 per cent of registered units respectively. 6 per cent (214 units) were registered in the Town of Ajax.

7. Residential Units by Type

- 7.1 The proportion of single and semi-detached units within new subdivision and condominium applications decreased from 36 per cent in 2022 to 9 per cent in 2023 and the proportion of townhouses decreased from 41 per cent in 2022 to 9 per cent in 2023. The proportion of apartments within these application types increased from 22 per cent in 2022 to 81 per cent in 2023.
- 7.2 In 2023, there were 1,027 single detached units draft approved compared to 1,507 in 2022. The number of multiples or townhouse units draft approved decreased from 3,259 in 2022 to 1,202 in 2023. The number of apartment units in draft approved plans increased from 3,410 in 2022, to 6,076 in 2023.
- 7.3 The number of single detached units in registered plans decreased from 1,411 in 2022 to 1,180 in 2023. The number of townhouse units in registered plans

decreased from 2,688 in 2022 to 1,340 in 2023, while the number of apartment units in registered plans decreased from 1,804 in 2022 to 710 in 2023.

8. Active Applications

- 8.1 Active applications are comprised of “In Process” applications (i.e., not yet draft approved) and “Draft Approved” plans, which includes plans where Regional conditions have been provided but registration has not yet occurred, and where the registration extends over more than one phase. There were 349 active applications in the Region (150 In Process and 199 Draft Approved), compared to 362 active applications at the end of 2022.
- 8.2 There was a total of 31,202 residential units within In-Process applications in 2023 compared to 27,357 at the end of 2022. Approximately 63 per cent of the In-Process units were in the City of Oshawa (9,816) and the Town of Whitby (9,687).
- 8.3 There were 199 draft approved plans in the Region by the end of 2023, comprising 45,322 residential units, compared to 213 draft approved plans and 42,367 units at the end of 2022. Approximately 81 per cent of the draft approved units were in the City of Pickering (18,255), the Town of Whitby (10,169), and the City of Oshawa (8,446).
- 8.4 The majority (59 per cent) of In Process and Draft Approved units are within Greenfield areas (i.e., within the designated Urban Area but outside the delineated built-up area), constituting predominantly ground-related housing types and representing a healthy supply based on recent building activity, while 41 per cent of these units are within the delineated built-up area. There are extensive opportunities for intensification within the built-up area including Regional Centres and along Corridors which will provide significant additional housing supply in the Region.
- 8.5 Active applications also include industrial plans of subdivision/condominium. There are currently 23 applications (21 subdivision, 2 condominium) comprised of either whole or partial industrial sites totaling 41 units and 569.6 hectares (1,407 acres).

9. Current Activity

- 9.1 During the first two months of 2024, 3 new subdivision and 2 new condominium applications were received, representing 865 additional “In Process” residential units. In addition, 1 plan of subdivision, representing 67 units, was draft approved in

the first two months of 2024. There were two plans of condominium registered during the first two months of 2024, representing 336 units.

10. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

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

11. Conclusion

11.1 2023 saw a decrease in the number of subdivision and condominium applications received, and a decrease in the number of draft approved and registered plans compared to 2022. However, the number of units draft approved increased in 2023 compared to 2022.

11.2 The number of potential residential units that are “In Process” and “Draft Approved” increased between 2022 and 2023 from 69,724 in 2022 to 76,524 in 2023.

11.3 The Region’s supply of units through intensification and redevelopment, and land in draft approved and registered plans of subdivision and condominium is more than sufficient to accommodate the Provincially required (minimum) 3-year supply for residential growth, as per Provincial Policy Statement policy 1.4.1 (b) and Regional Official Plan policy 4.2.6. Based on average absorption rates since 2012, there is an approximate ten-year supply of draft approved lots in Durham Region.

11.4 The development application information from this report is also used to develop and maintain an internal inventory of housing supply within “Active” applications, as discussed above. The inventory was used to respond to a data request from the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO) for an unbuilt housing supply inventory in early 2022.

11.5 The development application information used for this report only includes applications for Plans of Condominium and Plans of Subdivision. A significant amount of application activity is within Site Plan applications outside of plans of condominium or subdivision, which are not currently captured by this report. These applications can include residential developments like rental construction, student and retirement housing, or office-to-residential conversions. Inclusion of site plan application units of almost 20,000 increases the Region’s supply to over 96,000

units as of year-end 2023, all of which are within the current urban area boundary to 2031.

12. Attachments

Attachment #1: Subdivision and Condominium applications received in 2023.

Attachment #2: Subdivision and Condominium plans draft approved in 2023.

Attachment #3: Subdivision and Condominium plans registered in 2023.

Attachment #4: Active subdivision and condominium applications by municipality in 2023.

Attachment #5: Maps of 2023 Subdivision / Condominium development activity.

Respectfully submitted,

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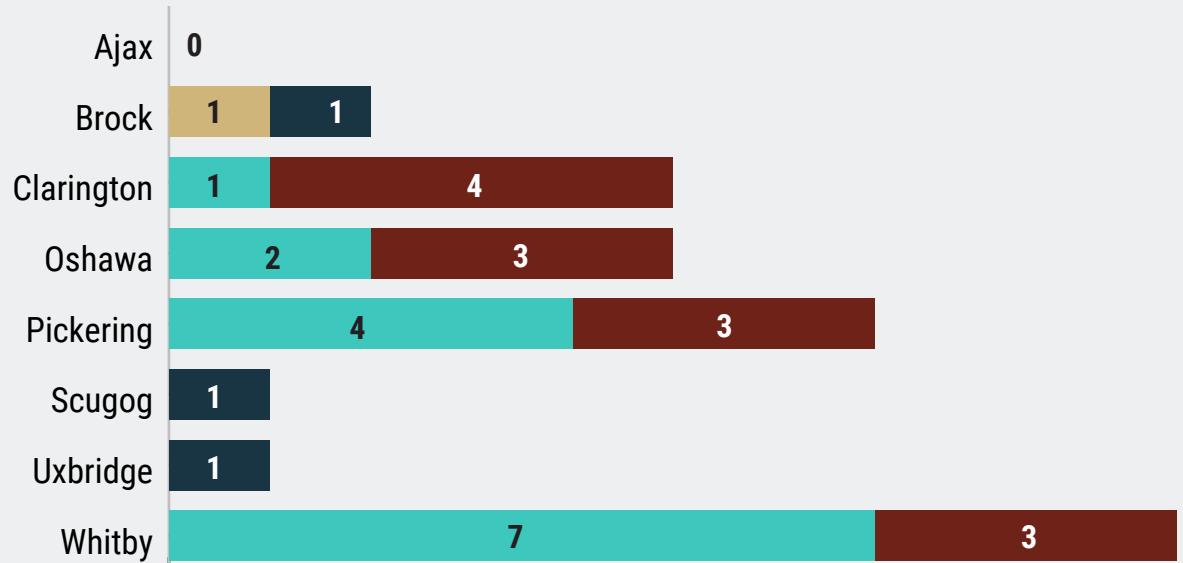
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Commissioner of Planning and
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Subdivision and condominium applications received in 2023

Application Types



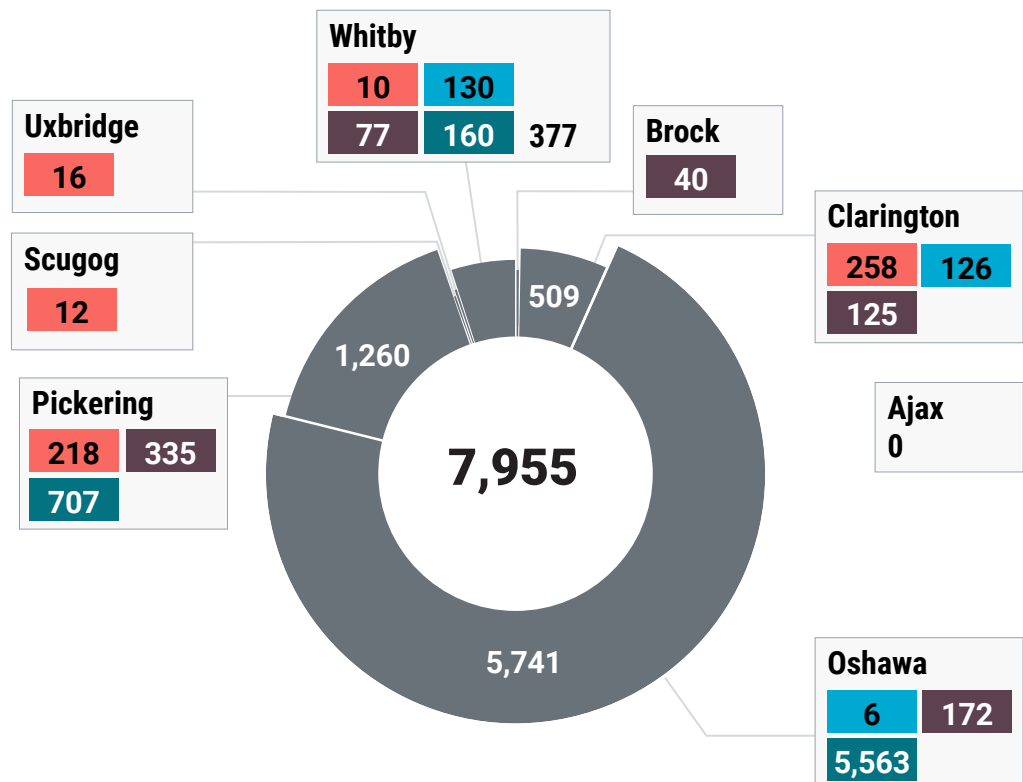
31 Applications received in Durham in 2023



Unit Categories



Breakdown of total number of units received in 2023

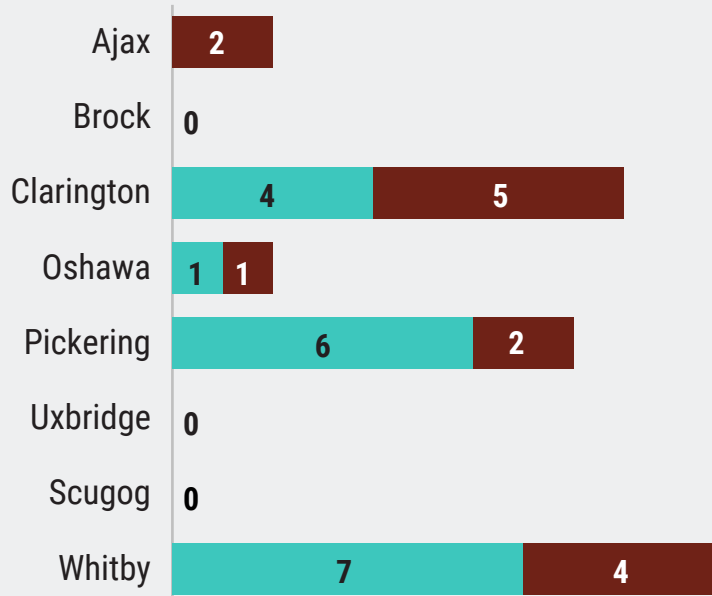


Subdivision and condominium plans draft approved in 2023

Application Types



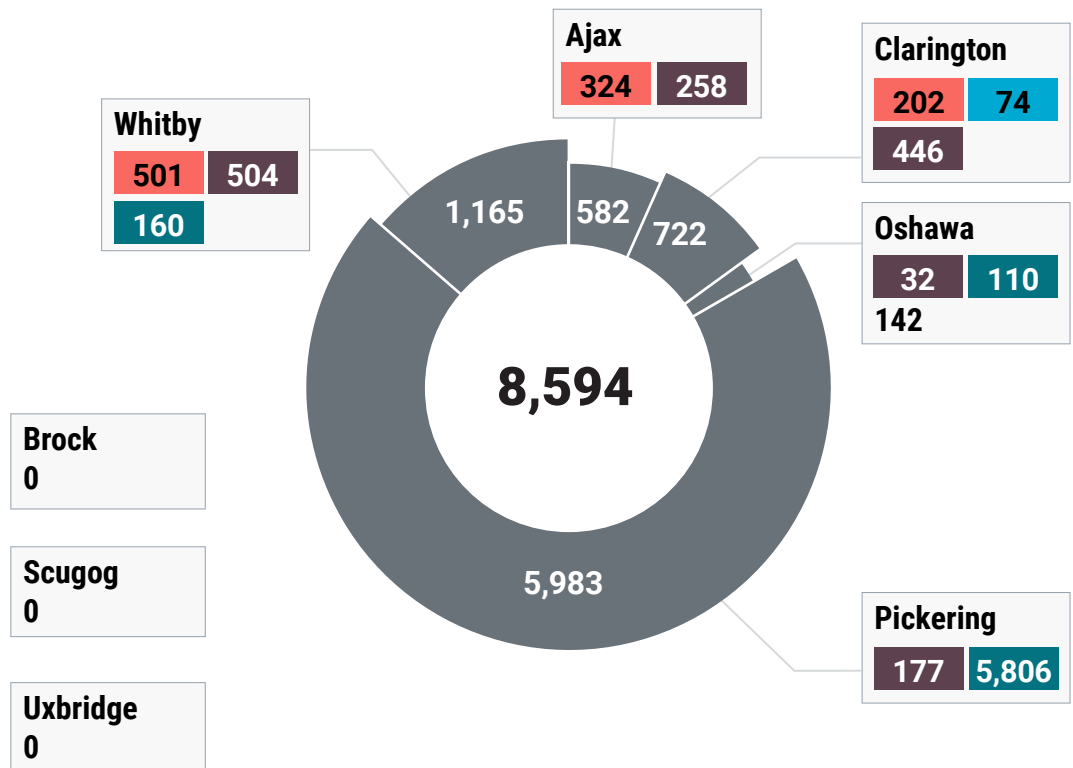
32 Plans draft approved in Durham in 2023



Unit Categories



Breakdown of total number of draft approved units in 2023

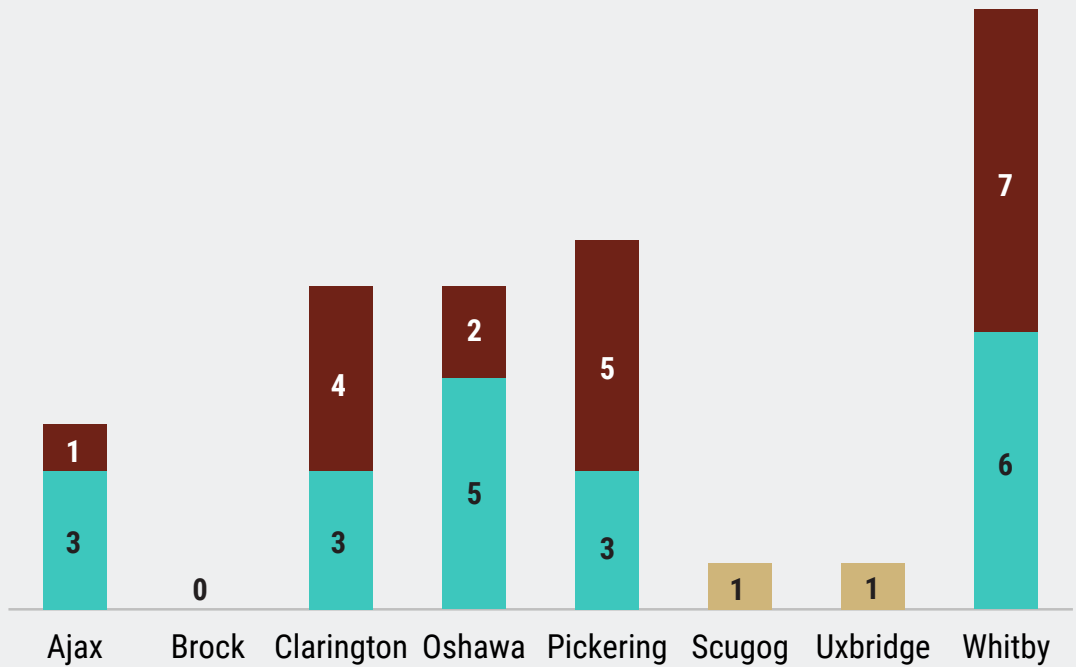


Subdivision and condominium plans registered in 2023

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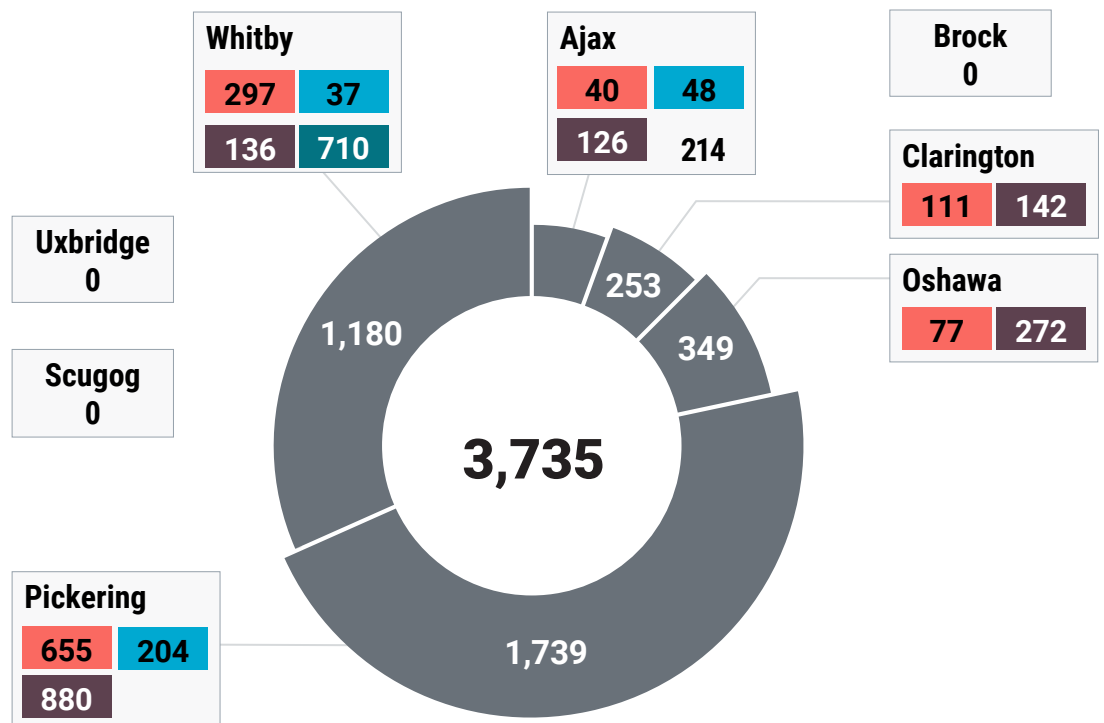
41 Plans registered in Durham Region in 2023



Unit Categories



Breakdown of number of registered units in 2023

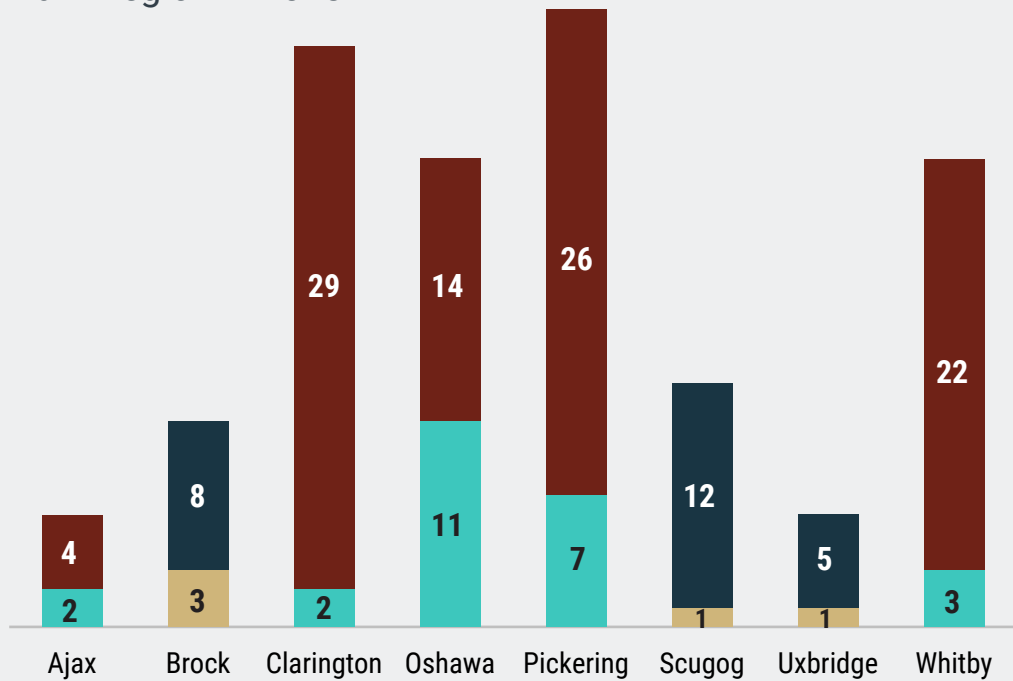


Active subdivision and condominium applications (in-process) by municipality in 2023

Application Types



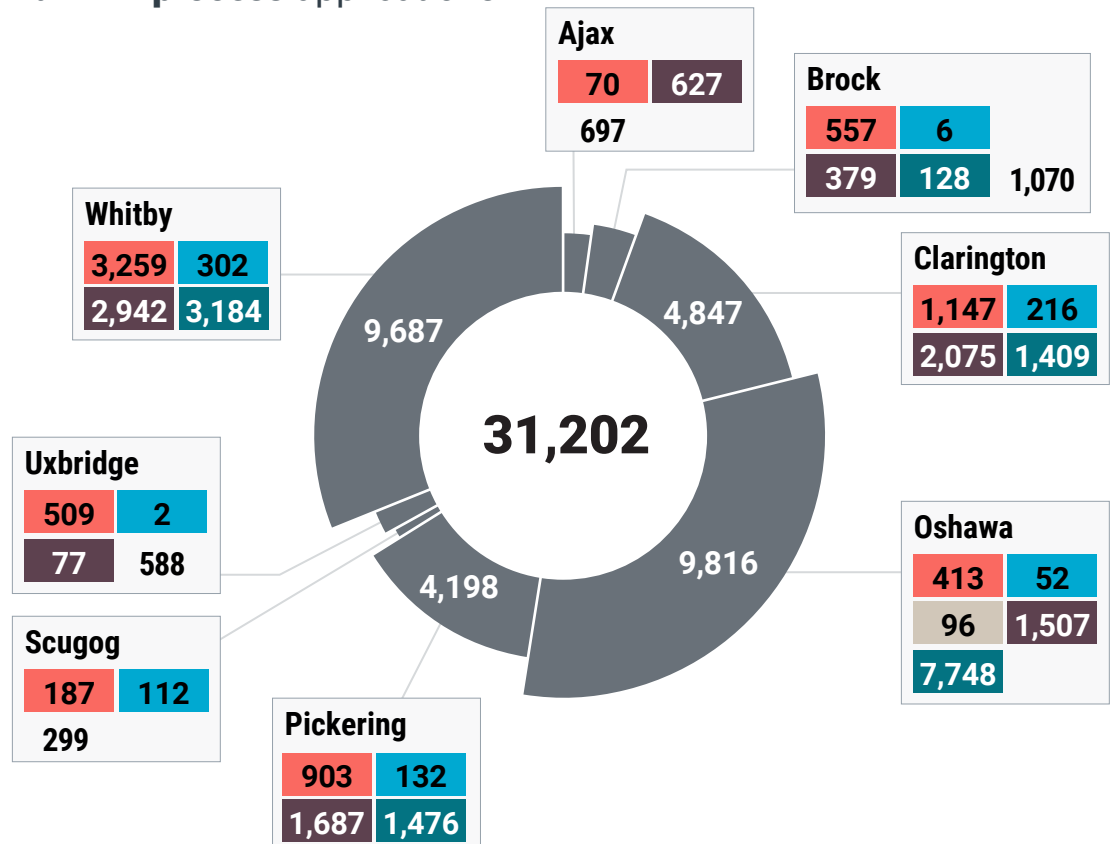
150 In-process applications in Durham Region in 2023



Unit Categories



Breakdown of number of units within **in-process** applications

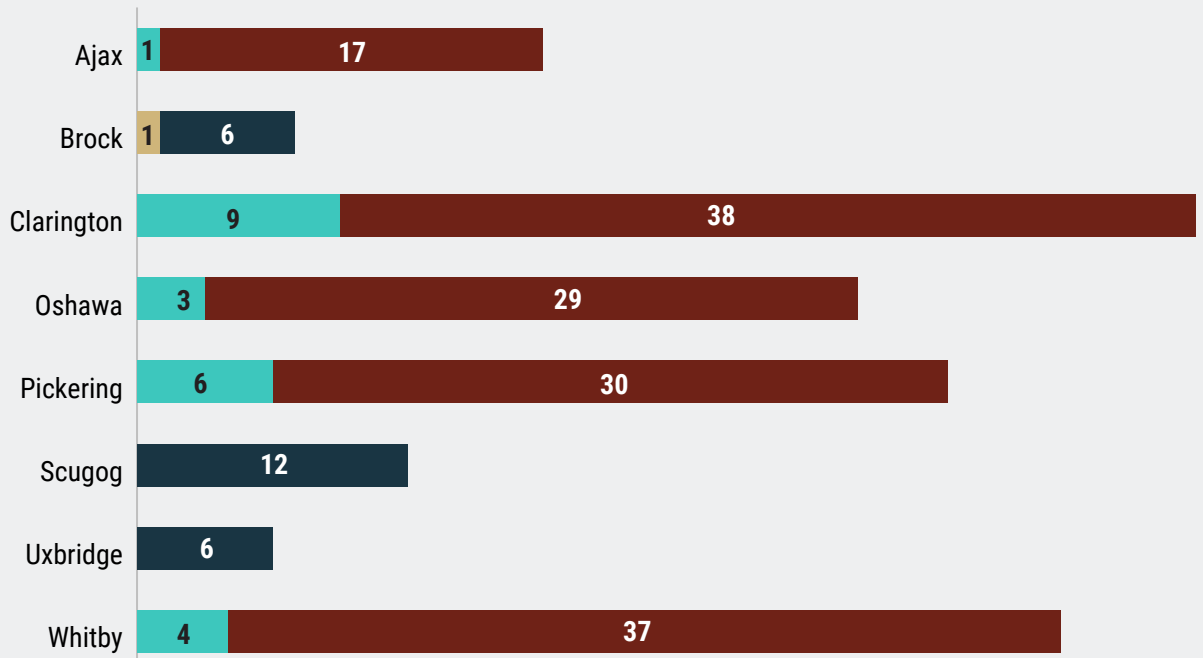


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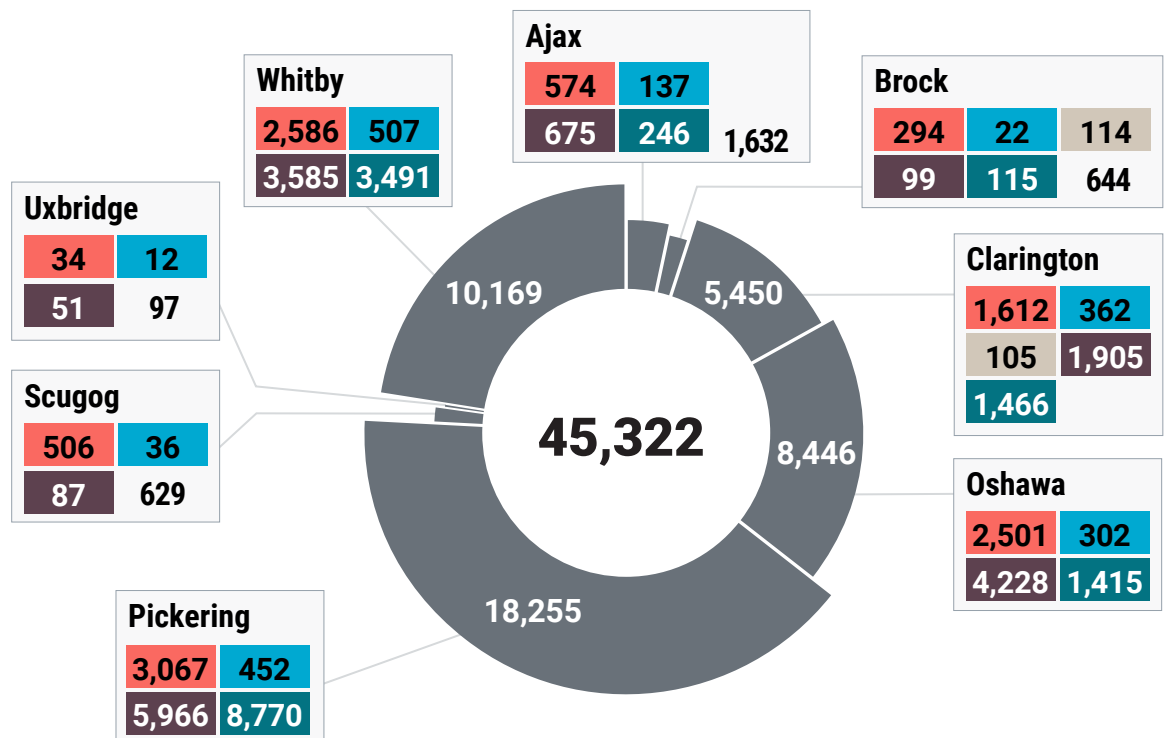
199 Draft active applications in Durham in 2023



Unit Categories

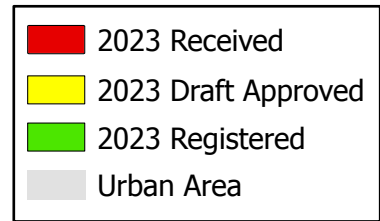
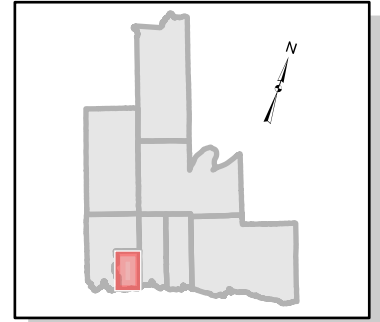
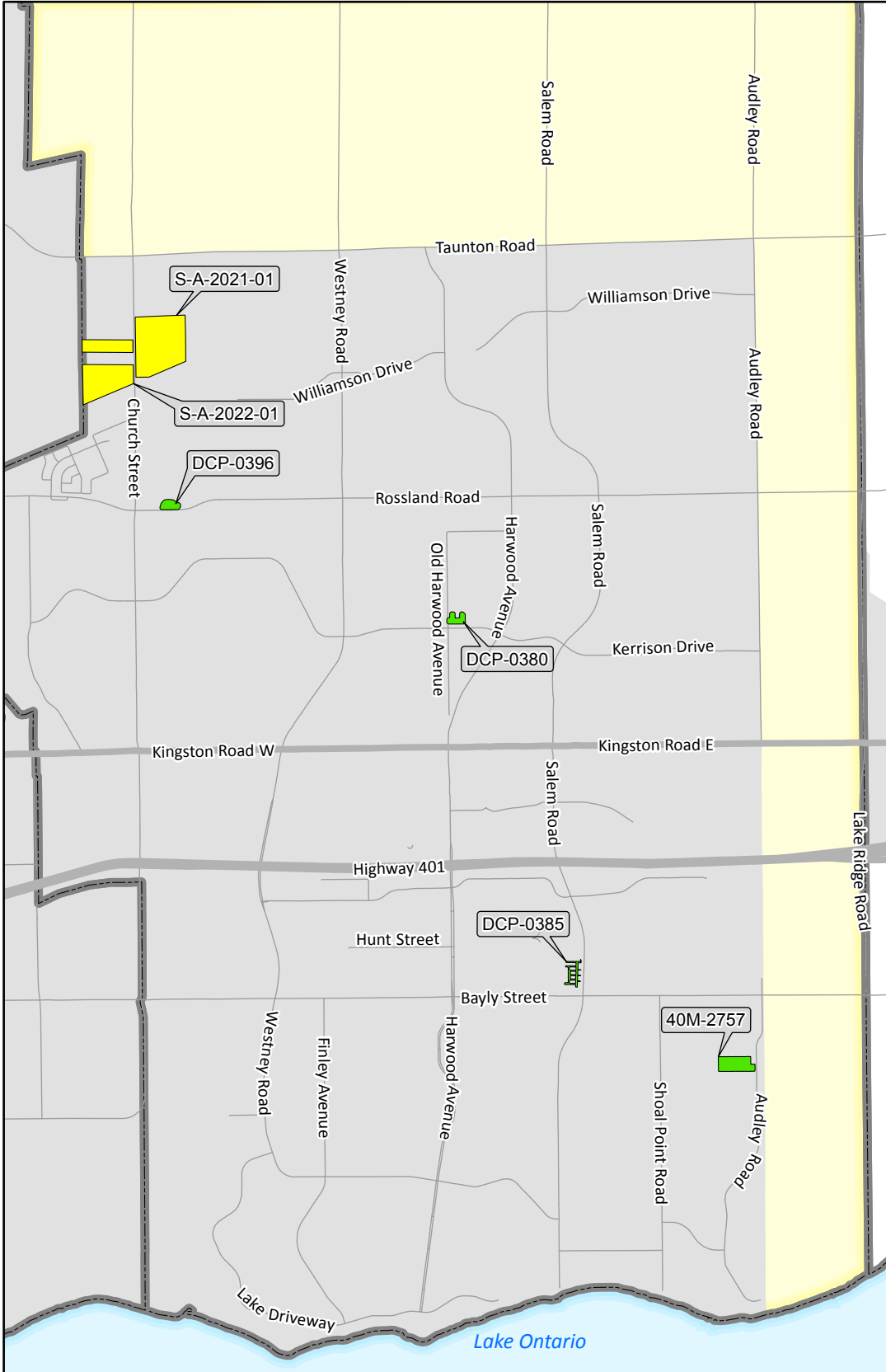


Breakdown of number of units within active draft approved applications





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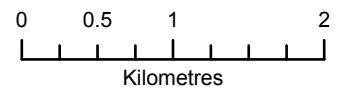


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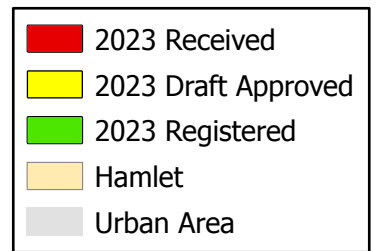
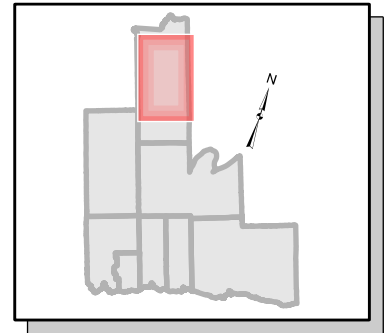
- DCP-0380 Your Home Developments (Grayson) Inc.
- DCP-0385 D.G. Biddle and Associates Ltd.
- DCP-0396 Fourteen Estates Ltd.
- 40M-2757 John Boddy Development Limited



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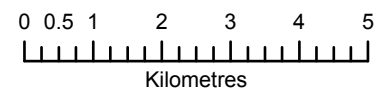


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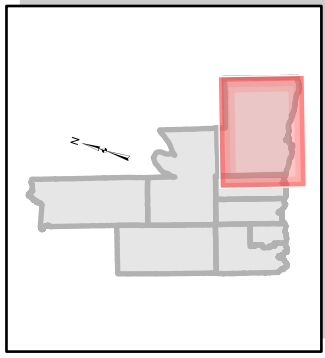
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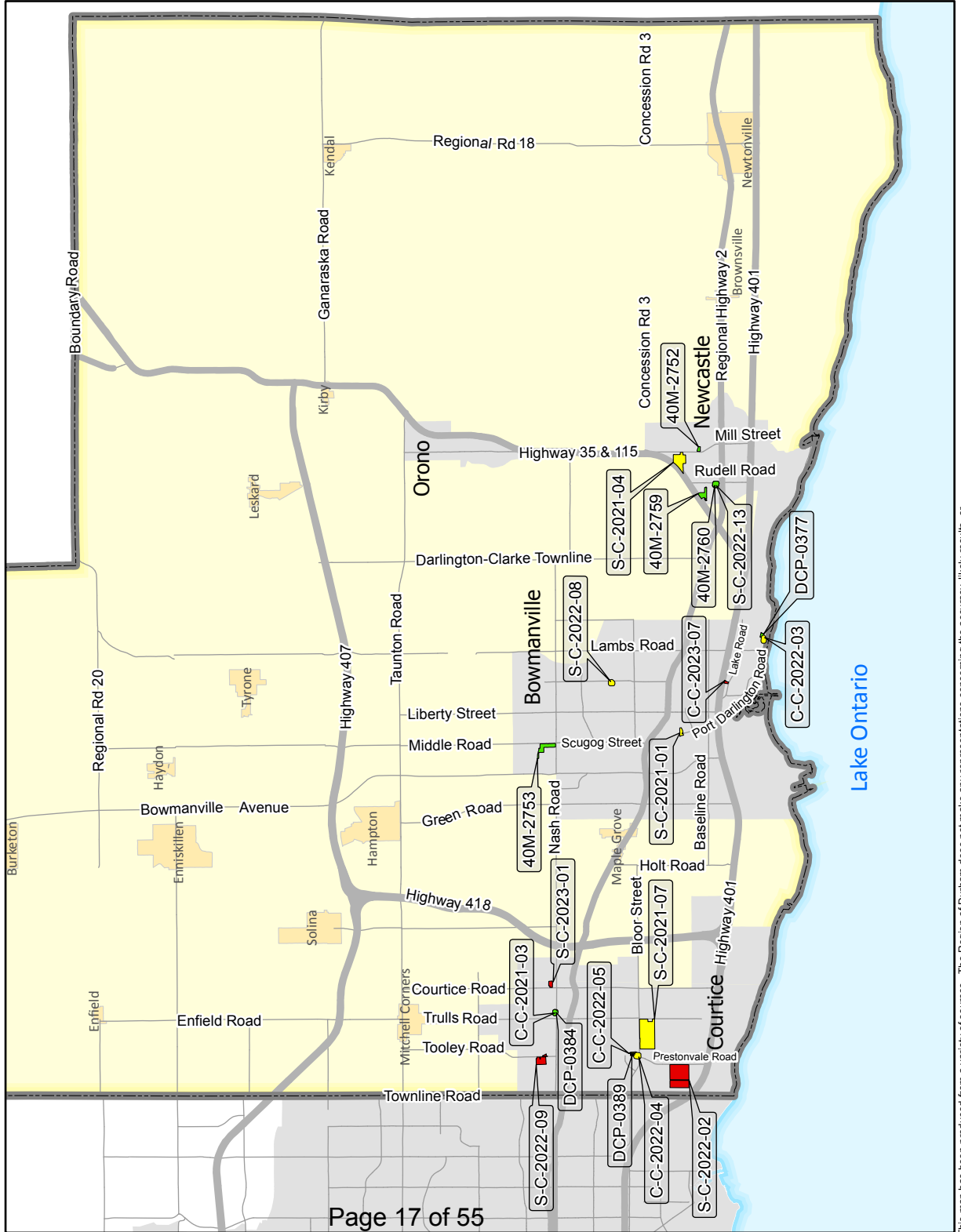


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- C-C-2022-03 Bowmanville Lakebreeze East Village Ltd.
- C-C-2022-04 National Homes (Prestonvale) Inc.
- C-C-2022-05 National Homes (Prestonvale) Inc.
- S-C-2021-01 Fairhaven Investments Inc.
- S-C-2021-04 Beach Road Villas Inc and Golf Vista Homes Corporation Panterra Inc.
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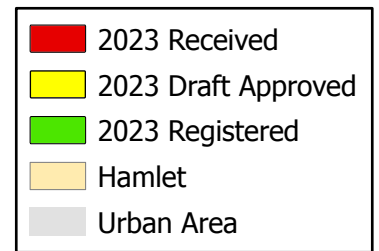
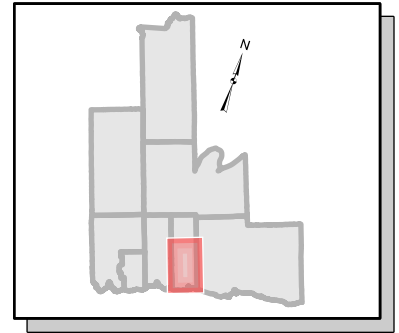
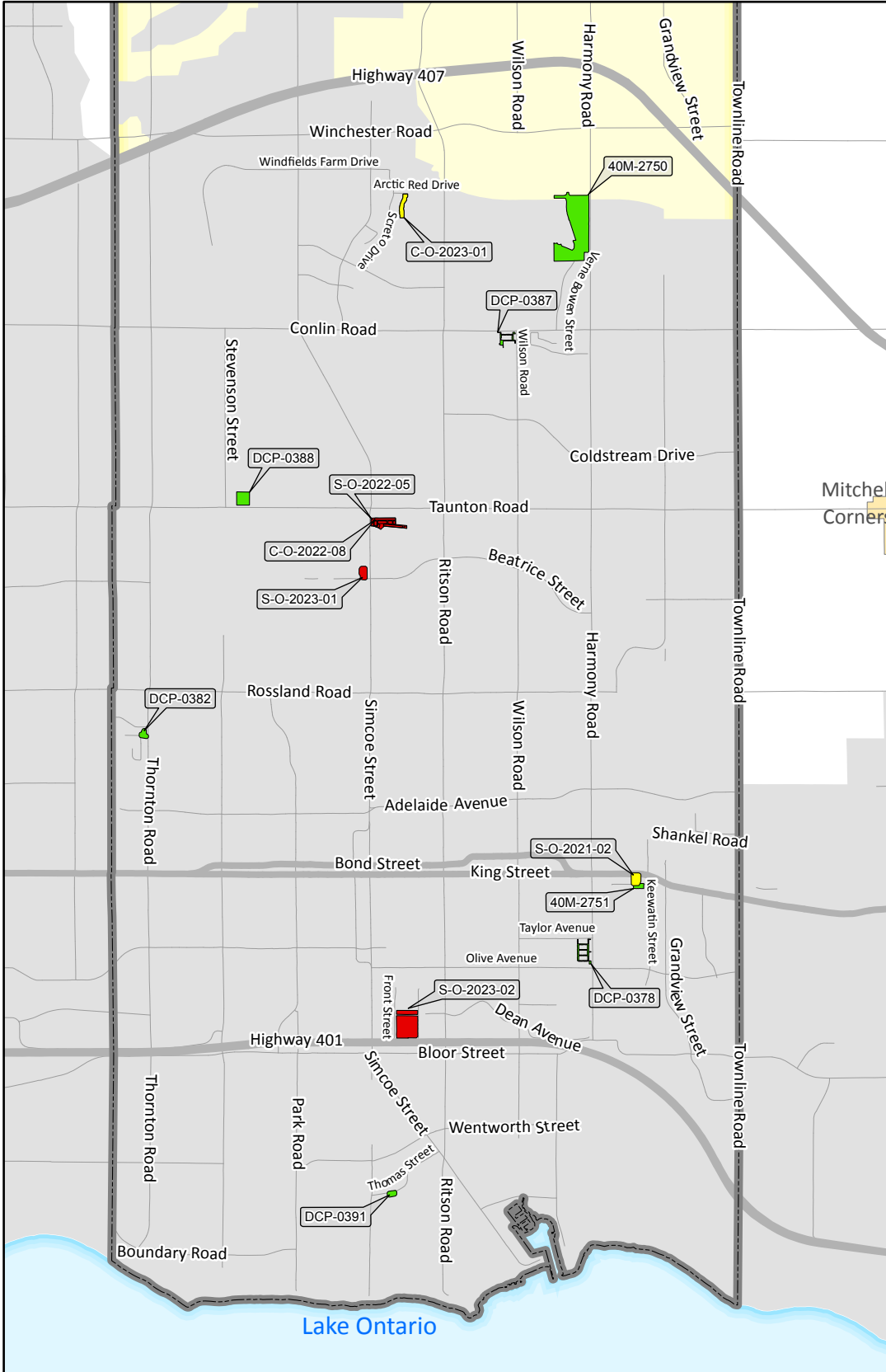
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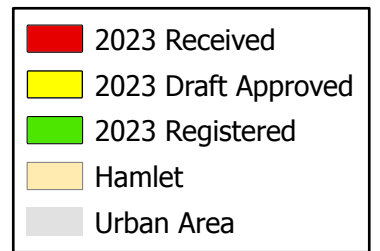
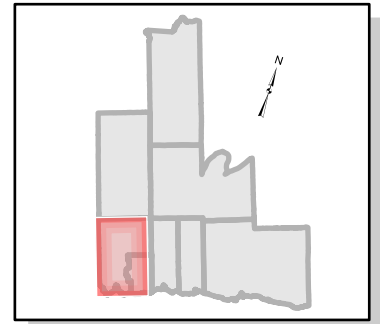
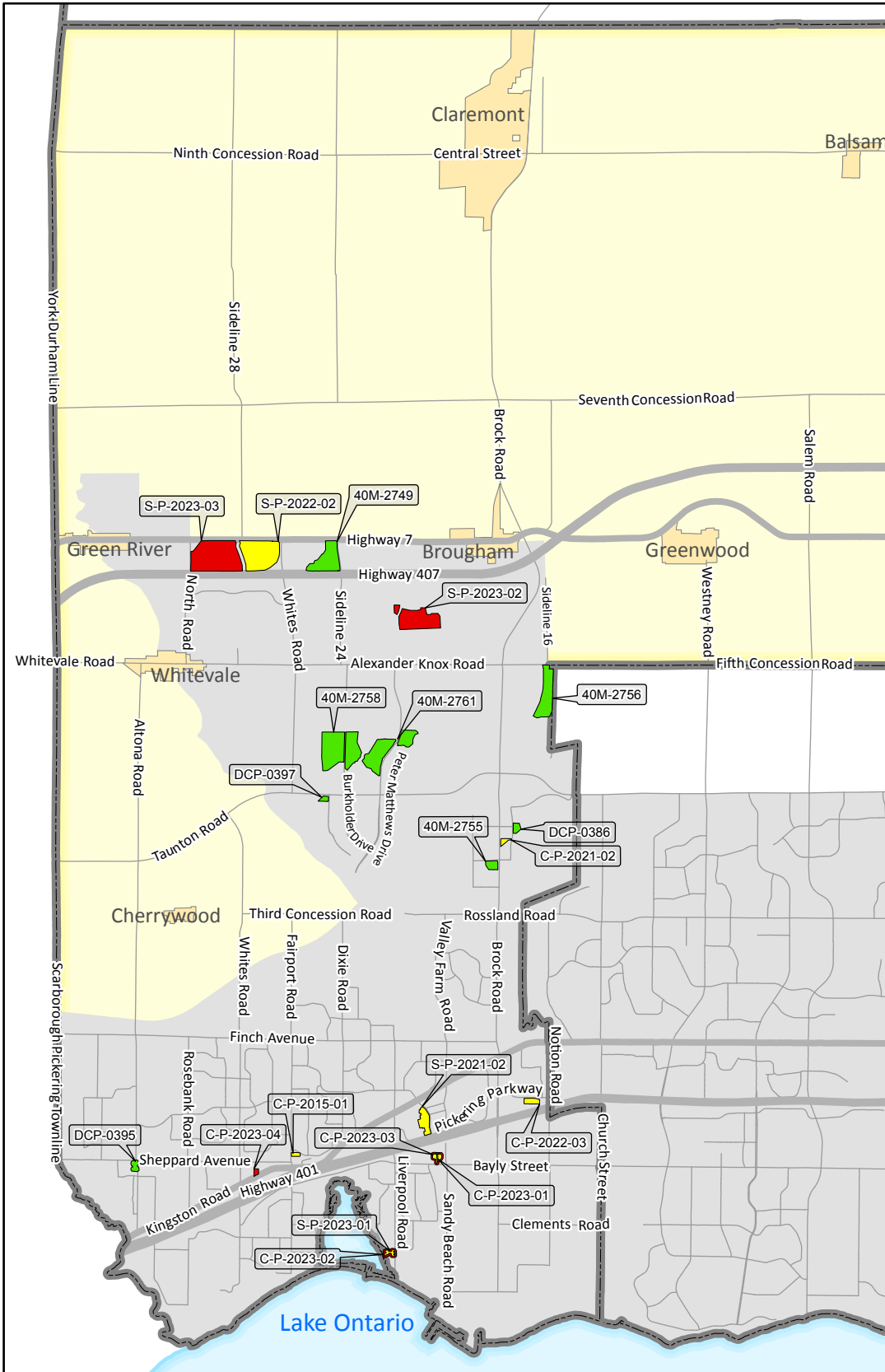
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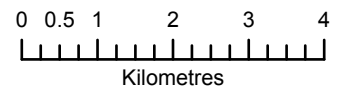
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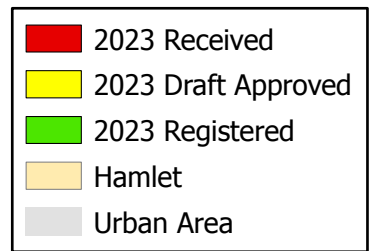
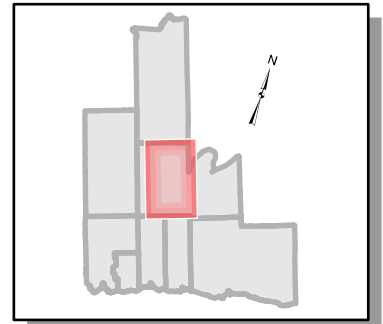
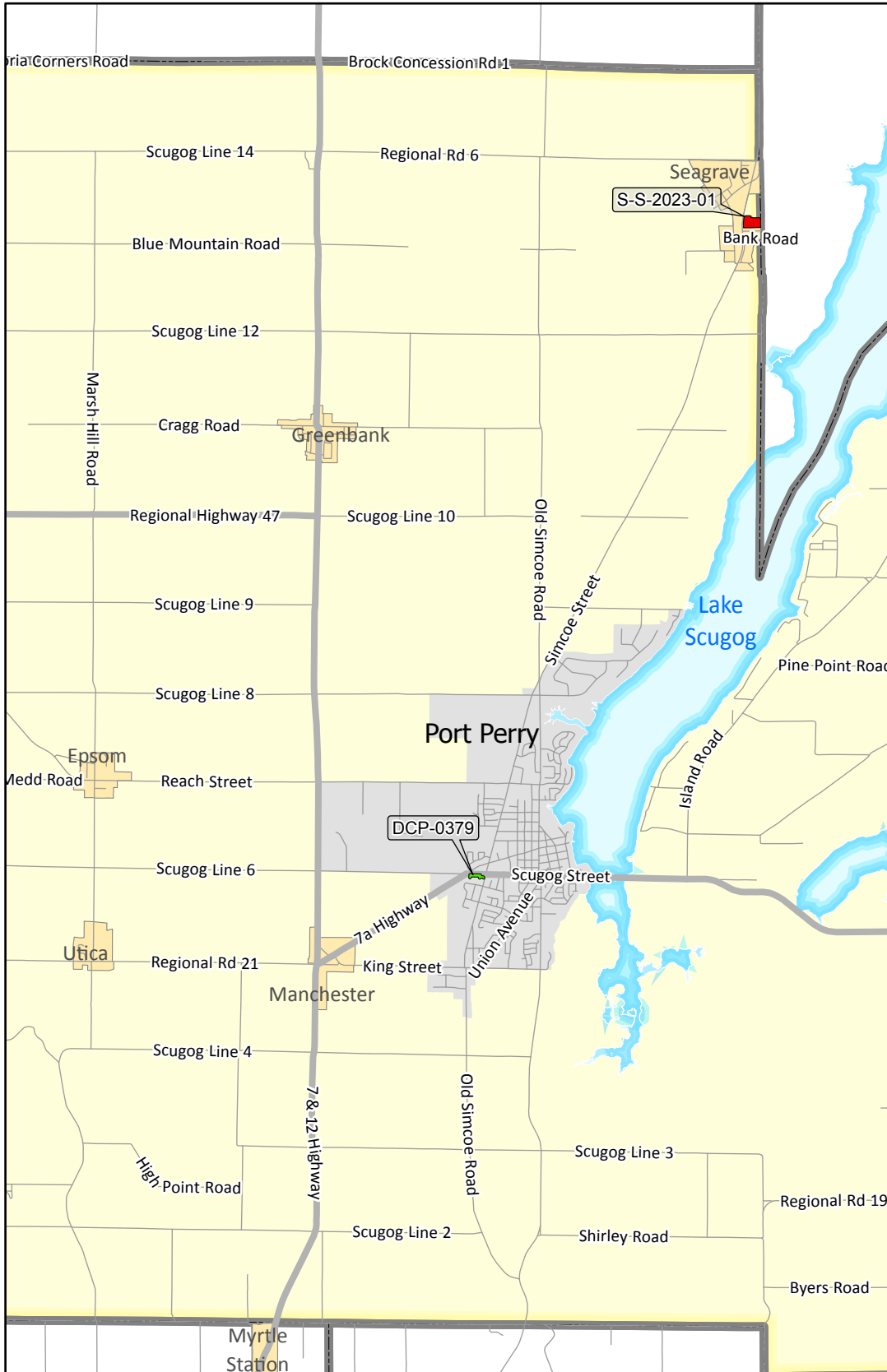
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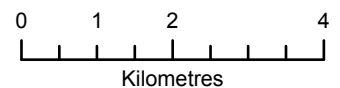


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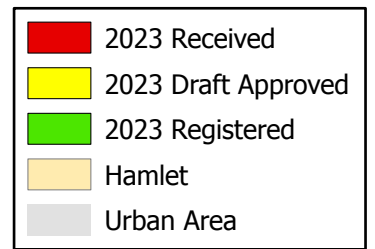
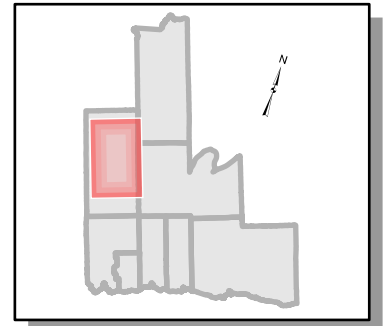
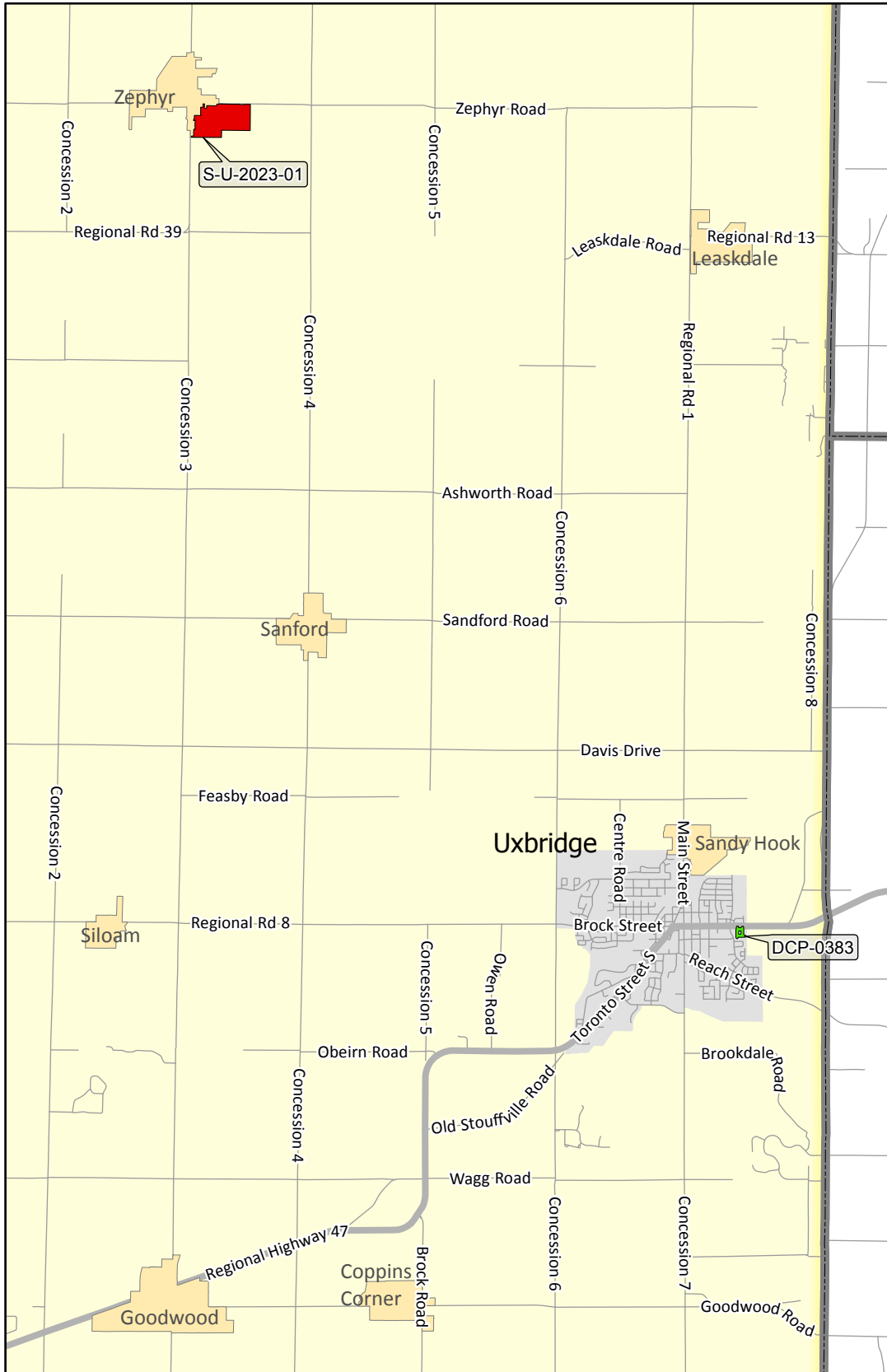
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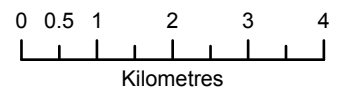


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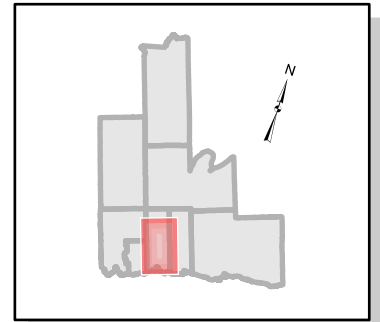
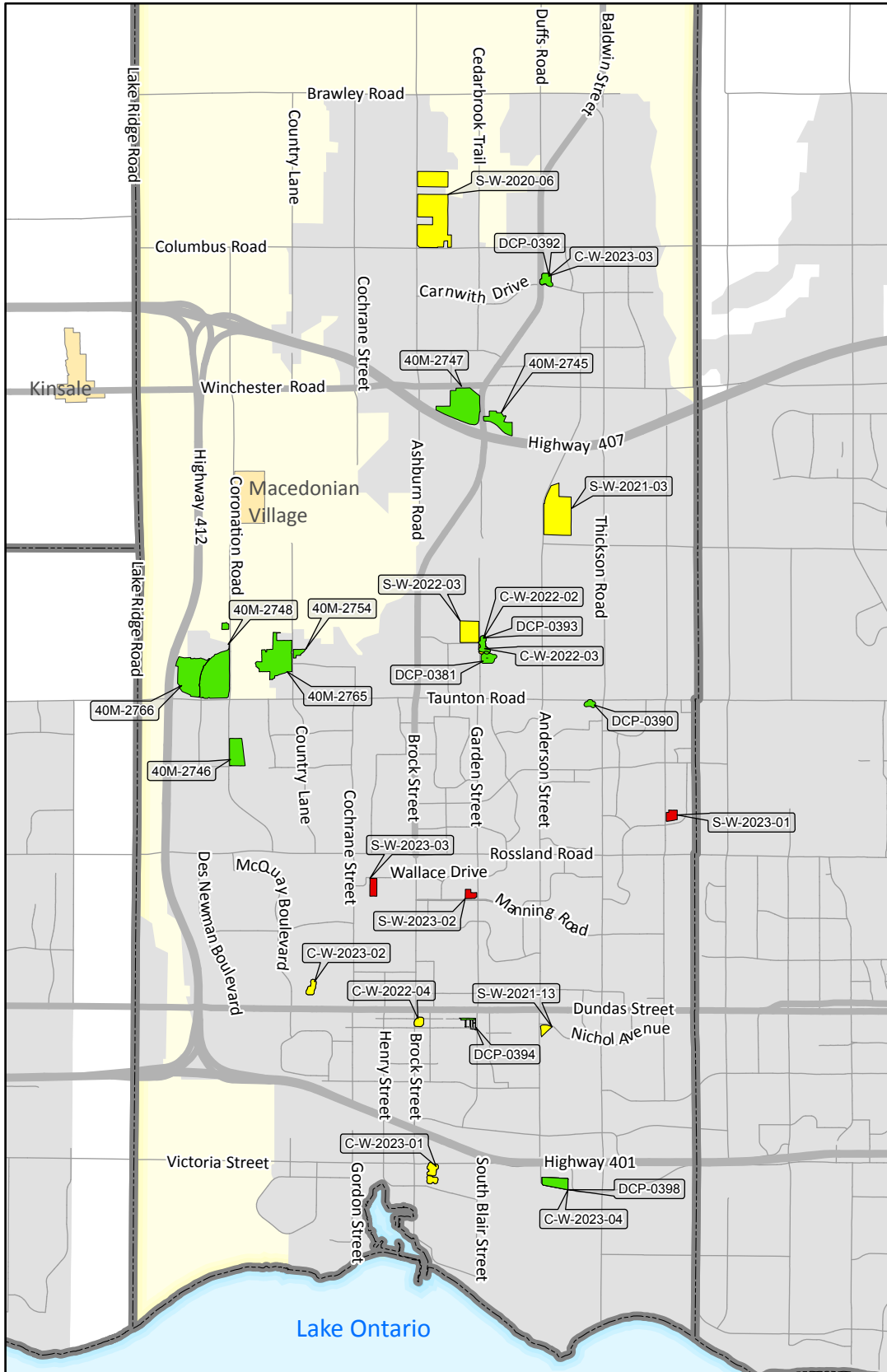
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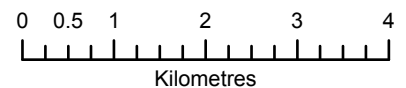
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February 27, 2024

Honourable Neil Lumsden
 Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

Sent via email: Minister.Lumsden@ontario.ca

Re: Increased Provincial Contribution to Public Libraries

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on March 4, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

C-2024-042

“WHEREAS public libraries are vibrant community hubs where residents of all ages and backgrounds can learn, work, train, innovate, explore and connect; and,

WHEREAS the Brock Township Public Libraries provide community members with equitable, reliable access to broadband internet; and,

WHEREAS the Brock Township Public Libraries use technology to make resources more accessible and responsive to people’s changing needs; and,

WHEREAS the Brock Township Public Libraries support local economic development through the provision of important business development and job skills programming for adults and youth; and,

WHEREAS the Brock Township Public Libraries works closely with local residents to deliver valued programs and services and shares knowledge and resources; and,

WHEREAS the Township of Brock Public Libraries continue to responsibly manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of its services; and,

WHEREAS the Township of Brock Public Libraries recognize the opportunity that targeted provincial investment can provide to secure more equitable access to increasingly significant digital resources and library-based services across Ontario;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock encourages the Province of Ontario to continue to recognize and support the contribution of local libraries within their communities; and

THAT the Township of Brock requests the Province of Ontario to increase its existing funding by at least the rate of inflation for Ontario’s public libraries, and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPPs, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, and to Durham Region area municipalities for endorsement.”

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Clerks Department, Clerks@Brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fernando Lamanna', written in a cursive style.

Fernando Lamanna
Clerk/Deputy CAO

FL:dh

cc. Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – minister.mah@ontario.ca
Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock – laurie.scott@ontario.ca
Colin Best, AMO President – amopresident@amo.on.ca
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March 25, 2024

Via Email:

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Memorandum from H. Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator, dated February 2, 2024 re: Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Request that Council Support the Ontario Energy Board's Decision to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 18, 2024, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 50-24:

Whereas residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief; and,

Whereas natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills compared to gas heating; and,

Whereas natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future; and,

Whereas the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government; and,

Whereas the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans; and,

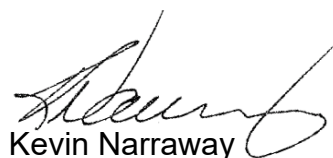
Whereas the construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the Town's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to phase out fossil fuel heating, and a

continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Whitby expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand; and,
2. That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Associate Minister of Housing, Rob Flack; President of AMO, Colin Best, the Region of Durham, and all local Ontario municipalities requesting support of the proposed changes.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Klein, Director, Strategic Initiatives at 905-430-4338.



Kevin Narraway
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: C. Harris, Director, Legislative Services/Town Clerk – clerk@whitby.ca
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Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
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Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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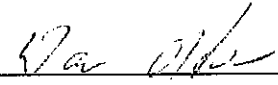
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January 16, 2024

Moved by: Currie, Terry
 Dyson, Wesley
 O'Halloran, Daniel
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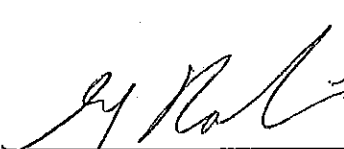


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 Signature:

Be It Resolved that Council receives correspondence from the Township of Clearview dated December 12, 2023 including Staff Report LS-032-2023 regarding cemeteries and that we send a resolution of support for their correspondences to Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO), Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and MPP Graydon Smith.

Mayor  _____ Carried Defeated _____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Recorded vote requested by: _____

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Currie	_____	_____
Dyson	_____	_____
O'Halloran	_____	_____
Roeder-Martin	_____	_____
Robinson	_____	_____



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December 12, 2023

File: C00.2023

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M5B 2H7

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Sent by Email

RE: Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on December 11, 2023, passed a resolution regarding Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support as follows:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, 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;

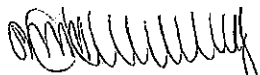
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amend 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; Page 6 of 7
- 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 that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

For reference, please find attached the Staff Report LS-032-2023 that provides background for the above resolution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar
MPP Simcoe Grey, Brian Saunderson
Ontario Municipalities



To: Mayor and Council

From: Sasha Helmkey, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

Date: December 11, 2023

Subject: Report # LS-032-2023 – Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receives Report LS-032-2023 (Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support) dated December 11, 2023; 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;

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Background

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.

Over the last decade there appears to be a trend where cemeteries in Ontario are being transferred, whether through abandonment or a mutually agreed upon transfer, to the care and control of municipalities. This is often seen when there is a breakdown in existing cemetery boards and/or when churches cease operations. For many existing private cemetery boards their board members and volunteers are aging and are unable to assist with the operations and maintenance of the cemetery any longer. Finding new members proves to be difficult for these boards to continue. In addition to aging board members, there are other issues that are contributing to the increase in cemetery transfers:

- high maintenance costs
- inaccuracy of records
- lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery

- increased regulatory processes that require ongoing training for selling of interment rights, and the financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.

Township Owned Cemeteries

The Township of Clearview currently owns and operates nine (9) cemeteries within its geographic boundaries. Out of these nine cemeteries, four (4) are considered active meaning that there are still interment rights to be sold, or burials to take place. Below is a chart outlining these cemeteries and their status:

Cemetery Name	Address	Status
Batteau Hill Cemetery	2670 County Road 124, Duntroon	Inactive
Bethel Union Cemetery	2249 Creemore Avenue, New Lowell	Inactive
Dunedin Union Cemetery	9 Turkeyroost Lane, Dunedin	Active
Duntroon Pioneer Cemetery	2870 County Road 124, Duntroon	Inactive
Lavender Cemetery	827103 Mulmur/Nottawasaga Townline, Creemore	Active
Old Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery	6130 Highway 26, Sunnidale Corners	Inactive
Second Line Nottawasaga Cemetery	2279 County Road 42, Stayner	Active
Stayner Union Cemetery	7661 Highway 26, Stayner	Active
Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery	12358 County Road 10, Sunnidale Corners	Inactive

For the Dunedin and Stayner Union Cemetery, the Township looks after the maintenance and burials through a third-party contractor. The maintenance and burials for the Lavender Cemetery are conducted through the Board. For the Second Line Nottawasaga Cemetery all the interment rights have been sold, but there remains one burial to be completed. The cost to maintain an active cemetery is expensive. Although burial costs and the installation of markers, etc. are cost recovery through the purchaser, grounds maintenance is not.

Inactive cemeteries still require consistent grounds maintenance, which includes any monument restoration for health and safety, and record searches for the public register.

Comments and Analysis

When analyzing the number of cemeteries that Clearview Township currently owns and operates, maintenance and administration is a large undertaking. To add any additional cemeteries by way of transfer or abandonment will only compound the issues the Township is already facing. In the past year, the Township has been approached by two separate entities regarding possible cemetery transfers. When a board or cemetery transfers ownership to the municipality, the issues are transferred with it. Municipalities are not immune to the same concerns. It becomes a strain on municipal resources, financially, administratively, and operationally.

Administrative Impact

From an administrative perspective the management of four active cemeteries is both time consuming and complex. No interment is the same, and providing good customer service takes time especially for those making arrangements while also dealing with grief. Administrative tasks include but are not limited to: interment right sales and mapping, burial contracts and scheduling, monument placement, historical record searches, plot and monument staking, fees and charges review, family transfers of interment rights and annual reporting to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO).

- **Incomplete records**

Often the records accepted by the Township from a dissolved cemetery board or church are incomplete and disorganized. This is no fault of the previous board members, as they are also often operating with limited resources. However, it does make it difficult to manage the cemetery post-transfer when records are sparse. Understanding which plots are occupied and by who is critical to the sound management of a cemetery. Unfortunately, this is not made possible in all cases because of incomplete records. In addition, records received during a transfer usually are maintained under different records management standards and are often organized and named inconsistently. Adaptation to Township records keeping practices takes time.

- **Lack of human resources**

Cemetery management is a highly regulated professional field, with the responsibility of which is often placed on public sector employees who may have limited knowledge of cemeteries in general. With reduced resources within municipalities especially rural ones, the management of cemeteries often becomes a secondary responsibility to another position. There is also a lack of affordable training available for municipal employees who are required to abide by regulations set out by the FBCSA and the BAO.

- Increased regulatory processes

Annual reporting requirements of the BAO can be extensive and complex. This includes monitoring the number of interments, the transfers to the Care and Maintenance Fund (C&M), and how the C&M fund can be used. There are also regulations pertaining to maintaining a public register, how sales are to be conducted and strict guidelines on Cemetery By-law approvals, and expansions including the erection of columbaria structures.

- Inconsistent cemetery regulations

Cemeteries can have many different regulations related to plot size, number of burials allowed in a given plot, monument size, what types of flowers/shrubs are allowed to be installed near a headstone etc. The transfer of different cemeteries having inconsistent regulations can make it difficult to adapt management practices in order to maintain original cemetery operational standards.

Operational Impact

Similarly, from an operational perspective the grounds maintenance of cemeteries, whether active or inactive, is both time consuming and complex. A key issue when analyzing the maintenance component of cemetery management is the lack of financial resources to support the operation. Cemetery maintenance includes, but is not limited to: grass cutting (whipper snipping around monuments), tree and shrub maintenance, monument and corner stone maintenance, water pipe and washroom monitoring, and general upkeep of cemetery grounds (removal of debris, etc.).

- High maintenance costs

As with many services, there are rising costs to contend with. Municipalities have adopted different models to address the maintenance of such, with third party contractors being commonly used or it becomes the responsibility of an internal department such as Parks & Recreation. Regardless the model, the costs have increased significantly over the last decade with equipment purchases/upgrades, insurance requirements for third-party contractors, and the time it takes to cut the grass and whipper snip around monuments. To put it into perspective, the Stayner Union Cemetery with the expansion is 25 acres with monuments to manoeuvre around during ground care. Other considerations for maintenance includes monument restoration and ensuring that they are not deteriorated to the point where they are unsafe. This is important for older cemeteries where restoration hasn't been provided in the past and there are many deteriorating monuments.

- Cost of cemetery management software

Cemetery Management Software can help municipalities manage cemetery records, including plot sale contracts, interment rights certificates, and regulatory reporting.

However, these software solutions are often expensive and require a large amount of staff time to implement especially with incomplete data and records. These software solutions range in price from \$5,000 to \$100,000 with annual maintenance costs. This investment in software can be a large budget request and one that would need to be supported from taxation with the limited funds in cemetery general accounts.

- **Inadequate Care and Maintenance funds**

When the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA) was enacted, it stipulated that a care and maintenance fund for a cemetery shall be established. A cemetery operator is required to make contributions to the fund from the sale of in-ground graves, crypts, tombs, niches, scattering rights and monument installation. The contribution is prescribed under the FBCSA and differs dependant on the interment type. The idea is that the fund (income earned from the fund - interest) pays for maintenance costs after a cemetery has stopped making sales. In reality, this concept does not produce enough funds to maintain a cemetery. Looking at the Stayner Union Cemetery as an example, for the very basics (grass cutting and whipper snipping) the interest from the care and maintenance fund does not provide enough monies to maintain the cemetery for the 7 months it's required. In addition, the care and maintenance fund is also to be utilized for the stabilization, maintenance and security of markers. Cemeteries are not self funding, and maintenance of such is becoming a larger budget concern.

Support Request

Cemetery transfers and abandonments have been an ongoing concern for Clearview Township for many years. When you look at the large geography of the Township there are many cemeteries within the boundaries that have the potential to be transferred. To gauge the concern of other municipalities on this issue, staff addressed it at a Simcoe County Clerks group discussion. Many neighbouring municipalities expressed that they were dealing with the same issues and have also been approached by different external entities on possible transfers.

As result of the discussion, it was agreed that to assist with the real concerns with transfers and abandonments of cemeteries, it's vital that the Province provide assistance to adequately support this infrastructure. Support can be provided in many different forms, with staff making the following recommendations for the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the BAO:

- Amend 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.

There is not one solution to solve all the issues, but at the very least it's important to identify the concerns and have open and real discussions at the provincial level on what support can be provided.

Clearview's Strategic Plan

The above initiative supports the following strategic pillars:

- Governance

Financial Implications


It is difficult to identify an exact dollar amount that can be attributed to a cemetery transfer/abandonment to the municipality. Every transfer is different and depends on a multitude of factors beginning with the cemetery status (active/inactive), acreage, care and maintenance fund (if any), maintenance of records, etc. What is being recommended by staff by way of support from the province is not meant to erase the costs entirely, but rather, to alleviate the financial burden in some capacity.

Report Appendices

Not applicable.

Approvals

Submitted by:	Sasha Helmkey, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
Reviewed by:	Krista Pascoe, Deputy Clerk
Financial Implications Reviewed by:	Kelly McDonald, Treasurer
Approved by:	John Ferguson, CAO

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Good afternoon,

Please see the resolution below that was passed by the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith at their Regular meeting held March 5, 2024 supporting the Municipality of St. Charles calling on the Provincial Government to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund.

Resolution 2024-89

Moved by: Dan O’Halloran

Seconded by: Terry Currie

Be It Resolved that council supports Resolution 2024-043 from Municipality of St. Charles calling 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. Carried

Best regards,

Cheryl Marshall,

Clerk/Treasurer

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From: Tammy Godden <clerk@stcharlesontario.ca>

Sent: February 29, 2024 2:08 PM

Subject: Re: MSC Res. 2024-043 - Potential Municipal Equipment Operator Course

Good Afternoon:

At its Regular Meeting of Council held February 21, 2024, the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles passed the following Resolution 2024-043.

Tammy J. Godden (she/her)
Clerk, Municipality of St.-Charles

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Resolution # RC24067	Meeting Order: 10
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>M Hatfield</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution passed by the Municipality of St- Charles passed on February 21, 2024, regarding Guaranteed Livable Income attached hereto and;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT 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, Carol Hughes, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Michael Mantha and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opat		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURU O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Mauru O'Neill</i>

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Resolution # RC24068	Meeting Order: 11
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>[Signature]</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution passed by the Town of Lincoln passed on February 28, 2024, regarding Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario, a copy of which is attached hereto and;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Neil Lumsden, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities on Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	March 21, 2024 2:01 pm
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Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Resolution # RC24069	Meeting Order: 12
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution passed by the Township of Amaranth passed on February 23, 2024, regarding pausing advancement on proposed highway 413 and redirect the appropriate \$8 billion cost for Highway 413 to support municipal infrastructure costs and housing construction initiatives, a copy of which is attached hereto and;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities on Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED		MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES NO
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED		Mitch Hatfield	
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED		Cathy Cannon	
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
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March 22nd, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St.
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

RE: Township of Adelaide Metcalfe – Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Dear Minister Thompson,

On March 18, 2024, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS farm drainage is of paramount importance in Ontario due to its significant impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. Effective drainage systems help mitigate waterlogging, control soil moisture levels, and enhance soil structure, thereby optimizing growing conditions for crops;

WHEREAS improved drainage also facilitates timely field operations, reduces erosion, and minimizes nutrient runoff, contributing to environmental conservation efforts;

WHEREAS Ontario’s diverse agricultural landscape, where weather variability is common, well-maintained drainage systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable yields, economic viability, and long-term resilience for farmers across the Province;

WHEREAS the Tile Loan Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. T.8 allows for the borrowing of money for the purpose of constructing drainage works;

WHEREAS the maximum annual limit for these loans, unchanged since 2004, is currently set at \$50,000.

WHEREAS costs for Tile Drainage has increased markedly since 2004;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated the Honourable Lisa Thompson – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MB', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Barnier
Clerk & Manager of Legislative Services
Township of Adelaide Metcalfe
mbarnier@adelaidemetcalfe.on.ca

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities



Date & Time Received:	March 26, 2024 8:46 am
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Notes/Comments:	



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



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

March 25, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Hon. Michael Parsa (Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services)
Hon. Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Hon. Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health)
Hon. David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and
MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Northumberland County Resolution – County of Prince Edward ‘Review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates’

At a meeting held on March 20, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2024-03-20-190 adopting the below recommendation from the March 6, 2024 Social Services Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Robert Crate
Seconded by: Councillor Scott Jibb

“**That** the Social Services Committee, having considered the correspondence from the County of Prince Edward regarding 'Review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Michael Parsa (Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services), the Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health), the Honorable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, and all Ontario municipalities.”



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

"Council Resolution # 2024-03-20-190

Carried

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

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Mather".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By _____ *Crate*
 Seconded By _____ *Jibb*

Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number
 2024-03-20- 110


Council Date: March 20, 2024

"^{MM}That Council adopt all recommendations from the four Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held March 5 and 6), ~~with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:~~

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
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And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
 Councillor's Name

Carried 
 Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
 Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
 Warden's Signature

Social Services Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: March 6, 2024

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2024-03-06- 159

Moved by: O. Hankivsky

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: March 20, 2024

"**That** the Social Services Committee, having considered the correspondence from the County of Prince Edward regarding 'Review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Michael Parsa (Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services), the Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health), the Honorable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, and all Ontario municipalities."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

February 16, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024 the following resolution regarding support for a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-81

DATE: February 13, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch

WHEREAS poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

WHEREAS the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

WHEREAS Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

WHEREAS Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 per cent as of July 2023 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall below their value in 2018 (\$1,376 when adjusted for inflation) and significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month)

WHEREAS OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

WHEREAS the poverty risk profile for Prince Edward County created by Vital Signs states that 10.1% - 13.5% of County residents are living on low income;

WHEREAS designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Prince Edward County joins the Town of Orangeville to calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;
- b) Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;
- c) Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

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

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 7, 2024

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, March 7, 2024 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:04 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

Land Acknowledgement

G. Pereira read the following land acknowledgement:

The Region of Durham exists on lands that the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg inhabited for thousands of years prior to European colonization. These lands are the traditional and treaty territories of the Nations covered under the Williams Treaties, including the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and the Chippewa Nations of Georgina Island, Beausoleil and Rama.

We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and stewards of the lands and waters on which we have the privilege to live. In our efforts towards reconciliation, we continue to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations, as well as the large Métis communities and growing Inuit communities here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

1. Roll Call

Present: R. Lalonde, Whitby, Chair
B. Astley, Oshawa
C. Houston, Clarington, Vice-Chair
Councillor Kerr
K. Mirani, Brock

Absent: M. Gibbons, Scugog
A. Heywood, Pickering
P. Smith, Uxbridge
T. Van Helsdingen, Ajax

Staff

Present: R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
F. Mannan*, Project Manger, Rapid Transit Office
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
A. Smith*, Policy Advisory, Corporate Initiatives, Strategy and Performance
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

*** denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by B. Astley,
That the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee
meeting held on December 24, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Natalie Stephenson and Ashley Burnie, Green Up Canada, re: Active Transportation in Peterborough Region: Schools, Communities and Businesses Making Sustainable Shifts

Natalie Stephenson, Director of Programs, and Ashley Burnie, Active Transportation Program Coordinator, Green Up Canada, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Active Transportation in Peterborough Region: Schools, Communities and Businesses Making Sustainable Shifts.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Peterborough Region, City & County
- Active Transportation Partners
- Our Active Transportation Program Audiences
 - School Programs
 - Objective
 - Program Highlights
 - What's New for the School Audience
 - Community Programs
 - Objective
 - Program Highlights
 - What's New for the Community Audience
 - Business Programs
 - Objective
 - Program Highlights
 - What's New for the Business Audience
- Evaluating Success

N. Stephenson and A. Burnie responded to questions from the Committee regarding the school boards that are associated with the school programs offered through Green Up Canada; the changes made to busing distances in Peterborough; how the organization receives funding; whether the City or County of Peterborough have active transportation staff; and the overall

success rate of the Grade 8 Transit Quest program through Peterborough Transit, and how schools were engaged in the program.

B) Robert Brezina, Capital Works Engineer, Municipality of Clarington, re:
Clarington Active Transportation Plan

Robert Brezina, Capital Works Engineer, Municipality of Clarington, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Clarington Active Transportation Plan.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Goals of Clarington's Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP)
- Project Phases & Timeline
- Background & Policy Review
- Public Engagement – Project Webpage
- Public Engagement – Social Pinpoint
- Public Engagement – Survey
- Public Engagement – Kiosks
- Public Engagement – Public Information Centre
- Framework Elements Design
- Candidate Network (DRAFT)
- Policy Development & Stakeholder Consultation Sessions
- Wayfinding System Strategy
- Ways to Engage & Provide Input

R. Brezina responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether the Strava Heatmap is used to plan future locations for active transportation routes in Clarington; whether Clarington has plans to construct multi-use paths to provide active transportation access to the future Courtice and Bowmanville GO stations, and how those multi-use paths would be accessed from other areas of the municipality; and Clarington's future plans to have complete active transportation connections throughout the municipality.

C) Andrea Smith, Policy Advisor, Corporate Initiatives, Durham Region, re:
Durham Region 2025 Strategic Plan

Andrea Smith, Policy Advisor, Corporate Initiatives, Durham Region, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Durham Region 2025 Strategic Plan.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Purpose
- Approach to Strategy Development
- Timeline
- Engagement Activities
- Your Voice Matters

A. Smith welcomed members of the Committee to visit the Region's website to provide input regarding the 2025 Strategic Plan.

D) Videsh Brijpaul, Planner, Transportation Planning, re: 2024 Bike Month

V. Brijpaul was not in attendance to present with regards to 2024 Bike Month.

G. Pereira stated that the following cycling campaigns are being organized for Bike Month:

- Walk and Roll to School Campaign will take place through the month of March through the Active School Travel Program;
- Bike to Work Campaign through the Smart Commute Program;
- Cycle Durham is hosting a Ride to Work Campaign;
- The Bike for Health charity ride event is being organized with Lakeridge Health Foundation for June 2, 2024, with 25km, 50km and 100km route distances for cyclists.

R. Lalonde added that the Bike Month Working Group is organizing activities for Bike Month in collaboration with the area municipalities.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

7. Information Items

A) Shivani Singh, GIS Specialist, Traffic Safety, Region of Durham, re: Traffic Data

A copy of the Pedestrian and Cyclist Fact Sheet containing traffic data was received for information.

B) DATC Subcommittee Update on Bike Friendly Status

B. Astley stated that data collection is in progress for the anticipated bicycle friendly communities portal, with updates to the website needing to take place before the launch of the portal occurs.

B. Astley advised that the 2024 Ontario Bike Summit will include a workshop on bike friendly communities.

C) Update on North Durham Trail

R. Lalonde provided an overview of the background history of the North Durham TransCanada Rail Trail including the changes in ownership of the trail, and a timeline of the deteriorating trail conditions from 2021 to present day.

R. Lalonde stated that the Region held a meeting with elected officials and the current leaseholder of the trail on February 13, 2024 to discuss required trail repair and maintenance. He further stated that the outcome of the meeting produced a list of action items, including to engage a consultant to complete a full assessment of the trail to determine the repairs needed to bring the trail up to standards, and bringing in volunteers to assist with monitoring the trail once the required maintenance work has been completed.

Discussion ensued regarding the maintenance responsibilities of the Trail and required bridge repair and replacements.

8. Other Business

A) Active Transportation Update re: Mary Street, Oshawa

Councillor Kerr stated that the City of Oshawa plans to design an active transportation network throughout the city, with Mary Street being the backbone of the network with links connecting the downtown corridor and the two GO stations.

Councillor Kerr also stated that the street parking along Mary Street creates a safety risk for cyclists accessing the GO station and stated that the City of Oshawa is considering erecting “no parking” signage along Mary Street during peak traffic times in order to eliminate the safety concern for cyclists accessing the GO station during rush hour.

B) June Bike Month

R. Lalonde stated that in previous years the Region has endorsed the Committee’s advocacy for bike month.

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by K. Mirani,
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to
Regional Council:

Whereas June is Bike Month;

And whereas Durham Regional Planning Staff have organized numerous bike friendly activities annually for over a decade to educate residents about cycling safety, promote the benefits of cycling, and encourage residents to bike more by participating in Bike Month throughout the month of June; and

And whereas the Durham Active Transportation Committee fully supports the Region's planned Bike Month activities.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Durham Active Transportation Committee request Regional Council's support of the planned Regional Bike Month activities and proclaim the month of June as Bike Month in the Region of Durham.

CARRIED

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

10. Adjournment

Moved by B. Astley, Seconded by C. Houston,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM

R. Lalonde, Chair
Durham Active Transportation
Committee

V. Walker, Committee Clerk