



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Acting Commissioner of Works
Report: #2024-INFO-21
Date: April 5, 2024

Subject:

2023 Water Pollution Control Plant Annual Performance Report

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Annual Performance Reports provide staff, stakeholders and customers an overview of the performance of the WPCP's in 2023. Further, these reports fulfill the annual reporting requirements of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and demonstrates the commitment of ensuring the WPCP continues to deliver wastewater services to our customers in an environmentally responsible manner.
- 1.2 The reports are complete and are available to the public on the Regional Municipality of Durham's (Region) website at www.durham.ca by March 31 of each year.

2. Annual Report

- 2.1 The MECP provides operating terms and conditions to be followed and met for each WPCP through the issuance of an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA). The reporting section of the ECA provides a list of the information to be contained in the annual performance report.
- 2.2 A description is provided in each individual report which includes but is not limited to the treatment process overview, raw influent and final effluent parameters, population served by each WPCP, and the specific processes used to treat the wastewater.

3. Relationship to Strategic Plan

3.1 The reports align with the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- (a) Goal 1 Environmental Sustainability - To protect the environment for the future by demonstrating leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change.
 - Protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails and farmland
- (b) Goal 2 Community Vitality - To foster an exceptional quality of life with services that contribute to strong neighbourhoods, vibrant and diverse communities, and influence our safety and well-being.
 - Enhance community safety and well-being
- (c) Goal 5 Service Excellence - To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery.
 - Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results

4. Conclusion

4.1 The 2023 Water Pollution Control Plant Annual Performance Reports (Attachment #1) provide an overview of the annual performance for the Regional Municipality of Durham's Water Pollution Control Plants.

4.2 For additional information, please contact Tavis Nimmo, Manager of Water Resource Monitoring and Protection at (905) 668-7711 ext. 3737.

5. Attachments

Attachment #1: [Link to access the Regional Municipality of Durham's 2023 Water Pollution Control Plant Annual Performance Report](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

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Acting Commissioner of Works

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2024-INFO-22
Date: April 5, 2024

Subject:

Invest Durham Annual Report, 2023

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a brief overview of the Region's Economic Development and Tourism Division's 2023 activities and programs. Included as Attachment #1 is the Invest Durham Annual Report 2023.

2. Background

2.1 The Annual Report summarizes activities undertaken by the various sections of the Division which include Business Development and Investment, Agri-Food and Rural Economic Development, Marketing, and Tourism.

2.2 In addition, the Annual Report provides an economic snapshot, and contains spotlights on specific initiatives, sector development projects, highlights from programs and activities, as well as awards or recognized achievements.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

3.1 A Year-in-Review report from the Economic Development and Tourism Division is provided annually.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

a. Goal 3: Economic Prosperity

- 3.1: Position Durham Region as the location of choice for business
- 3.2: Leverage Durham's prime geography, social infrastructure, and strong partnerships to foster economic growth
- 3.3: Enhance communication and transportation networks to better connect people and move goods more efficiently
- 3.4: Capitalize on Durham's strengths in key economic sectors to attract high-quality jobs
- 3.5: Provide a supportive environment for agriculture and agri-food industries.

b. Goal 5: Service Excellence

- 5.3: Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results.

5. Conclusion

5.1 The Invest Durham Annual Report will continue to be produced on an annual basis.

5.2 This report will be delivered to Durham Region area municipalities.

6. Attachments

Attachment #1: Invest Durham Annual Report 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner of Planning and Economic
Development



2023

Economic Development and Tourism Annual Report



2023 Year in Review

- Economic Snapshot
- Business Investment Highlights
- Business Investment and Attraction
- Tourism
- Sport Tourism
- Agriculture and Rural Economic Development
- Film Durham + Creative Industries
- Marketing Activities – Invest Durham
- Awards



In 2023, our team focused on supporting and growing the things that make Durham Region an incredible place. Everything that we worked on was to build Durham’s distinct creative identity, grow its vibrant and diverse downtowns, make us a magnet for talent and investment, and enable our innovation community to continue to solve global challenges.

Our creative identity: The Film and Television industries continue to expand into Durham, with Oscar-nominated movies being filmed here. We helped promote arts and culture by celebrating talented local musicians at the Oshawa Music Awards, and supporting the Durham Region International Film Festival. Meanwhile, we totally reimagined our Discovery Guide with a fresh new look, and sent it to tens of thousands of potential visitors. It flew off the racks, and we ran out of our “two-year supply” in a matter of months.

Our vibrant and diverse downtowns: Our team supported events and festivals in our downtowns, from small to huge, like Convergence Oshawa, the Downtown Whitby Beerfest, Scugog Culture Days, and many more. Trent University Durham GTA opened a second campus called the Advanced Learning Centre, which offers Masters and post-graduate certificates, and is bringing even more students into Durham’s largest downtown area. The more we can connect students with our incredible local businesses and attractions, the stronger their bonds will become; making it more likely that they will stay and grow their career in our local community.

A magnet for talent and investment: Durham’s talented workforce is growing quickly, driven by our world-class college and universities. Ontario Tech University has higher application and enrolment rates every year, and Durham College is opening new facilities, including their Electric Vehicle Training Centre. Queen’s University also partnered with Lakeridge Health to train new family doctors. Our team is collaborating with the area municipalities to welcome these students to the community, and to attract new family doctors to Durham Region.

Our innovation community is known for solving global challenges: Invest Durham is trusted by both Canadian and international businesses. To attract great companies, our team put together a stunning booth at Collision Conference, which is one of the world’s largest tech businesses audiences. We worked with the eight area municipalities, and with Durham College, Ontario Tech University, Trent University Durham GTA, Spark Centre, 1855 Whitby - Technology Accelerator, Ontario Power Generation (OPG), and the Automotive Parts Manufacturers Association, to proudly showcase the first all Canadian electric concept car, Project Arrow, which was built in Durham Region at the ACE Climatic Wind Tunnel. Our booth attracted thousands of leads and connections in the electric car and tech sectors, and was even featured on CP24, Autoweek, and more.

Focusing on **PLACE**, our results are grounded in our on-going investment success stories. Durham Region is more in-demand than ever. From Wonderbrands’ new campus in the Pickering Innovation Corridor to OPG’s new corporate headquarters in Oshawa, thousands of new innovative and high-tech jobs are joining Durham’s economy.



With an incredible year of delivering on our new strategic plan, Ready Set Future, we continue to drive towards our bold, long-term vision.

Simon Gill
Director, Economic Development and Tourism



Economic Snapshot



Booming Growth

- Durham Region’s population grew 9.3 per cent between 2018 to 2023 reaching 750,000 and is forecast to grow to 1.3 million by 2051.
- OPG began their project to relocate their corporate headquarters to Durham Region, bringing thousands of jobs into the region, with an expected opening in 2025.



In Demand

- Plans are underway to build four new GO transit stations for the Lakeshore East GO Extension, opening new opportunities for transportation and development.
- Durham Region’s hotel occupancy has recovered and grown above 2019 levels, reflecting strong tourism interest in the region.



Talented

- Two new post-secondary campuses opened in Durham Region: Trent University Durham GTA in downtown Oshawa and Queen’s-Lakeridge Health MD Family Medicine Program at Lakeridge Health in Oshawa.
- Ontario Tech University was named 2023 Canadian Research University of the Year.



Innovating the Future

- The Barrett Centre of Innovation in Sustainable Urban Agriculture’s Ajax Urban Farm (led by Durham College) was officially unveiled.
- Project Arrow—built at Ontario Tech University—was named one of the biggest Canadian tech stories of 2023 by the Toronto Star.



Business Investment Highlights

The following non-exhaustive list details some key new businesses, strategic investments and retained/expanded businesses in Durham Region in 2023. Please note that this list does not include any retail, franchise, or housing opportunities and may include opportunities that our team did not have the opportunity to directly support.

Adamson Systems Engineering - Building addition in Port Perry

Ajax Industrial on the Park - One million square foot development

Barrett Centre of Innovation in Sustainable Urban Agriculture - Ajax Urban Farm opening

Bestco Fresh Foods - Grand opening, Ajax

BOND|ST Event Centre - Grand opening, Oshawa

Durham College opens **PROTO and EV Lab** at the Whitby campus

Global First Power - Office opening, Whitby

H&M Warehouse and Distribution - Opening, Ajax

Hopkins Logistics Hub - 293,000-square-foot development, Whitby

Innova in Canada - Office opening, Oshawa

Lakeshore Cider - Opening, Newcastle

Lactalis Canada Inc - Development underway, Oshawa

Lakefront Skate and Market - Port Perry

Lakeridge Logistics Centre - 1.2 million-square-foot development, Ajax

Martin Brower - Development underway, Oshawa

Tru by Hilton - Under development, Oshawa Airport

New Office Building - Under development, Oshawa Airport

Olympia Steel Fabrication Shop - Courtice

Ontario Power Generation Corporate Headquarters Renovation - Oshawa

Oshawa Clinic Group - Whitby Health Centre development underway

Panattoni - 773,000-square-foot development underway, Whitby

Powerline Plus Manufacturing - Clarington

Queen's-Lakeridge Health MD Family Medicine Program - Oshawa

SkyCanoe - Facility development underway, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

SmartCentres Industrial Building - Pickering

Tessera Group - Development underway, Scugog

Trent University Durham GTA Downtown Oshawa Campus - Grand opening, Oshawa

Wonderbrands - Development underway, Pickering



Business Development and Investment Attraction



Responded to 229 Business Investment Inquiries – 50 per cent increase over previous year



Directly landed three investments: Electrical Distributor (confidential), Innova in Canada, and Tessera Group

199

leads remain open

14 national and international investment attraction missions

22 industry events, conferences, and trade shows

15 inbound delegations and site tours

In 2023, Invest Durham focused on priority clusters as defined in the division’s strategic plan Ready Set Future. As a result, 91 per cent of inquiries handled by the team were in the targeted sectors. Strong relationships with important partner organizations were bolstered, further creating awareness of Durham’s reputation and value proposition for investment.

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Invest Durham supported a wide range of innovation and entrepreneurship organizations and initiatives, including:

- Spark Centre
- Synergy Pioneer Program
- 1855 Accelerator
- Business Advisory Centre of Durham (BACD)
- Brilliant Catalyst Innovation Challenge
- 1855 and 360insights Hackathon
- Durham Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Forum (DEEF)
- Collision Conference
- Durham Region International Film Festival Emerging Filmmaker Incubator
- Digital Main Street
- The Durham Regional Technology Development Site (DRTDS)

Boost Your EV IQ Event

Invest Durham in partnership with Durham College Corporate Training Services (CTS), Ontario Tech University, ACE Climactic Wind Tunnel, NGen, OVIN, and Ontario Centre of Innovation hosted a hybrid event to promote Durham’s competitive advantage for investors looking to grow in the advanced mobility sector.



Tourism



7,650
monthly e-newsletter subscribers



4,246
monthly industry e-newsletter subscribers



93,076
engagements on social media



X
8,432 followers
4,184 engagements
.5% follower growth



Instagram
12,799 followers
42,890 engagements
36.8% follower growth



Facebook
7,754 total audience
46,002 engagements
14.9% growth



- Relunched the Durham Region Discovery Guide in 2023, a refreshed publication with dozens of stunning photographs showing destinations across Durham Region. The magazine was distributed to subscribers of Toronto Life Magazine, and in tourism travel destinations across the province.
- The A is for Adventure campaign promoted culinary experiences related to apples, including cideries, fritters, and apple picking. The campaign included a double page spread in Food and Drink magazine, digital promotions, and blog posts.
- The Downtowns of Durham website grew to reach 64,209 page views in 2023, an increase of 3.5 per cent over 2022.



Tourism

Other key initiatives include:

- Partnering to support and promote events such as, Springtide Music Festival in Uxbridge, Culture Days, the Downtown Whitby BIA Christmas Market, Convergence Art and Music Festival Downtown Oshawa, the OMAs – Celebrating Music in Durham Region, the Oshawa Student Orientation, Uxbridge Holiday Trail, Canoe the Nonquon, Small Town BIG, Uxbridge Scottish Festival, Port Perry Beer & Cider Festival, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Powwow, and Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival.
- Partnership formed with North Durham Pride, which is dedicated to promoting visibility and representation of 2SLGBTQI+ individuals in north Durham. Support and promotions provided to host one event in the townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge.
- Support to business-led initiatives such as, the Sideroads of Scugog, Backroads of Brock, and the Leaskdale Loop, to drive further visitation to north Durham.
- Downtown visitor data collection completed for Durham’s 14 downtown and main street areas.
- Various promotional campaigns promoted through new photography, blog content, television promotion, and social media.

Agri-tourism Initiative

Durham Tourism and Durham Farm Fresh collaborated to launch a month-long campaign “Gather at the Farm.” The program included print and digital advertising, and promoted fall activities and events at farms across the region. The campaign reached more than one million impressions and saw 14,000 visitors to a landing page.





Sport Tourism Featured Initiative: Durham Region 2023 Ontario Parasport Games

From February 3 to 5, Durham Region hosted the 2023 Ontario Parasport Games, building on the momentum from hosting the Games in 2019.



9 sport venues across
5 municipalities



11 sports

Over 400 participants
(about 300 of these were athletes)

336
volunteers

4
demonstration sports

\$872,991

Economic Impact in Ontario

\$702,853 of which occurred in Durham Region

\$267,000

Sponsorship (59 community partners)

\$179,774 cash
\$87,028 in-kind

\$145,579

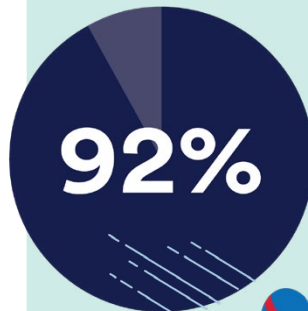
Games Legacy Fund

surpassed initial target by about 240 per cent

The Games Legacy Fund will be distributed to the following:

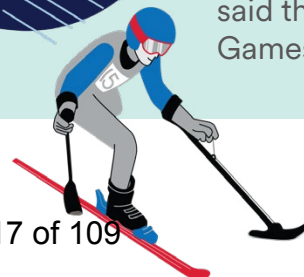
- Durham Community Foundation “Durham Region Adaptive Sport & Recreation Legacy Fund” (\$112,000)
- Adaptive Sport Festival (\$30,000)
- Community Tree and Shrub Planting (\$3,579)

Post-Games Survey results



Participants – 92 per cent of respondents rated their Games experience as good or excellent

Volunteers – 92 per cent of respondents said they enjoyed their Games experience

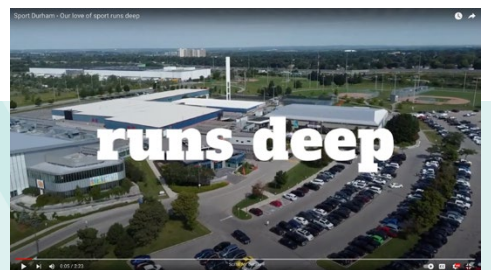
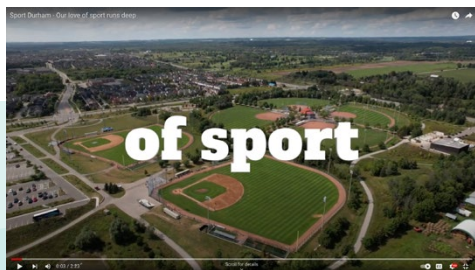
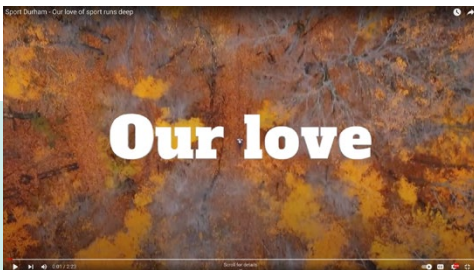
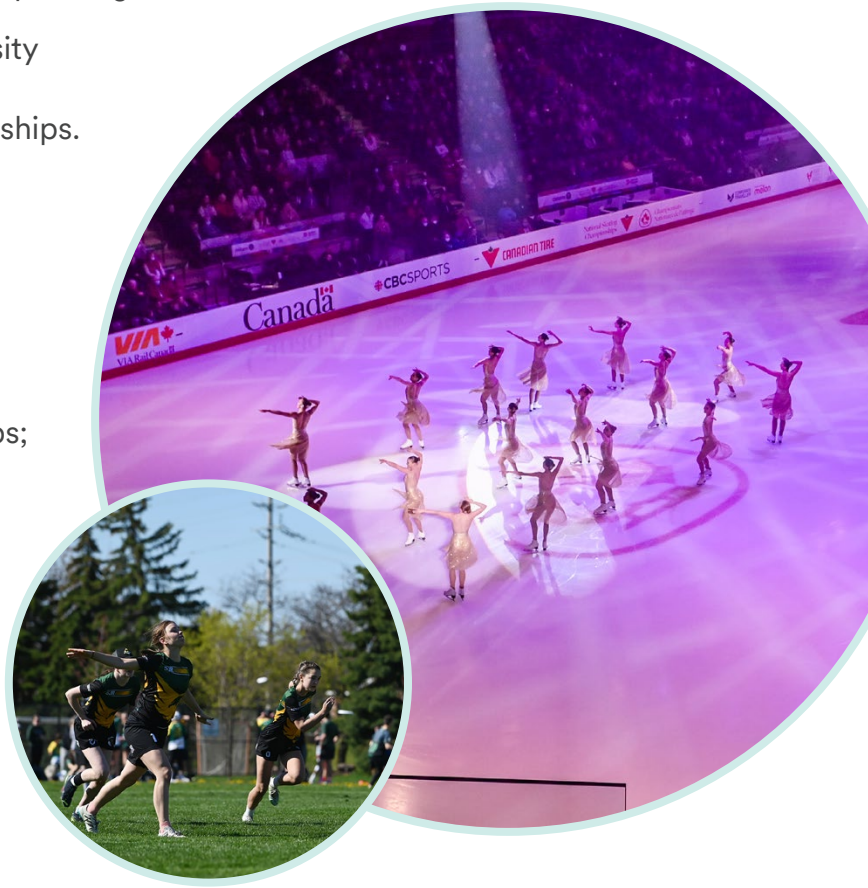




Sport Tourism

Other key initiatives include:

- Successful bids to host the 2024 Quadball Canada National Championship in collaboration with City of Oshawa and the 2025 Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League Women’s Championship in collaboration with Ontario Para Network.
- Developed bid to host the 2026 Wheelchair Rugby Championships in collaboration with Ontario Para Network (decision pending).
- Partnered with Ontario Tech University on their successful bid to host 2024 U SPORTS Men’s Soccer Championships.
- Supported 2023 events, including Canadian Tire National Skating Championships; YONEX National University and College Badminton Championships; Canadian 4-on-4 Ultimate Championships; Canadian High School Ultimate Championships; Dodgeball Toronto Mid-Season Clash; HiSports Canadian Cash Cup Pickleball Tournament; Special Olympics Hometown Games Softball tournament and Track and Field Meet; and the annual ten-day Ontario Lacrosse Festival.



Completed and launched new sport tourism video



Agriculture and Rural Economic Development



1,054

bi-monthly industry e-newsletter subscribers



29%

growth in number of social media followers



102

attendees at north Durham Building Business Forum

Three successful Rural Economic Development (RED) grants completed in collaboration with partners:

- Uxbridge Downtown Revitalization
- Brock Community Improvement Plans updates
- Durham Farm Fresh – Durham Farm Connections Joint Coordinator

42 local business interviews

conducted for Scugog Business Program (88 businesses participated)

Other key initiatives include:

- Online business toolkits developed and launched in Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock.
- 50 secondary school students attended the Precision Agriculture Field Day.
- Four precision agriculture videos developed for secondary schools across Durham Region in partnership with Durham Farm Connections.
- Supported delivery of Agriculture 101 presentations and training to Regional Council and municipal councils by the Durham Agriculture Advisory Committee.
- Shared Best Practices for On-Farm Diversified Uses Report to Planning Directors from Durham’s eight area municipalities. Initiated project to encourage and enable Agriculture-Related and On-Farm Diversified Uses across north Durham.



The 2023-2027 Growing North Durham: Rural Economic Development Action Plan was endorsed by Planning and Economic Development Committee and three north Durham councils. The Plan supports a community-driven approach to economic development, and is structured under three pillars: People, Places and Prosperity.



Film Durham + Creative Industries

Film and Television productions in 2023 included Botanical Jungle, Cross, Fairview, Matlock, Reacher, Rogers, Thanksgiving, The Madness, The Umbrella Academy, The Way Home and Lipton, Nissan and Toyota commercials.



“Thanksgiving” by Cream Productions – Economic Impact Case Study:

- Filmed in downtown Port Perry from March 21 to 25
- Directed by Eli Roth, starring Patrick Dempsey, Gina Gershon, and Rick Hoffman
- 160 cast and crew plus 150 local extras
- 104 hotel rooms for six days

\$300,000 production spend for accommodations, community donations and compensation, location fees, products and services

Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF) 2023:



Two venues



37 films included in program

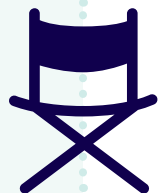


146 films submitted to festival

850+ attendees

at 2023 Film and Television Industry Career Fair hosted with 24 partners

Those films represented the work of 22 male directors and 12 female directors inclusive of 11 BIPOC directors





Marketing Activities – Invest Durham

Promoting Durham Region for new investment and job creation.



X

2,605 followers
904 interactions
18% follower growth



LinkedIn

5,129 followers
8,578 interactions
31% follower growth



Instagram

2,437 followers
3,197 interactions
21% follower growth

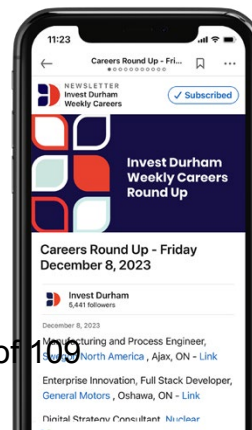
2,542 subscribers to Invest Durham Enews

Invest Durham Marketing Initiatives



Teamed up with Durham’s local innovation community—including the eight local municipal economic development teams; three post-secondary institutions; as well as 1855 Accelerator, Spark Centre, Brilliant Catalyst, Ontario Power Generation, and the Automotive Parts Manufacturers Association—to showcase Durham Region’s exciting development potential to businesses and investors at Collision Conference, resulting in more than 1,300 connections.

Supported the Access IO event to foster entrepreneurship and promote innovative technological solutions in the community.



2,682 subscribers to the Weekly Careers Round Up LinkedIn Newsletter



Awards

Economic Development Awards

- In February 2023, the Economic Development and Tourism Division was named as an **Honourable Mention for the 2022 EDCO Awards of Excellence for Investment Attraction for Durham At Collision.**
- Economic Development and Tourism Division won a 2023 EDCO Awards of Excellence **Planning and Strategic Development – Urban Award** for the Ready Set Future A PLACE Blueprint for Durham project.

MarCom Awards:

- Apple Adventure Ad - Platinum Winner
- Amp Up Your Business Video - Gold Winner
- Honourable Mention – Strategic Communications – Digital Marketing – 10K Giveaway

Sport Tourism Canada (STC) PRESTIGE Awards

- The STC PRESTIGE (Program Recognizing Exceptional Sport Tourism Initiatives, Games & Events) Awards, now in their 15th year, have honoured exceptional sport events, people and organizations since their inception in 2007. The awards honoured Canada’s best in the Sport Tourism Industry. In March 2024, the **Durham Region 2023 Ontario Parasport Games were awarded the Legacy of the Year PRESTIGE award.**

Viddy Awards:

- The Sunflower Farm – Instagram Reel – Durham Tourism



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Interoffice Memorandum

Date: April 5, 2024
To: Health & Social Services Committee
From: Dr. Robert Kyle
Subject: Health Information Update – April 1, 2024

Health
Department

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
April 1, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/ycy32h67

- Transition to Boostrix & Pentacel Vaccines (Mar 20)

tinyurl.com/35kkbapm

- The Price of Eating Well in Durham Region 2023 (Mar 21)

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- World TB Day (Mar 22)

tinyurl.com/m2f35k7y

- Measles Preparedness – Update #2 (Mar 28)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Department of Finance Canada

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- Government highlights next step to universal access to free contraceptives (Mar 30)

Employment and Social Development Canada

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- New federal law helps ensure families will benefit from affordable early learning and child care for generations to come (Mar 20)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

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- Keep the cash, care for the climate: Canada Carbon Rebate being paid next month (Mar 19)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/yprc7f6h

- Message from the Minister of Health – Poison Prevention Week (Mar 18)

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- Public Health Notice: Outbreak of Salmonella infections linked to snakes and rodents (Mar 19)

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- Statement from the Minister of Health on nicotine replacement therapies (Mar 20)

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- Government of Canada Announces Reimbursements and Deductions under the Canada Health Act (Mar 21)

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- Government of Canada Tables Final Report of the Legislative Review of the Cannabis Act (Mar 21)

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- Cannabis Act legislative review Expert Panel welcomes the tabling of its final report (Mar 21)

Indigenous Services Canada

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- Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Indigenous Services Canada Working to Eliminate Tuberculosis in Inuit Nunangat by 2023 (Mar 24)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

tinyurl.com/2eadub2d

- Government of Canada appoints interim Chief Statistician (Mar 19)

Prime Minister's Office

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- Statement by the Prime Minister on World Water Day (Mar 22)

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- A National School Food Program to set kids up for success (Apr 1)

Public Health Agency of Canada

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- Government of Canada supports young children and families in official language minority communities across Canada (Mar 21)

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- Public Health Notice: Outbreak of Salmonella infections linked to geckos (Mar 22)

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- Joint Message from the Ministers of Health, Indigenous Services and Northern Affairs – World Tuberculosis Day – March 24, 2024 (Mar 24)

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- Joint Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Chief Medical Officer of Public Health of Indigenous Services Canada on World Tuberculosis Day (Mar 24)

tinyurl.com/y4fzppmw

- Government of Canada Supports Projects to Prevent and Address Violence Against 2SLGBTQI+ Youth (Mar 25)

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- Grants to promote healthy living for high school students across Canada (Mar 26)

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- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada Update on Measles and Risk to Canadians (Mar 27)

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- Joint Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Special Advisory Committee on the Epidemic of Opioid Overdoses – Latest National Data on Substance-Related Harms (Mar 27)

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- Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on the Overdose Crisis (Mar 27)

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- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – World Bipolar Day (Mar 30)

Public Services and Procurement Canada

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- Government of Canada invests in laboratories to support science in Canada (Mar 26)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Colleges and Universities

tinyurl.com/3p6fuv5a

- Ontario investing More than \$270 Million To Support New Innovations and Discoveries (Mar 18)

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- Ontario Allocating International Student Applications to Support Labour Market Needs (Mar 27)

Ministry of Finance

tinyurl.com/ynae278a

- Building a Better Ontario (Mar 26)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Breakfast Club of Canada

tinyurl.com/muhubucy

- Breakfast Club of Canada Welcomes the Government of Canada’s Investment in a National School Food Program (Apr 1)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/4yk4hj45

- Federal announcement to restrict marketing and sales of nicotine pouches a needed move to protect youth (Mar 21)

Canadian Coalition for Seniors’ Mental Health

tinyurl.com/aat2mbpz

- CCSMH launches free information website to support people living with dementia (Mar 19)

tinyurl.com/j3b46us2

- New Canadian Clinical Practice Guidelines to Address Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (Mar 28)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

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- Canadians increasingly report poor mental health, cite growing economic concerns as a contributing factor (Mar 21)

Canadian institutes of Health Research

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- Government of Canada invests in research to transform health systems (Mar 26)

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- Government of Canada makes significant investment in the future of applied public health research (Mar 26)

Canadian Medical Association

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- CMA seriously concerned about the future of family medicine in Quebec (Mar 20)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

tinyurl.com/k56699h4

- Heart & Stroke lauds federal government's plan to stop nicotine pouches from getting into the hands of Canada's youth (Mar 20)

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- 2024 Ontario budget proposes funding to reinforce tobacco and vape controls (Mar 26)

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- People experiencing homelessness more likely to develop dementia at younger ages, study finds (Mar 27)

Law Commission of Ontario

tinyurl.com/s9ywm46f

- LCO Releases "A New Environmental Bill of Rights for Ontario" Final Report (Mar 18)

Nuclear Waste Management Organization

tinyurl.com/3u93xknb

- The NWMO's 2023 annual report shows movement towards site selection with meaningful collaboration (Mar 26)

Ontario College of Pharmacists

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- Zero tolerance for business practices that impede pharmacy professionals' ability to deliver effective care (Mar 26)

Public Health Ontario

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- Connections (Mar 19)

Quebec Coalition for Tobacco Control

tinyurl.com/3b43mm8h

- Groups applaud federal plans for decisive actions aimed at limiting flavours, restricting promotion and suspending over-the-counter sales of kid-friendly nicotine pouches (Mar 20)

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

tinyurl.com/3x8d2fn8

- Spring budget provides much needed expansion of primary care – Urgent investment missing to address the drug toxicity crisis (Mar 26)

World Health Organization

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- WHO urges investments for the scale up of tuberculosis screening and preventive treatment (Mar 18)

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- Call from 100+ Pantheon of Global Leaders for Urgent Agreement on Governments to Reach Ambitious & Equitable International Deal to Prepare for and Prevent Future Pandemics (Mar 20)

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- WHO launches CoViNet: a global network for coronaviruses (Mar 27)



Hon. Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
777 Bay St., 5th Floor
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March 26, 2024

Re: Supportive Aging in Place Initiatives for Ajax Seniors

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on March 25, 2024:

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax is facing a rapidly aging population, with the percentage of individuals over 65 making up 13% of the overall population according to the 2021 census data, up from 7.3% in 2001;

AND WHEREAS many Canadians want to age in place in their own home and community, which requires appropriate health and social supports and services to facilitate independent living;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Health, through its Home Care Modernization initiative, is seeking innovative in-home care delivery models;

AND WHEREAS the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) model provides a comprehensive medical and social service delivery system using an interdisciplinary team approach to coordinate all preventive, primary, acute and long-term care needs;

AND WHEREAS the PACE model of care is being delivered successfully in other municipalities, including Burlington where the PACE Community Hub is celebrating its fifth anniversary;

AND WHEREAS the PACE model of care is being implemented in Oshawa this year at 155 King Street West;

AND WHEREAS implementation of the PACE program in Ajax would benefit residents, while alleviating demands on local hospitals and related healthcare institutions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Ajax Council supports the Region of Durham expanding the PACE program into the Town of Ajax; and,

A copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax, John Henry, Chair of the Regional Municipality of Durham, Durham Regional Health and Social Services Committee, Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation, Ashley Manor Housing Corporation (formerly Ajax Municipal Housing Corporation), all Durham Region lower tier municipalities, Cynthia Davis, President and CEO of Lakeridge Health, the Durham Ontario Health Team, Community Care Durham, and Durham Mental Health Services.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,



Jason McWilliam
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor J. Dies
Councillor L. Bower
Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax
Chair John Henry
Durham Regional Health and Social Services Committee
Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation
Ashley Manor Housing Corporation
All Durham Region municipalities
Cynthia Davis, President and CEO of Lakeridge Health
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April 3, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.
Premier of Ontario
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

To Premier Ford:

Re: Oath of Office

File Number: PG.25.06

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At a meeting held on March 25, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington passed the following Resolution #GG-041-24:

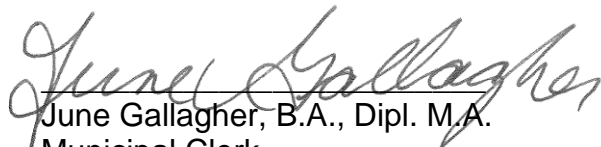
That Council approves the Clarington Diversity Advisory Committee's recommendation, in their February 2, 2024 minutes, regarding the Oath of Office for Members of Council;

That Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to make changes to the Oath of Office to include indigenous and treaty rights by changing the oath of office to the following, which has been endorsed by many Ontario municipalities:

"I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Indigenous and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples."

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPPs, the Durham Area Municipalities, the Clarington Diversity Committee, and any other interested parties.

Yours truly,


June Gallagher, B.A., Dipl. M.A.
Municipal Clerk

JG/lh

- c: The Honourable Paul Calandra, M.P.P., Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Honourable Todd McCarthy, M.P.P., Durham - Todd.McCarthy@pc.ola.org
The Honourable David Piccini, M.P.P., Northumberland-Peterborough South - david.piccini@pc.ola.org
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Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering - clerks@pickering.ca
Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services, Town of Ajax - clerks@ajax.ca
Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham - clerks@durham.ca
Christopher Harris, Town Clerk, Town of Whitby - clerk@whitby.ca
R. Walton, Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk, Township of Scugog – clerks@scugog.ca
Fernando Lamanna, Clerk/Deputy CAO, Township of Brock - clerks@brock.ca
Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge - dleroux@uxbridge.ca
Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa - clerks@oshawa.ca
P. Da Silva, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism (IDEA) Officer
H. Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
C. MacDonald, Councillors' Office Assistant
J. O'Meara, Policy and Communications Advisor




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March 27, 2024

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Hon. Doug Ford
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(doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

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Re: Proposed Ontario Get It Done Act

Oshawa City Council passed the following Notice of Motion at its meeting of February 26, 2024:

“Whereas on February 15, 2024 the Province announced it will be introducing new legislation in the Legislature’s spring sitting beginning February 20, 2024 to be described as the Get It Done Act regarding the Province of Ontario Banning Road Tolls, Freezing Driver’s Licence Fees to Keep Costs Down; and,

Whereas the ban on road tolls will only be on future road tolls; and,

Whereas the Highway 407 East from Brock Road, Pickering to Highway 33/115 is the only section of Highway 407 with tolls, which is not leased; and,

Whereas effective June 2023 the Province removed the tolls on Highway 412 and 418 when the Provincial government approved changes to the Highway 407 East Act, 2012, as part of the Fewer Fees, Better Services Act, passed in 2022; and,

Whereas now is the time to approve amendments to the Get It Done Act for the members elected to the Ontario Legislature to remove the tolls on the Highway 407 East extension from Brock Road to Highway 35/115 and relieve the burden on the economy of Oshawa and Durham Region municipalities, their households, businesses, associations and institutions;

Now therefore the City of Oshawa request the Province of Ontario to amend the Get It Done Act to include the banning of road tolls on the existing Highway 407 East from Brock Road, Pickering to Highway 35/115 and this motion be shared for support at the Councils of the Region of Durham, the Townships of Brock, Uxbridge and Scugog, the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby, Municipality of Clarington, the City of Peterborough, and the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation and all Durham Region M.P.P’s.”

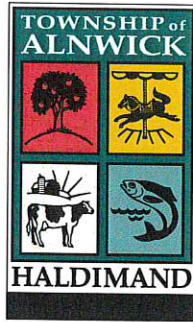
If you need further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact me, at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.




Mary Medeiros
Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk

/jl

c:
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Region of Durham
All Durham Municipalities
The City of Peterborough
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March 28, 2024

David Piccini, MPP
Northumberland-Peterborough South
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street,
Port Hope, ON L1A 1C5

Dear Sir:

RE: Support of Resolution – Highway Traffic Act Amendments, Automated Speed Enforcement Systems

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand at their Regular Council Meeting on September 5th, 2023, passed the following resolution supporting the resolutions of the Municipality of St. Charles and City of Cambridge regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments:

Moved by Councillor Greg Booth, seconded by Councillor Mary Catherine O'Neill;

"Whereas Council reviewed the correspondence "Highway Traffic Act Amendments, Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Systems" from the Municipality of St. Charles, and the Resolution from the City of Cambridge;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand support amendments to the Highway Traffic Act that would allow municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities, and as determined by municipalities, and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones; and

Further that Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to local MPP David Piccini, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED

A copy of the above noted resolution from both the Municipality of St. Charles and the City of Cambridge is attached for your reference.

Yours truly,

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

Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
905-349-2822 ext. 32
ymelburn@ahtwp.ca

Encl.

Cc: (via email)
Clerk, City of Cambridge
Clerk, Municipality of St. Charles
Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
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The City of Cambridge
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mantond@cambridge.ca**

May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

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

The Office of the Mayor
Ian Boddy
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March 28, 2024

Via Email

Re: Support for the Province to Expand the Life Span of Fire Apparatus

The City of Owen Sound's Corporate Services Committee, at its meeting held on February 8, 2024, considered correspondence from the County of Prince Edward respecting support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements. As a result, Resolution No. 2024-46 CR-240208-008 was carried:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the February 8th Corporate Services Committee agenda, the Corporate Services Committee recommends that City Council request that the Mayor send a letter in support of the Prince Edward County resolution to the 444 municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), Premier Doug Ford, Rick Byers, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, and Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing."

Owen Sound City Council at its meeting held on February 26, 2024, considered the [minutes](#) of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on February 8, 2024, and passed Resolution No. R-240226-014:

"THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on February 8, 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

A safe, reliable, and diverse fleet of fire apparatus is required to serve the operational needs of all our communities.

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

Sincerely,





Ian C. Boddy
Mayor


cc: 444 Municipalities in Ontario
Owen Sound City Council
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC)
Premier Doug Ford
Rick Byers, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP
The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training &
Skills Development
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 20 Feb 2024

Item d)

Date: February 20, 2024

Moved by 
Seconded by 

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CR39-2024

WHEREAS the Council of Prince Edward County (PEC) passed the following resolution at their January 16, 2024 regular meeting:

WHEREAS By-Law 3256-2013, being a By-Law to Establish, Maintain, and Operate a Fire Department established service level standards for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve 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 Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS on November 16, 2023, Council, received report FD-06-2023 regarding asset Management - Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet 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 though they can still meet the safety regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

THAT the Mayor draft a letter to FUS 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;

THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing 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).


AND WHEREAS the Township of Terrace Bay supports the resolution and initiative of Prince Edward County;


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution of support be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

THAT this resolution of support 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, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association

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	Yes 	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		




Mayor

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 20 Feb 2024

Item a)

Date: February 20, 2024

Moved by 
Seconded by 

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CR37-2024

WHEREAS the following resolution was passed by Council of the City of Greater Sudbary on December 5, 2023: CC2023-303:

WHEREAS in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbary (the "City") entered into a contract with a contractor experienced in road construction projects to complete a project on Elgin Street in the City's downtown core;

AND WHEREAS the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the "Act");

AND WHEREAS an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

AND WHEREAS the City was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

AND WHEREAS after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found the City to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in dismissal of the City's appeal;

AND WHEREAS the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume plenary oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor;

AND WHEREAS the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, France Gelinas, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

AND WHEREAS the Township of Terrace of Terrace Bay supports the City of Greater Sudbury's request that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

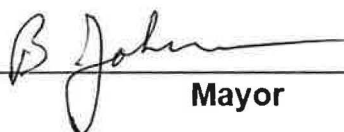
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Terrace Bay also requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Lise Vaugeois, MPP for Thunder Bay Superior North, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor

**Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 04 Mar 2024**

Item a)

CR59-2024

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	March 28, 2024 9:49 am
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Date: March 4, 2024

Moved by *[Signature]*
Seconded by *[Signature]*

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		

Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item b)

Date: March 4, 2024

Moved by *Gary Adduono*
 Seconded by *[Signature]*

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CR60-2024

WHEREAS access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Terrace Bay;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the Township of Terrace Bay supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ ^{Terrace Bay} recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification;

AND FURTHER, that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ ^{Terrace Bay} supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;


AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Lise Vaugeois, Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay - Superior North, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		

Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor


Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 18 Mar 2024

Item a)

Date: March 18, 2024

Moved by
 Seconded by



 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
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CR78-2024

WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

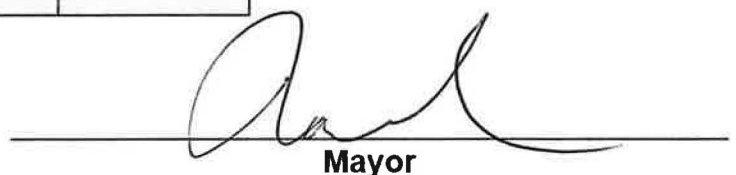
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Vaugeois and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as required.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor



THE TOWNSHIP OF
GREATER MADAWASKA

Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
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Council Resolution Form

Date: 21 Mar 2024 No: Resolution No.61-24
 Moved By: Councillor Popkie Disposition: CARRIED.
Seconded by Councillor Thomson
 Item No: 12.1

Description: Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

RESOLUTION:

That Council support the resolution passed by the Council of Tay Township during their December 20, 2023 Council Meeting regarding the Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request, including that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider several points of concern to assist municipalities with the growing concern of cemetery transfers;

And furthermore, that a copy of this resolution and a copy Tay Township's resolution be circulated to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
.....n/a.....		
	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
R. Weir	_____	_____



MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:
n/a.....
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
 abstained from discussion and did not vote

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Received December 21, 2023
C-2023-442

December 21, 2023

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

sent via email Todd.McCarthy@pc.ola.org

Dear Hon. Todd McCarthy,

Re: Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request – Tay Township

Tay Township Council passed the following resolution during the December 20, 2023 Council Meeting regarding the Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request:

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;

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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 Tay 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 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.

Sent on behalf of Tay Township Council.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katelyn Johns'.

Katelyn Johns, MPPA
Municipal Clerk

Cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities/MPP, and all Ontario municipalities.



Council Resolution Form

Date: 21 Mar 2024 No: Resolution No.62-24
 Moved By: Councillor Tripp Disposition: CARRIED.
Seconded by Councillor Popkie
 Item No: 12.2

Description: Occupational Health and Safety Act Definition of "Employer"

RESOLUTION:

That Council support Resolution CC2023-303 passed by the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023 regarding the Amendment of the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer", including that the definition of "employer" excludes owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

And furthermore that a copy of this resolution and a copy of the City of Greater Sudbury's resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
.....n/a.....		
	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
R. Weir	_____	_____



MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:
n/a.....
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
 abstained from discussion and did not vote

December 12, 2023

Sent Via Email

Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"

The following resolution was passed by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023:

CC2023-303: WHEREAS in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (the "City") entered into a contract with a contractor experienced in road construction projects to complete a project on Elgin Street in the City's downtown core;

AND WHEREAS the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the "Act");

AND WHEREAS an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

AND WHEREAS the City was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

AND WHEREAS after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found the City to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in dismissal of the City's appeal;

AND WHEREAS the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume plenary oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor; AND WHEREAS the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

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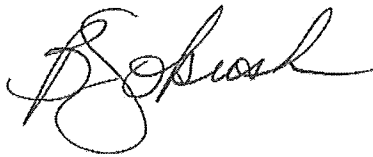
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AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, France Gelin, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,

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

Brigitte Sobush
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

- c. Members of City Council
Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

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March 25, 2024

Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	March 28, 2024 7:47 am
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Resolution Number: ~~2024-061~~

Moved By:

Seconded By:

WHEREAS the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Fire Department is comprised of a Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and has two fire stations, which are both staffed with three Captains and a complement of volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Fire Department volunteer firefighters typically do not reach the 200-hour threshold within a calendar year to qualify for an increase to the tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada should support all volunteer firefighters whether or not they accumulate 200-hours of volunteer services within a calendar year; and

WHEREAS the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Fire Department and Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal believe that all volunteer firefighters that have actively contributed to their communities through firefighting and search and rescue services should be recognized and included within the Bill C-310 to increase the amount of the tax credits permitted; and

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters and search and rescue services that have accumulated between 0 to 199 hours of volunteer services should be considered with Bill C-310 for an increase to the amount of tax credit from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsection 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for any member that has completed between 0 to 199 hours of volunteer services in a calendar year.

Carried
 Defeated
 Unanimous

Mayor:

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		

i)2.

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

March 25, 2024

Resolution Number ~~2024-~~ 0601
 Moved By: [Signature]
 Seconded By: [Signature]

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipal Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal supports Bonfield Township Resolution No. 15 calling upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsection 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000.


Carried Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: _____

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____		
NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		



CLEARVIEW
TOWNSHIP

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Date & Time Received:	March 28, 2024 9:46 am
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Clerk's Department
 Township of Clearview
 Box 200, 217 Gideon Street
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 Phone: 705-428-6230

March 27, 2024

Honourable Arif Virani
 Minister of Justice & Attorney General
 House of Commons
 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Sent by Email

RE: Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview at its meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following resolution in support of the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas The Canadian Federal Government has drafted Bill C-63, The Online Harms Act, currently in front of Parliament and has had its first reading; and,

Whereas Bill C-63 requires that online tech companies and social media platforms remove child pornography and other dangerous content within 24 hours once the operator identifies the content, while also mandating the following duties:

- Duty to protect children;
- Duty to act responsibly;
- Duty to remove egregious content; and,

Whereas The Canadian Federal Government proposes to establish a "Digital Safety Commission" and nominate an "independent" Ombudsperson to proactively circumvent potential harms on behalf of Canadians; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to adhere to existing Criminal Laws; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to be held accountable to keep platforms safe from predators targeting children and other vulnerable Canadians and to protect them from bullying, hate, extremism, violence, discrimination, self harm, exploitation and sexual extortion that can lead to the most dire of consequences; and,

Whereas Clearview Township, as all Canadians, endeavours to foster safe homes, communities, schools and public spaces;

Be It Resolved That the Mayor and Council of Clearview Township endorse the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a "digital safety commission" and nomination of an "independent" Ombudsperson; and,

That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Terry Dowdall, MP; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada. Motion Carried.

Sincerely,



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

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Simcoe Grey MP Terry Dowdall
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities

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**CORPORATION OF THE
 TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**
Council Meeting

Resolution # 11

Date: Monday, March 25, 2024

Moved by: Carma Williams

Seconded by: Michael Madden

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario’s economic prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; and

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can’t afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need; and

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and further.

Carried

Deferred

Defeated

 Mayor / Deputy Mayor




TOWN OF SHELburne

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No. 08

Date: 3/25/24
Moved: Councillor Benotto
Seconded by: Councillor Wegener

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	April 02, 2024 8:53 am
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Shelburne encourages all levels of government to eradicate all forms of racism especially Islamophobia and antisemitism, and that this motion be sent to our MP and MPP and all municipalities.

CARRIED, W. Mills

Requested Vote to be Recorded Yes No

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Mills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deputy Mayor Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Benotto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Fegan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Guchardi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Sample	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Wegener	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

March 28, 2024


Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of March 26, 2024 the following resolution regarding support for 'a call to action' to meet the deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025 was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-151

DATE: March 26, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Pennell

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
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WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians With Disabilities Act (AODA) is ground-breaking legislation, created to help people with disabilities fully participate in society, bring them to the table in crafting regulations, and build mechanisms to enforce standards;

WHEREAS Rich Donovan, an expert in accessibility issues, was appointed as the Independent Reviewer of the Act in 2022, and in his 2023 legislative review declared a crisis as a necessary catalyst to get Ontario back on track for accessibility;

WHEREAS at least 2.9 million Ontarians currently live with a disability, representing at least 22% of the consumer base and the workforce, but due to barriers, Ontarians with disabilities are too often falling short of their full potential;

WHEREAS the AODA aims to develop, implement and enforce standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings before Jan. 1, 2025, and municipalities, as the level of government closest to the people are at the front lines, developing, implementing and enforcing these standards without meaningful guidance on its implementation and/or enforcement by the Province;

WHEREAS people with disabilities and advocates, including Prince Edward County's Accessibility Advisory Committee, note the slow pace of current and previous Ontario governments in implementing the AODA and there are growing concerns there will be no renewed push to keep accessibility issues at the forefront after 2025;

WHEREAS Prince Edward County is dedicated and committed to creating a welcoming environment so that all people may have equitable access to programs, goods, services and facilities, but making investments to achieve the AODA

standards has been challenging given the lack of consistent and stable funding for municipalities to remove accessibility barriers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Prince Edward County strongly encourages action on the part of the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) create a "Municipal Accessibility Fund" for municipalities to develop, implement and enforce AODA standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings. Such a fund could be modeled after the Canada Community-Building Fund or the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund on a per household basis;
- b) to commit to working with municipalities to implement the Donovan Review immediate crisis recommendations;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor write a letter in support of this resolution to the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor MacNaughton, Councillor Pennell, and Marcia Wallace, CAO



March 28, 2024

Larry Brock, MP Brant
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To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held March 26, 2024 adopted the following:

12.6.13 Home Heating Sustainability

WHEREAS home heating energy costs is a major and onerous burden for Seniors and those with limited or fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS the cost of natural gas to heat homes continues to climb due to many factors such as inaccurate meter readings, inflation, delivery and customer charges, carbon tax, among others, causing financial strain for many citizens; and

WHEREAS 3.8 million households in Ontario currently use natural gas for home heating, representing about 70 per cent of Ontario households; and

WHEREAS the carbon tax charged on heating bills is highly dependent on the amount of natural gas used and accounts for 20-25% of the utility bill; and

WHEREAS Canadians have no choice but to heat their homes throughout the winter; and

WHEREAS no citizen should have to choose between putting food on the table or heating their homes; and

WHEREAS the carbon tax is increasing as of April 1, 2024 to \$0.15 per cubic meter for natural gas, and the carbon tax rebate for homeowners is also increasing; and

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WHEREAS Ontario homeowners can now expect to receive \$1,120 annually for the rebate on average and the rebate will be renamed to the Canada Carbon Rebate; and

WHEREAS starting on January 1, 2024, both SaskEnergy and SaskPower removed the federal carbon tax from home heating, resulting in savings for approximately 98 per cent of Saskatchewan families by exempting them from carbon tax on home heating oil; and

WHEREAS the Canadian government has implemented new measures to help Atlantic Canadians lower their energy bills by making the average heat pump free to help low- to median-income Canadians switch to cleaner fuel and incentivizing the switch to heat pumps with \$250 upfront payments; and

WHEREAS the Canadian and Ontario governments have discontinued grant and rebate programs for Ontarians to retrofit their homes to be energy efficient such as Ontario's green home-retrofit rebate program, the ecoENERGY home retrofit program, and the Canada Greener Homes Grant, making it difficult for homeowners to reduce their reliance on natural gas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Federal Government exclude home heating from the federal carbon tax to reduce the burden on citizens, as has been done in Saskatchewan; and
- B. THAT the Federal and Provincial Governments reinstate home energy retrofit rebate and grant programs to help Brantford residents retrofit their homes to be more energy efficient and provide barrier-free options for switching to less carbon-intensive fuel sources to lower their utility bills and avoid the carbon tax; and
- C. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to The Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, The Provincial Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, The City of Brantford Member of Parliament, The Honourable Larry Brock, The City of Brantford Member of Provincial Parliament, The Honourable Will Bouma, and to each municipality in Ontario; and
- D. THAT the Mayor of the City of Brantford request that this resolution be added as an agenda item for consideration by the Ontario Big City's Mayor Caucus.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Honourable Steven Guilbeault
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RE: CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY AMENDMENTS EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority’s (TRCA) Board of Directors is pleased to have endorsed the [Report on the Conservation Authorities Act Legislative and Regulatory Amendments Effective April 1, 2024](#) at its meeting on March 22, 2024 adopting Resolution A#38/24 as follows:

WHEREAS the pending proclamation of amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act) and associated regulations, as summarized in this report, come into force on April 1, 2024;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Interim Policy and Procedure Guidance set out in the attachments to this report be approved for implementation of the legislative and regulatory changes;

AND FURTHER THAT effective April 1, 2024, pursuant to Section 21.2 of the CA Act, the Board of Directors delegate decisions related to requests for the reconsideration of fees to the Chief Executive Officer;

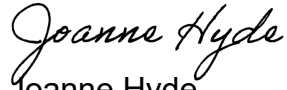
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AND FURTHER THAT effective April 1, 2024, pursuant to Section 28.4 of the CA Act and associated regulation, the Board of Directors delegate decisions related to requests for the reconsideration of complete application determinations to the Chief Executive Officer;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk and Manager, Policy so advise the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, TRCA municipal partners, Conservation Ontario and the TRCA-BILD Working Group.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Laurie Nelson, Director, Policy Planning laurie.nelson@trca.ca or (437) 880-2282.

Sincerely,



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[Attachment 1 Exceptions from Requirements for Permit Applications](#)

[Attachment 2 Fees Policy](#)

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[Attachment 4 Complete Applications Permit Applications](#)

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Friday, March 22, 2024 Meeting

FROM: Laurie Nelson, Director, Policy Planning

RE: CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT LEGISLATIVE AND
REGULATORY AMENDMENTS EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024

KEY ISSUE

To provide a summary of Conservation Authorities Act legislative and regulatory amendments and requirements coming into effect April 1, 2024 and to request Board of Directors approval of interim policy and procedure guidance related to these amendments.

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS the pending proclamation of amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act) and associated regulations, as summarized in this report, come into force on April 1, 2024;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Interim Policy and Procedure Guidance set out in the attachments to this report be approved for implementation of the legislative and regulatory changes;

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BACKGROUND

Since 2017, the Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act) has been amended by the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 (Bill 139), the More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 (Bill 108), the Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020 (Bill 229) and the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23). The initial amendments were made to improve governance, transparency, accountability and clarity in the roles and responsibilities of conservation authorities (CAs). The more recent amendments streamline permitting approvals under the CA Act to support the government's commitment under Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-23 to have 1.5 million homes built over the next ten years.

On February 16, 2024, the Province released two new regulations ([Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits](#) and [Ontario Regulation 42/24: Mandatory Programs and Services](#)), under the [Conservation Authorities Act](#). O. Reg. 41/24 will replace TRCA's existing individual "Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses" regulation (O. Reg. 166/06) and this single regulation will be used by all conservation authorities (CAs). O. Reg. 42/24 amends [Ontario Regulation 686/21: Mandatory Program & Service Regulation](#) to require CAs to undertake annual permitting and regulatory compliance reporting. The enactment of these regulations coincides with the proclamation of associated sections within the CA Act, all of which come into effect on April 1, 2024.

Also coming into effect on April 1, 2024 is [Ontario Regulation 688/21: Rules of Conduct in Conservation Areas](#), which replace all individual CA Section 29 regulations, including TRCA's R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 119, governing the rules of conduct in conservation areas.

The following is a summary of the key legislative and regulatory changes that will come into effect on April 1, 2024.

Legislative Proclamations - Conservation Authorities Act

New Part VI – Regulation of Areas Over Which Authorities Have Jurisdiction

The new part VI of the Act establishes the regulated area within the jurisdiction of each CA related to natural hazards including watercourses, wetlands, and development activities. Section 28(1) sets out the prohibited activities (e.g. interference in any way with a watercourse or wetland, development, etc.) within regulated areas (hazardous lands, wetlands, river or stream valleys, areas adjacent the Great Lakes, 'other areas' e.g., adjacent to wetlands), as well as certain exceptions to these prohibitions.

Section 28.1 provides for the issuance of permits despite the prohibitions 28(1), subject to the tests set out in the Act.

Permit Issuance Tests (CA Act s. 28.1)

The tests used by CAs in permit decisions:

- "conservation of land" and "pollution" tests have been removed and replaced with "unstable soils and bedrock" resulting in the following: *"the activity is not likely to affect the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or unstable soil or bedrock"*;
- a test has been added: *"the activity is not likely to create conditions or*

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circumstance that, in the event of a natural hazard, might jeopardize the health or safety of persons or result in the damage or destruction of property”.

Exceptions (CA Act, 28(2), (3), (4) & (4.1))

Enables CA permit exemptions for the following:

- continues exception for activities approved under the Aggregate Resources Act;
- adds exceptions for prescribed activities, areas of municipalities or types of authorizations under the Planning Act (Note: these exceptions must be prescribed by regulation); and
- some exceptions for low-risk development activities are prescribed in O. Reg. 41/24.

Minister’s Orders and Powers (CA Act s.28.1.1)

Provides the Minister with powers to:

- direct a CA not to issue a permit;
- direct a CA or CAs not to issue a permit for a specified period of time;
- enable the Minister to issue a permit for any activity if s.28.1 "tests" are satisfied;
- make an order before or after a CA application has been submitted (even if CA decision is pending); and
- enable the Minister to issue permit with conditions as determined appropriate.

Mandatory permits, zoning orders (s.28.1.2)

Requires CAs to issue permits for:

- projects subject to a Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator order or Minister’s Zoning Order (MZO) issued under the Planning Act and not located in the Greenbelt Area; and
- the provisions of this section are consistent with the currently in-effect MZO provisions in s.28.0.1 of the Act (i.e., updated section numbering).

Permit Appeal Process – Regular Permits (CA Act s.28.1(8), 28.1(20), 28.1(22), 28.3(3) & (6))*

Establishes additional processes for applicants to:

- request a Minister’s review of the CA’s decision where a permit was refused or the permit conditions imposed (within fifteen (15) days);
- appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) a CA’s decision to refuse a permit or issue a permit subject to conditions (appeal provisions limited where a request for a Minister’s review has been made);
- appeal to the OLT for failure of a CA to make a decision on complete permit submission within ninety (90) days; and
- appeal to the OLT permits that have been cancelled following a CA hearing (within ninety (90) days).

*Note: the above applies to Section 28.1 permits (non-zoning orders). MZO permits

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under Section 28.1.2 have similar appeal provisions, except there is no provision for refusal appeals (since MZO permits cannot be refused) and no provision for non-decision appeals (however for MZO permits, the timing for decision can be subject to a regulation made by the Lieutenant Governor, requiring that permits be issued within a specified time period).

Permit Cancellation (CA Act s.28.3)

The permit cancellation provisions were moved from the CA regulations to the Act.

Delegation of Authority (CA Act s.28.4)

The provision governing delegation of authority related to the issuance or cancellation of permits for permits were moved from the CA regulations to the Act.

Reconsideration of Fees (CA Act s.21.2(11-12))

Establishes new provisions to allow for the reconsideration of user fees:

- a person who believes they were charged a fee contrary to the fee schedule, or that the fee is excessive, may ask a CA to reconsider the fee that was charged; and
- upon reconsideration of the fee that was charged, a CA may uphold the fee, vary the amount of the fee, or order that no fee be charged.

Reconsideration of Fees for Permit Applications (CA Act s.21.2(13-21))

Establishes new provisions to governing the reconsideration of permit application fees:

- CAs have thirty (30) days to make a decision upon receipt of the request from an applicant;
- applicants can appeal to the OLT for non-decision by the CA;
- if upon reconsideration a CA upholds the fee, it shall order the applicant to pay the fee and the applicant may pay the fee under protest and appeal to the OLT within 30 days; and
- the OLT may dismiss an applicant's appeal or may vary the amount or order that no fee be charged and order a CA to provide a refund.

New Part VII Enforcement and Offences (CA Act s.30.1 – 30.7)

This new section covers the enforcement and offences powers which include:

- appointment of officers;
- entry without warrants for permit application and compliance (subject to criteria and no entry to dwellings or buildings); searches with warrant and without warrant (subject to criteria);
- ability to issue "stop orders" under certain circumstances; and
- enhanced penalty provisions upon conviction and power of the court to issue rehabilitation orders.

Summary of Regulatory Changes

The following is a summary of the key regulatory changes that will come into effect on April 1, 2024. **It is important that O. Reg 41/24 be read in conjunction with the CA Act.**

Single Permit Regulation for all CAs

[O. Reg. 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits](#) will replace TRCA's existing individual "Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses" regulation (Ontario Regulation 166/06). This new regulation applies to all CAs.

Definitions (O. Reg. 41/24, s.1)

- definitions were moved from the CA Act to O. Reg. 41/24;
- revised definition of a watercourse from "an identifiable depression in the ground in which a flow of water regularly or continuously occurs" to "a defined channel, having a bed or banks or sides, in which a flow of water regularly or continuously occurs"; and
- the definition of "development" remains the same but is now referred to as "development activity".

Prohibited Activities (O. Reg. 41/24, s.2)

Changes to the activities and areas where a CA permit is required:

- the distance CAs now regulate around all wetlands is 30 metres.

Note: This is a reduction in the 120-metre regulated area around Provincially Significant Wetlands and all wetlands on the Oak Ridges Moraine as set out in TRCA's Ontario Regulation 166/06. Since 2019, TRCA has implemented a permit streamlining measure and applied a 30-metre distance to all wetlands in the urban built boundary.

Applicable Flood Event Standards (O. Reg. 41/24, s.3)

- No changes for TRCA.

Maps of regulated areas (O. Reg. 41/24 s.4)

Enhances mapping provisions requiring a CA to:

- make regulation mapping publicly available on website;
- annually review mapping to determine if updates are required; and
- notification to municipalities, public, stakeholders of significant updates.

Note: Under Section 4(5) of O. Reg. 41/24, in the case of a conflict between the description of the areas where a permit is required in the CA Act and regulation and the depiction of those areas on the mapping, the description in the CA Act and regulation prevail over the maps, i.e., the text in the CA Act and regulation prevail over the regulation mapping. This approach is consistent with TRCA's existing regulation and mapping.

Exceptions (O. Reg. 41/24 s.5)

Outlines CA permit exemptions for specified low-risk development activities, including small non-habitable structures not located in a watercourse or wetland (refer to Attachment 1). These provisions in the regulation are prescribed pursuant to Section 28(3).

Pre-submission Consultation & Complete Applications (O. Reg. 41/24 s.6 & 7)

- CAs to engage in pre-submission consultations to confirm permit requirements; and
- complete application requirements as set out in the regulation, including any other technical information, studies or plans the authority requests.

Prescribed Review Timelines (O. Reg. 41/24, s.7):

- deeming an application complete (or incomplete) within 21 days of receiving an application, including the associated landowner authorization and a fee;
- limiting the ability for a conservation authority to ask for additional studies, technical information or plans once an application has been deemed complete (unless applicant agrees); and
- requiring a conservation authority to make a decision on a permit, once deemed complete, within 90 days.

Administrative Reviews re Deeming Application Complete (O. Reg. 41/24 s.8)

New provisions allow applicants to request a CA administrative review if:

- notice for deeming application complete (or incomplete) has not been received within 21 days;
- applicant disagrees with the decision that an application is incomplete; or
- applicant disagrees that the request for information, studies or plans is reasonable.

Note: CAs must undertake administrative reviews within thirty (30) days of receiving a request to confirm if the application is complete, provide reasons why the application is incomplete or provide reasons why the request for information, studies or plans is reasonable. There is no appeal mechanism under the CA Act if the applicant disagrees with the outcome of the administrative review.

Permit Conditions (O. Reg. 41/24 s.9)

An authority may attach conditions on a permit issued under section 28.1 of the Act only if, in the opinion of the authority, the conditions:

- assist in preventing or mitigating any effects that control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or unstable soil or bedrock;
- assist in preventing or mitigating any effects on human health or safety or any damage or destruction of property in the event of a natural hazard; or
- support administration or implementation of the permit, including reporting and

notification, monitoring, and compliance with the permit.

Period of Validity of permits and extensions (O. Reg. 41/24 s.11)

- the maximum validity of a permit issued under sections 28.1, 28.1.1 and 28.1.2 of the Act, including any extensions is 60 months; and
- sets out provisions related to permits and extensions for the maximum period of validity, less than 60 months.

Policy and Procedure Documents (O. Reg. 41/24 s.12)

Requirement for CAs to develop policy and procedure documents that include:

- details of pre-consultation processes and complete application requirements;
- procedures of the permit review process;
- standard timelines for a CA to make a decision for permit once deemed complete; and
- any other policies or procedures, as the authority considers advisable for purposes of administering the issuance of permits under Part VI of the Act; and
- a process for the periodic review of policies and procedures.

Reporting Requirements (O. Reg. 42/24)

[O. Reg. 42/24](#) amends O. Reg. 686/21: Mandatory Program & Service Regulation to require CAs to undertake annual reporting outlining statistics on permits and compliance with the requirements of O. Reg. 41/24.

New Section 29 Regulation (O. Reg.688/21)

A single Section 29 regulation governing the rules of conduct in conservation areas, [Ontario Regulation 688/21: Rules of Conduct in Conservation Areas](#), will come into effect on April 1, 2024, replacing all individual CA regulations, including TRCA's R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 119. The consolidated regulation is generally the same as the existing individual regulations. The appointment of officers to enforce this regulation resides in Section 30.1 of the Act and is covered in a separate report to the Board of Directors to be considered at the March 22, 2024 meeting.

RATIONALE

General Implications and Implementation Actions

TRCA commented on the legislative and regulatory changes described in this report when they were introduced by the Province through legislation (e.g., Bill 229 and Bill 23) and through consultations posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. Many of the administrative related changes are consistent with current TRCA practices (e.g., pre-consultation and complete application requirements, annual regulation mapping updates, annual reporting on service delivery for permit applications, etc.). TRCA staff will have to further examine the impacts of the changed definition of a watercourse and changed regulatory distance from wetlands in the context of development proposals in our jurisdiction. The new definition of a watercourse appears to weaken protections for previously impacted headwater streams or drainage features where development is proposed recognizing that some of these areas may still also be protected through other

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regulatory policies related to flooding and hazards. In the case of wetlands, for non urban and urbanizing areas of TRCA's jurisdiction the reduced regulatory standard of 30m from 120m will limit TRCA's ability to mitigate negative impacts of proposed uses on wetlands through the land use and permit review process.

The period from the release of the regulations to when the legislative and regulatory changes come into effect was limited to six weeks. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry conducted a webinar for conservation authorities on March 7, 2024 and provided a technical overview of the legislative and regulatory changes. The updated legislation and regulations will require updating of current policies, procedures, and guidelines to be consistent with the Act and regulations. TRCA has prioritized the following actions to meet the implementation of these changes by April 1, 2024:

Maps of Regulated Areas:

TRCA's annual regulation mapping update to reflect the most current information available related to regulated natural hazards and natural features, as well as the technical requirements of O. Regulation 41/24, is covered in a separate report to the Board of Directors for its March 22, 2024 meeting. Following endorsement by the Board, the mapping will be distributed for municipal screening purposes and posted on the website for the effective date of April 1, 2024.

Re-Designation of Staff to Approve and Sign Permits

Section 28.4 of the amended CA Act enables the Authority to delegate positive permit approval authority to designated staff. This delegation provision exists within TRCA's current permit regulation, O. Reg. 166/06. On June 22, 2023, at meeting #5/22, RES.#A 82/22, was approved as follows:

WHEREAS TRCA is committed to streamline administrative processes associated with the implementation of its regulatory permitting responsibilities under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS TRCA's Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, Ontario Regulation 166/06 as amended, enables TRCA to designate one or more employees to grant permissions for development or permission for alteration in accordance with the regulation;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT TRCA designate the following senior positions to approve and sign permits: Chief Executive Officer, Director, Development and Engineering Services, Associate Director, Senior Manager, and Senior Planner positions within the Development Planning and Permits Business Unit and Associate Director, Senior Manager, and Senior Planner positions within the Infrastructure Planning and Permits Business Unit.

Re-designation of the above noted staff positions is recommended to implement the legislative and regulatory changes coming into effect on April 1, 2024.

No change is being proposed to the current permit reporting procedures on issued permits for information of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors or those

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permits that require approval of the Executive or Board (e.g., major permits, MZO related permits).

Enforcement and Compliance

The appointment of officers under Section 30.1 of the CA Act for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Act and regulations is covered in a separate report to the Board of Directors on March 22, 2024.

Minister's Direction – Fees

On November 10, 2022, the Board of Directors approved the 2023-2024 Planning, Permitting and Infrastructure Planning Fee Schedules and these have been in effect since that time. On December 28, 2022, all CAs received notification that a Minister's Direction pursuant to subsection 21.3(1) of the CA Act had been issued with the effect of preventing any changes to these fee schedules for the 2023 calendar year both in terms of fee rates and fee classification for fees related to permitting and to review and commenting on development related proposals or applications, such as applications made under the Planning Act. On December 13, 2023, all CAs received notification that this Minister's Direction would remain in effect from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. TRCA's existing 2023-2024 Planning, Permitting and Infrastructure Planning Fee Schedules therefore continue to be applicable. TRCA fees for other programs and services are not affected by this Direction and may continue to be reviewed per the normal course of business.

Interim Policy and Procedure Guidance:

TRCA has developed the following to align with the CA Act legislation and regulation:

1. **Exceptions from Requirement for Permit Applications** (Attachment 1)
2. **Fees Policy** (Attachment 2)
3. **Pre-Submission Consultation: Permit Applications** (Attachment 3)
4. **Complete Applications: Permit Applications** (Attachment 4)

Administrative

Staff will be updating regulatory and legislative references on all applications, forms, website, database systems, etc.

Notifications

TRCA will notify municipal staff, stakeholders and the TRCA-BILD Working Group about the key legislative and regulatory changes and update the TRCA website accordingly.

Training

Internal staff training will be held for TRCA staff. External municipal and stakeholder training will be conducted, upon request. In addition, the Province will be requested to support and or conduct training on any areas where implementation issues are identified.

Relationship to TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following Pillars and Outcomes set forth in TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan:

Pillar 1 Environmental Protection and Hazard Management:

1.1 Deliver provincially mandated services pertaining to flood and erosion hazards

Pillar 1 Environmental Protection and Hazard Management:

1.4 Balance development and growth to protect the natural environment ensuring safe sustainable development

Pillar 2 Knowledge Economy:

2.3 Advocacy and adaptability in the face of policy pressures

Pillar 2 Knowledge Economy:

2.4 Integrate environmental considerations and science into decision making

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Staff are engaged in this policy analysis work per the normal course of duty, with funding support provided by TRCA's participating municipalities to account 120-12. Programs and services related to ensuring that TRCA satisfies its duties, functions, and responsibilities to administer and enforce the provisions of Parts VI and VII of the Act and any regulations made under those Parts, are mandatory under O. Reg. 686/21.

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

TRCA staff will execute the priority action items as set out in this report to meet the legislative and regulatory changes that come into effect April 1, 2024. Given the scope of changes, it is anticipated that there will be additional actions required, (e.g., updated policies, guidelines, procedures, etc.). Staff will report on these at the appropriate time, as well as any implications to TRCA's permitting and compliance program and services arising from the implementation of the legislative and regulatory changes.

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Attachment 1: Exceptions From Requirement for Permit Applications

Attachment 2: Fees Policy

Attachment 3: Pre-Submission Consultation: Permit Applications

Attachment 4: Complete Applications: Permit Applications

Attachment 1: Exceptions from Requirements for Permit Applications

TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY INTERIM POLICY AND PROCEDURE GUIDANCE APRIL 1, 2024

EXCEPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENT FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 28.1 OF THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

Pursuant to Section 28(3) and Section 5 of O. Reg. 41/24, a permit is not required for development activity described below:

- (a) the construction, reconstruction, erection or placement of,
 - (i) a seasonal or floating dock that,
 - (A) is 10 square metres or less,
 - (B) does not require permanent support structures, and
 - (C) can be removed in the event of flooding,
 - (ii) a rail, chain-link or panelled fence with a minimum of 75 millimetres of width between panels, that is not within a wetland or watercourse,
 - (iii) agricultural in-field erosion control structures that are not within and that do not have any outlet of water directed or connected to a watercourse, wetland or river or stream valley,
 - (iv) a non-habitable accessory building or structure that,
 - (A) is incidental or subordinate to the principal building or structure,
 - (B) is 15 square metres or less, and
 - (C) is not within a wetland or watercourse, or
 - (v) an unenclosed detached deck or patio that is 15 square metres or less, is not placed within a watercourse or wetland and does not utilize any method of cantilevering;
- (b) the installation of new tile drains that are not within a wetland or watercourse, within 30 metres of a wetland or within 15 metres of a watercourse, and that have an outlet of water that is not directed or connected to a watercourse, wetland or river or stream valley, or the maintenance or repair of existing tile drains;
- (c) the installation, maintenance or repair of a pond for watering livestock that is not connected to or within a watercourse or wetland, within 15 metres of a wetland or a watercourse, and

where no excavated material is deposited within an area where subsection 28 (1) of the Act applies;

(d) the maintenance or repair of a driveway or private lane that is outside of a wetland or the maintenance or repair of a public road, provided that the driveway or road is not extended or widened and the elevation, bedding materials and existing culverts are not altered;

(e) the maintenance or repair of municipal drains as described in, and conducted in accordance with the mitigation requirements set out in the Drainage Act and the Conservation Authorities Act Protocol, approved by the Minister and available on a government of Ontario website, as it may be amended from time to time; and

(f) the reconstruction of a non-habitable garage with no basement, if the reconstruction does not exceed the existing footprint of the garage and does not allow for a change in the potential use of the garage to create a habitable space.

Attachment 2: Fees Policy

TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY INTERIM POLICY AND PROCEDURE GUIDANCE APRIL 1, 2024

FEES AND FEE SCHEDULES UNDER SECTION 21.2(7) OF THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

Fee Schedules

1. (1) In accordance with Section 21.2 of the Act, TRCA shall maintain fee schedules that set out,
 - (a) the list of programs and services TRCA provides and in respect of which it charges a fee; and
 - (b) the amount of the fee charged for each program or service or the manner in which the fee is determined.
- (2) TRCA's fee schedules shall include user fees for programs and services only if the program or service is included in the Minister's list of programs and services in respect of which a conservation authority may charge a fee, made pursuant to Section 21.3 of the Act.
- (3) TRCA's Fee Schedules shall be made available to the public on its website and by any other means that any affected TRCA business units consider appropriate.

Periodic Review of Policy

2. TRCA shall review this policy no less frequently than every five years, and may undertake a review of the fees set out in the fee schedules annually, subject to any Minister's direction regarding fee changes made under Section 23.1(1) of the Act. TRCA shall give notice to the public of any review on its website and by any other means that any affected TRCA business units consider appropriate.

Notice of Changes to Fee Policy and Fee Schedules

3. If, after a review of a fee policy or at any other time, TRCA makes a change to the fee policy or list of fees set out in the fee schedules or to the amount of any fee or the manner in which a fee is determined, TRCA shall give notice of the proposed change to the public on its website and by any other means that any affected TRCA business units consider appropriate.

Reconsideration of Fee Charged

4. Any person who considers that TRCA has charged a fee that is contrary to the fees set out in a fee schedule, or that the fee set out in the fee schedule is excessive in relation to the service or program for which it is charged, may apply to TRCA in accordance with the procedure for reconsideration set out in this policy and request that TRCA reconsider the fee that was charged.

Powers of TRCA on Reconsideration

5. (1) Upon reconsideration of a fee that was charged for a program or service, TRCA may,
- (a) order the person to pay the fee in the amount originally charged;
 - (b) vary the amount of the fee originally charged, as TRCA considers appropriate; or
 - (c) order that no fee be charged for the program or service.

Reconsideration of Fees for Permit Applications

6. If TRCA receives a request for reconsideration of a fee charged for an application for a permit made under subsection 28.1(2) of the Act, TRCA shall make its decision within 30 days after receiving the request.

Appeal if No Decision on Reconsideration of Fees for Permit Application

7. If TRCA fails to reconsider a fee charged for an application for a permit made under subsection 28.1(2) of the Act within 30 days of receiving the request for reconsideration, the person who made the request may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in accordance with the provisions of Section 21.2 of the Act.

Procedure for Reconsideration

8. (1) Where TRCA receives a request for reconsideration of a fee charged, the request will be addressed by the Director with responsibility for the fee schedule to which the reconsideration request relates.

(2) The responsible Director shall conduct a review of the request and make a recommendation to the Chief Executive Officer for decision.

(3) TRCA shall provide its decision in accordance with Section 21.2 of the Act.

Payment of Fee for Permit Application After Reconsideration

9. If, after reconsideration of a fee charged for an application for a permit made under subsection 28.1(2) of the Act, TRCA orders a person to pay the fee under clause 5(1) (a) or (b), the person shall pay the fee in accordance with the order.

Payment of Fee for Permit Application under Protest and Appeal

10. A person who pays a fee under Section 9 for an application for a permit made under subsection 28.1(2) of the Act may,

(a) when paying the fee, indicate to TRCA in writing that the fee is being paid under protest; and

(b) appeal the amount charged by TRCA upon reconsideration to the Ontario Land Tribunal in accordance with the provisions of Section 21.2 of the Act.

Attachment 3: Pre-Submission Consultation: Permit Applications

TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY INTERIM POLICY AND PROCEDURE GUIDANCE APRIL 1, 2024

PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION: PERMIT APPLICATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 28.1 OF THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT AND PURSUANT TO O. REG. 41/24

Pre-Submission Consultation

1. (1) Prior to submitting an application for a permit under section 28.1 of the Act and pursuant to On. Reg. 41/24, TRCA and an applicant may engage in pre-submission consultation for the purposes of confirming the requirements of a complete application to obtain a permit for the activity in question, which may include,

(a) requests by TRCA to the applicant for,

(i) initial information on the proposed activity such as a description of the project and any associated plans, or

(ii) details about the property upon which the activities are proposed to be carried out, including copies of plans, maps or surveys; or

(b) meetings between the authority and the applicant prior to the submission of an application, including any site visits to the property where the activities are proposed to be carried out.

(2) If the applicant requests a pre-submission consultation under subsection 1(1), TRCA is required to engage in the pre-submission consultation.

Procedure for Pre-Submission Consultations

2. (1) Applicants are required to complete a pre-submission consultation application form.

(2) The TRCA planner will determine the form of the pre-submission consultation (i.e., email, telephone, virtual or in-person meeting).

(3) The TRCA planner will determine whether a site visit is necessary.

(4) The applicant shall pay applicable fees in accordance with TRCA's fee schedule prior to any site visit or review by TRCA of information provided under subsection 1(1).

(5) The TRCA planner shall provide written comments to the applicant including setting out the requirements for a complete application in accordance TRCA's Complete Application Policy.

Periodic Review of Policy

3. TRCA shall review this policy no less frequently than every five years or as circumstance warrant. TRCA shall give notice to the public of any review on its website and by any other means that any affected TRCA business units consider appropriate.

Attachment 4: Complete Applications: Permit Applications

TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY INTERIM POLICY AND PROCEDURE GUIDANCE APRIL 1, 2024

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS: PERMIT APPLICATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 28.1 OF THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT AND PURSUANT TO O. REG. 41/24

Complete Application Requirements

1. (1) An application for a TRCA permit made under section 28.1 of the Act and pursuant to O. Reg. 41/24 shall include:

- (a) a plan of the area showing the type and location of the proposed development activity or a plan of the area showing plan view and cross-section details of an activity to straighten, change, divert or interfere with the existing channel of a river, creek, stream or watercourse, or change or interfere with a wetland;
- (b) the proposed use of any buildings and structures following completion of the development activity or a statement of the purpose of an activity to straighten, change, divert or interfere with the existing channel of a river, creek, stream or watercourse or to change or interfere with a wetland;
- (c) the start and completion dates of the development activity or other activity;
- (d) if applicable, a description of the methods to be used in carrying out an activity to straighten, change, divert or interfere with the existing channel of a river, creek, stream or watercourse, or change or interfere with a wetland;
- (e) the elevations of existing buildings, if any, and grades and the proposed elevations of any buildings and grades after the development activity or other activity;
- (f) drainage details before and after the development activity or other activity;
- (g) a complete description of any type of fill proposed to be placed or dumped, if any;
- (h) a confirmation of authorization for the proposed development activity or other activity given by the owner of the subject property, if the applicant is not the owner; and
- (i) any other technical information, studies or plans that the authority requests including information requested during pre-submission consultations between the authority and the applicant.

(2) Upon receipt of a cover letter summarizing the submission, and a completed and signed application form, the information required under subsection 1(1) and payment by the applicant

of the application fee, TRCA shall notify the applicant in writing, within 21 days, whether or not the application complies with subsection 28.1(3) of the Act and is deemed to be a complete application. Where TRCA and an applicant engaged in pre-submission consultation, the cover letter shall refer to the requirements identified during the pre-submission consultations.

(3) If TRCA notifies an applicant under subsection 1(2) that the application is complete, TRCA shall not require new studies, technical information or plans under clause 1(1)(i) from the applicant to make a determination on the application, unless agreed to by the authority and the applicant. For greater certainty, the TRCA may ask the applicant for clarification or further details regarding any matter related to the application.

Request for Review

2. (1) An applicant may request a review if,

(a) the applicant has not received a notice from TRCA within 21 days in accordance with subsection 1(2);

(b) the applicant disagrees with the TRCA's determination that the application for a permit is incomplete; or

(c) the applicant is of the view that a request by TRCA for other information, studies or plans under clause 1(1)(i) is not reasonable.

(2) A review requested by an applicant under subsection 2(1) shall be completed by TRCA no later than 30 days after it is requested and TRCA shall, as the case may be,

(a) confirm that the application meets the requirements of subsection 1(1) and is complete or provide reasons why the application is incomplete; or

(b) provide reasons why a request for other information, studies or plans under clause 1(1)(i) is reasonable or withdraw the request for all or some of the information, studies or plans.

Procedure for Review

3. (1) A request for review should be made in writing to Director, Development and Engineering Services, using the review request form provided by TRCA, as may be updated from time to time, setting out the applicant's reasons that the application should be deemed complete, or why a request for other information, studies or plans under clause 1(1)(i) is unreasonable.

(2) The written request made pursuant to subsection 3(1) may append additional information or supporting material.

(3) The Director, Development and Engineering Services shall conduct a review of the request and make a recommendation to the Chief Executive Officer for decision.

(4) TRCA shall provide its decision to the applicant on the day the review is completed and in accordance with subsection 2(2).

Periodic Review of Policy

3. TRCA shall review this policy no less frequently than every five years or as circumstances warrant. TRCA shall give notice to the public of any review on its website and by any other means that any affected TRCA business units consider appropriate.

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March 28, 2024

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RE: CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT REGULATED AREA MAPPING

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority’s (TRCA) Board of Directors is pleased to have endorsed the [Conservation Authorities Act Regulated Area Mapping](#), at its meeting on March 22, 2024, adopting Resolution A#39/24 as follows:

WHEREAS in 2019, TRCA staff undertook the first jurisdiction-wide update to TRCA’s Section 28 Regulation mapping update since 2006 in consultation with member municipalities, the public, and the building industry;

AND WHEREAS at TRCA Board of Directors Meeting #6/19, held on Friday, June 21, 2019, Resolution #A116/19 was approved, stating that staff continue to make updates to the Regulation mapping on an annual basis;

AND WHEREAS staff have now updated the regulated area mapping to reflect the most currently available information as well as the technical requirements of Ontario Regulation 41/24 that will come into effect on April 1, 2024;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the 2023 updates to the regulation mapping be endorsed by the TRCA Board of Directors for internal use, for municipal staff screening purposes, and for public viewing on TRCA’s website;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk and Manager, Policy so advise the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, TRCA municipal partners, Conservation Ontario and the TRCA-BILD Working Group.

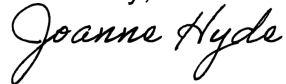
TRCA’s Section 28 Regulation mapping annual update is based upon the most current information available related to regulated natural hazards and natural features and follows the guidance provided by Conservation Ontario for regulation mapping updates.

The implementation of the updated mapping will not result in any changes to the day-to-day functions and procedures for TRCA’s roles and does not undermine the decisions made through the development review process and applications in progress do not

have to “re-start” the process based on being inside an area affected by the mapping updates.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mary-Ann Burns, Senior Manager, Planning Policy and Regulation at MaryAnn.Burns@trca.ca or (437) 880-2299.

Sincerely,



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Clerk and Manager, Policy

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Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Friday, March 22, 2024 Meeting

FROM: Laurie Nelson, Director, Policy Planning

RE: **CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT REGULATED AREA
MAPPING**
Annual Update

KEY ISSUE

Seeking Board of Directors’ endorsement of the annual update to Toronto and Region Conservation Authority’s (TRCA) regulated area mapping based upon the most current information available related to regulated natural hazards and natural features.

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS in 2019, TRCA staff undertook the first jurisdiction-wide update to TRCA’s Section 28 Regulation mapping update since 2006 in consultation with member municipalities, the public, and the building industry;

AND WHEREAS at TRCA Board of Directors Meeting #6/19, held on Friday, June 21, 2019, Resolution #A116/19 was approved, stating that staff continue to make updates to the Regulation mapping on an annual basis;

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BACKGROUND

TRCA has a regulatory permitting responsibility to protect people, the environment and property from natural hazards associated with flooding, erosion, and slope instability, and to conserve valley lands, wetlands, watercourses and the shoreline of Lake Ontario. Pursuant to Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act, TRCA administers a “Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation”, (the Regulation), approved by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and known as Ontario Regulation 166/06, as amended. Key objectives of the Regulation include preventing or reducing the risk to life and property; minimizing negative impacts on natural features, functions, and systems; and preventing the creation of new hazards or aggravation of existing hazards.

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The Regulation enables TRCA to prohibit or regulate development in areas of land associated with natural hazards, wetlands, and watercourses, collectively known as TRCA's Regulated Area.

In the Conservation Authorities Act, "development" is defined as:

- Construction, reconstruction, erection or placing of a building or structure of any kind;
- Any change to a building or structure that would have the effect of altering the use or potential use of the building or structure, increasing the size of the building or structure or increasing the number of dwelling units in the building or structure;
- Site grading; or
- Temporary or permanent placing, dumping or removal of any material, originating on the site or elsewhere.

The Regulation also prohibits, in the absence of a permit from TRCA, alteration of the channel of a watercourse and interference with a wetland.

The areas of land where TRCA's Regulation applies are:

- **River and stream valleys**, including valleys with stable and unstable slopes, plus an allowance of 15 metres surrounding the valley;
- **Floodplains and areas subject to stream-related erosion** (meander belts) where valleys are not clearly defined on the landscape, plus an allowance of 15 metres surrounding these areas;
- **Lake Ontario Shoreline**, including associated flooding, erosion, slope instability and dynamic beach erosion hazards, plus an allowance of 15 metres inland from these areas;
- **Watercourses**;
- **Wetlands and areas surrounding wetlands**, where development could interfere with the hydrologic function of a wetland (areas of interference). This includes 120 metres surrounding Provincially Significant Wetlands, wetlands on the Oak Ridges Moraine and 30 metres surrounding all other wetlands. (It should be noted that in 2019, TRCA implemented a permit streamlining measure to reduce the extent of the area of interference from 120 metres to 30 metres for mapped wetlands within the Province's Greater Golden Horseshoe Built Boundary, as updated by TRCA staff to include built urban areas since 2006.); and
- **Hazardous lands**, which are lands that could be unsafe for development due to flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or unstable soil or bedrock.

Each of these natural hazards and environmental features and the associated regulated areas are described in law through the text of the Regulation. However, given the specific geographic areas to which the Regulation applies, and the need to represent these areas visually, the Regulation also provides for the creation of regulation mapping. This mapping can be updated by TRCA as new information becomes available.

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At TRCA's Board of Directors Meeting #6/19, held on Friday, June 21, 2019, Resolution #A116/19 was approved as follows:

THAT staff continue to make updates to the Regulation mapping on an annual basis;

TRCA staff have now completed the 2023 annual update to the Regulation mapping in consultation with TRCA development, infrastructure, enforcement, and technical review staff.

Regulation Mapping to Support New Permit Regulation Effective April 1, 2024

On April 1, 2024, amendments to the [Conservation Authorities Act](#) governing the permitting process will be proclaimed including a new section, "Part VI – Regulation of Areas Under Which Authorities Have Jurisdiction". A new Minister's regulation for all conservation authorities (CAs) was approved on February 16, 2024, [Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits](#), and will also come into effect on April 1, 2024. This new, single regulation will replace all existing individual CA permit regulations including TRCA's Ontario Regulation 166/06.

TRCA's annual regulation mapping update was scheduled for the March Board of Directors meeting, prior to the release on the new regulation. Under section 2(3) of Ontario Regulation 41/24, the distance CAs now regulate around all wetlands is 30 metres. To align with the new regulation coming into effect on April 1, 2024, TRCA's 2023 regulation mapping update has incorporated this change resulting in a reduction in the 120-metre regulated area around Provincially Significant Wetlands and all wetlands on the Oak Ridges Moraine as set out in TRCA's Ontario Regulation 166/06. As noted in the background section of this report, since 2019 TRCA has implemented a permit streamlining measure and applied a 30-metre distance to all wetlands within the urban built boundary. Therefore, the impact of this change to the regulation mapping will be a reduction of the regulated area around all wetlands outside the urban built boundary.

The definition of a watercourse was updated in O. Reg. 41/24 to "a defined channel, having a bed and banks or sides, in which a flow of water regularly or continuously occurs". TRCA will apply this definition through the normal screening process and site investigation, where applicable, at the time of a permit application.

Section 4 of O. Reg. 41/24 sets out requirements for the development of maps of regulated areas (e.g., posted on authority's website, annual reviews, etc.). These requirements are generally consistent with TRCA's current practices for maintaining and annual updating our regulation mapping since 2019.

Under Section 4(5) of O. Reg. 41/24, in the case of a conflict between the description of the areas where a permit is required in the CA Act and regulation and the depiction of those areas on the mapping, the description in the CA Act and regulation prevail over the maps, i.e., the text in the CA Act and regulation prevail over the regulation mapping. This approach is consistent with TRCA's existing regulation and mapping.

RATIONALE

Regulation Mapping: What it is and how it works

The regulation mapping is a tool that conceptually shows the area of land within TRCA's jurisdiction that is subject to the Regulation. The Regulation limit boundary is based on the best technical information available to TRCA at the time of the preparation of the map. The mapping represents spatial information for each of the regulated features and areas, which is integrated to form one conceptual boundary of the Regulation limit. TRCA's Reference Manual – Determination of Regulation Limits provides the standards and criteria used for the mapping of these features and areas. This document will be updated to reflect the requirements of O. Reg. 41/42.

Technical analysis that supports the mapping includes flood plain studies, provincial wetland mapping, ecological land classification mapping, digital elevation models, aerial photography, watercourse meander belt analysis, watercourse location mapping and Lake Ontario shoreline hazard assessment studies. Site-specific investigations and studies are required to precisely define the location of hazards and features and the legal extent of the Regulation, which typically occurs through consultation between landowners and TRCA staff during the review of a development application or proposal.

The mapping is not a "statutory map", which means that the mapping does not have the force of law. The actual regulatory requirements are found within the provisions of the CA Act and O. Reg. 41/24. The mapping is best considered as a screening tool for TRCA, municipalities and the public that indicates where the Regulation likely applies, thereby assisting with implementation of TRCA's regulatory permitting responsibilities. This contrasts with a more rigid boundary such as a schedule of a municipal zoning by-law.

The Regulated Area

Development activities and activities to straighten, change, divert or interfere in any way with the existing channel of a river and creek, stream or watercourse or to change or interfere in any way with a wetland are prohibited from commencing within a regulated area prior to obtaining a permit from TRCA. The regulated area indicates where development and interference activities need to consider potential constraints from natural hazards or features. TRCA may issue a permit if the activity is not likely to affect the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or unstable soil or bedrock; and the activity is not likely to create conditions or circumstances that, in the event of a natural hazard, might jeopardize the health and safety of persons or result in the damage or destruction of property.

In addition to facilitating TRCA's permitting responsibilities, the mapping is also used to inform:

- Solicitor/Realtor Property Inquiries to TRCA;
- TRCA's review of applications under the Planning Act and Environmental Assessment Act in accordance with the Conservation Authorities Act and associated regulations and [Ontario Regulation 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation](#);

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- Official Plan Reviews and Comprehensive Zoning By-law updates, including natural hazard and natural system mapping; and
- TRCA’s delivery of mandatory programs and services related to the risk of natural hazards.

Updated Regulation Mapping Protocol

TRCA has the ability to update the mapping as new information becomes available. Updates to the Regulation mapping improve its accuracy with respect to what is likely regulated by TRCA, thereby enhancing certainty for landowners considering or proposing development. This also assists both TRCA and municipal staff conducting development and infrastructure reviews. The last jurisdiction-wide update was completed in 2022.

The current 2023 annual update to the existing regulation mapping has been undertaken to reflect new technical information on current aerial photography. In 2019, staff committed to establishing a protocol for conducting and tracking future incremental mapping updates in a consistent and timely manner, and to report to the Board in the case of an update that involves substantial changes.

Coordination between the internal Policy Planning and Business and Data Analytics (BIDA) teams resulted in a codified workflow and protocols describing project scope, timeline, and staff roles. Staff established an internal consultation process involving an open call for update requests from development and infrastructure plan review staff, enforcement staff, and technical staff (engineers and ecologists), use of an internal online mapping platform for tracking and enabling staff review of proposed updates, and working sessions conducted with plan review and technical staff to review specific update requests. The product of this effort is updated draft Regulation mapping. There is no legal requirement for municipal council approval of the updated mapping.

Regulation Mapping Update Results

Changes to the mapping include:

- Revised limits associated with new and updated wetland mapping by Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and TRCA;
- Adjustments to flood hazard limits as a result of updated floodplain mapping;
- Changes to features and hazards resulting from as-built development approved by TRCA (e.g., watercourse channel realignments);
- General refinement of regulated features resulting from detailed site examination and field verification of properties through the development and infrastructure review processes (e.g., top of bank staking) and/or site visits; and
- Revised limits of the regulated area surrounding all wetlands to 30 metres.

Tracking, Notification, and Future Updates

Once endorsed, staff will send a communication and distribute the updated mapping to TRCA municipalities for their use effective April 1, 2024. TRCA will also notify the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Conservation Ontario, neighbouring conservation authorities and stakeholders including the TRCA-BILD Working Group, about the update. In addition, the publicly available “Regulated Area Search” page on

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TRCA's website will be updated to include the new mapping. Changes to the regulation mapping are tracked in TRCA's Geographic Information System (GIS) databases and will be recorded on each of TRCA's 132 regulated area maps that span the jurisdiction.

Regularly updated mapping of regulated areas will continue to ensure that TRCA staff, municipalities, stakeholders, and the public have the most accurate and current information to inform decision-making. It also contributes to TRCA's service delivery, for example in pre-consultation meetings and walk-in counter service, and enhances coordination between TRCA and municipal staff. TRCA staff will ensure that the process for future updates to the maps of regulated areas is consistent with the requirements of O. Reg. 41/24.

Relationship to TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following Pillars and Outcomes set forth in TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan:

Pillar 1 Environmental Protection and Hazard Management:

- 1.1 Deliver provincially mandated services pertaining to flood and erosion hazards

Pillar 1 Environmental Protection and Hazard Management:

- 1.4 Balance development and growth to protect the natural environment ensuring safe sustainable development

Pillar 2 Knowledge Economy:

- 2.4 Integrate environmental considerations and science into decision making

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Funding to support policy and planning input and GIS services for the mapping products was provided by capital funding from TRCA's participating municipalities in account 120-12.

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

Following Board endorsement, TRCA staff will:

- Update the Regulated Area Search tool on TRCA's website with the final updated regulated area mapping and place notification on website to be effective April 1, 2024;
- Distribute the final updated regulated area mapping to municipal planning and building departments, along with a communication about the changes related to Ontario Regulation 41/24;
- Provide training to municipal staff on the regulation mapping or the regulation upon request;
- Continue to provide regulation mapping criteria data layers to municipalities upon request for informing comprehensive planning document reviews (e.g., official plan or zoning by-law updates);
- Inform the TRCA-BILD Working Group and provide training upon request; and
- Continue to monitor the mapping for future changes that will be compiled and

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processed on an annual basis in accordance with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 41/24.

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Date: March 14, 2024

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 19, 2024

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: T. Barrie, Clarington
Z. Cohoon, Member at Large, Chair
N. Guthrie, Ajax
B. Hulshof, Uxbridge
H. Schillings, Member at Large
B. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair
M. Somerville, Member at Large, attended the meeting at 7:32 PM
N. Swain, Scugog
G. Taylor, Pickering
T. Watpool, Brock

Absent: R. Death, Whitby
J. McKay, Durham Farm Fresh
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
D. Risebrough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair
M. Shiers, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture
D. Stevenson, Oshawa
W. Wotten, Regional Councillor

Staff

Present: A. De Vos, Program Specialist, Department of Planning and Economic Development
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
A. Smith, Manager, Corporate Initiatives, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
L. Talling, Acting Manager, Agricultural & Rural Economic Development, Department of Planning and Economic Development

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by T. Watpool, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting
held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Andrea Smith, Manager, Corporate Initiatives, Region of Durham, re: Region of
Durham Strategic Plan

Andrea Smith, Manager, Corporate Initiatives, Region of Durham, provided a
PowerPoint presentation regarding Durham Region's 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.

A. Smith responded to a question with regards to the proposed length of the new
Strategic Plan.

5. Discussion Items

A) Agriculture 101 Training

A. De Vos advised that the final Agriculture 101 Training presentation will be
delivered to the City of Oshawa on Monday, March 25, 2024.

Discussion ensued with regards to previous presentations delivered; the length of
time allotted for presentations; ways to better improve the presentations for the
future; and providing a broader Regional perspective on agriculture in future
presentations.

B) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

L. Talling provided the following update:

- The North Durham Agriculture-Related and On-Farm Diversified Uses (OFDU) policy and development application process is currently choosing a consultant and will begin working with them on the project plan once selected.
- Durham Region is partnering with Durham Farm Fresh for the Gather at the Farm campaign in October to promote agriculture tourism and farms that have culinary operations.

A. De Vos provided the following update:

- The Agriculture Tour for municipal planners, economic developers and building staff is taking place in Uxbridge on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at Mustards Dairy Farm and Soybean Roaster, St. Lawrence Grains & Farm Supply, and Slabtown Cider. The tour is designed to identify different businesses across agriculture systems; how they play a role in the community; to help provide consistency across municipalities; and encouraging collaboration across Durham by sharing resources and best practices.
- The Precision Ag Field Day will be hosted by Tom and Sally Barrie at the end of May with over 100 students attending and will highlight the diversity of career opportunities and how technology is incorporated into agriculture.

L. Talling and A. De Vos responded to questions with regards to how the collaboration with the three northern municipalities is going on the North Durham Agriculture-Related and On-Farm Diversified Uses (OFDU) project; the decision not to continue with the Gates Open event; when the new campaign Gather at the Farm will be running and engaging local area municipal Tourism Advisory Committees; and whether there will be any schools that offer agriculture programs in attendance at the Precision Ag Field Day.

Discussion ensued with regards to potential challenges with the three northern municipalities developing the same policies and by-laws on the North Durham Agriculture-Related and On-Farm Diversified Uses (OFDU) project.

C) Agricultural Advisory Committee Clarington Update

T. Barrie stated that at the March 14, 2024 meeting of the Clarington Agriculture Advisory Committee, there was a presentation from Michael Longarini to promote the six-week Four Farms Market Garden Training being offered in Bowmanville, Newcastle and Port Hope. He further stated that there was discussion regarding the newly installed lights at Enfield Road and 7th and 8th Concession. He advised that the Gala is being held on October 25, 2024 at Royal Ashburn Golf Club.

D) Durham Farm Fresh Update

J. McKay was not in attendance to provide the Durham Farm Fresh Update.

E) Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Update

M. Scott advised that there is no Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance update at this time.

F) Durham Region Federation of Agriculture Update

M. Shiers was not in attendance to provide the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture Update.

G) Stormwater Management Fees

M. Scott provided the following update:

- The stormwater management involves controlling the quality and quantity of runoff that results from rainfall and snowmelt to address issues such as flooding, erosion, water quality, and extreme weather events.
- Municipalities are responsible for managing stormwater within its jurisdiction and the stormwater management system includes manholes, catch basins, storm sewers, ditches, oil and grit separators, stormwater management ponds, overland flow routes, watercourses and more.
- The stormwater management fees are being captured under Ontario Regulation 577/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure to identify the costs and charge out accordingly.
- It is optional for municipalities to implement the stormwater management fees and was identified in the Durham Climate Change Adaptation Plan as an urban flooding mitigation tool.
- There are various models on how the stormwater management fees are implemented such as by square footage, percentage of current value assessment, sliding scales, separating agriculture properties, and offering credits.

Discussion ensued with regards to eliminating the stormwater management fees on farm buildings in the Town of Ajax; how runoff works on agriculture properties; the potential of stormwater management fees being implemented in other municipalities in Durham Region; and putting forth a motion to Regional Council regarding DAAC's position on this topic.

M. Scott responded to a question with regards to being charged the stormwater management fee if there is a stormwater management system built into the building during construction.

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

Whereas Stormwater Management fees are intended for urban infrastructure needs and flood prevention, the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) believes that bona fide farmers on agricultural properties should be exempt from paying Stormwater Management fees in the Region of Durham.

CARRIED

H) 2024 Farm Tour

Z. Cohoon provided the following update:

- The 2024 Farm Tour will be taking place at Twin Erin Farms on September 26, 2024. He asked M. Sommerville if Two Blokes Cider would be interested in hosting a portion of the farm tour as well, and how to get in touch with Nonquon Conservation Area to be included. He stated that there will be invitations going out to Regional transporters to bring trucks and equipment to the farm as a station will be set up regarding transportation issues in Durham Region.
- A subcommittee meeting will be scheduled in early May and there will be an on-site meeting at the farms to review the set up.

M. Scott advised that the “save the dates” for the farm tour will need to be sent out as soon as possible and will begin preparation to send them out. He also advised that Mary Evans has agreed to provide catering for the event

6. Information Items

- A) OPA 2023-001 Decision Report – Clark Consulting Services, on behalf of Bethesda Ridge Farms, to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties in the Municipality of Clarington
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Early Release Report #2024-P-** of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development – Decision Meeting Report: Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Clark Consulting Services, on behalf of Bethesda Ridge Farm, to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2023-001 (Regional Official Plan Amendment #197) was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

B) Council of the Municipality of Clarington – Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, regarding Durham Agriculture and the Challenges in Clarington

Correspondence from the Council of the Municipality of Clarington with regards to Durham Agriculture and the Challenges in Clarington was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda and received.

C) Council of the Region of Durham – Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution re: Backyard Chickens within Urban and Rural Settlement Areas

Correspondence from the Council of the Region of Durham with regards to Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee's Resolution re: Backyard Chickens within Urban and Rural Settlement Areas was provided as Attachment #4 to the Agenda and received.

D) Durham Region Federation of Agriculture Letter to Mayor Collier – Stormwater Fees on Agricultural Properties in the Town of Ajax

Correspondence from the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture to Mayor Shaun Collier, Town of Ajax with regards to Stormwater Fees on Agricultural Properties in the Town of Ajax was provided as Attachment #5 to the Agenda and received.

E) Herralea Farms Letter to Mayor Barton – Natural Gas Expansion in Uxbridge

Correspondence from Herralea Farms to Mayor Dave Barton, Township of Uxbridge, with regards to Natural Gas Expansion in Uxbridge was provided as Attachment #6 to the Agenda and received.

Discussion ensued with regards to upfront costs for installation; being charged a \$0.27 premium on the usage of gas; and having to hire an approved contractor for the installation of the gas line.

7. Other Business

A) High School Co-op Placements

H. Schillings raised a concern with the hours of the co-op placements for high school students and the need for it to be longer than two hours.

Discussion ensued with regards to allowing co-op placements throughout the summer months to allow for a full day of work; potential co-op opportunities for high school students; having difficulty finding co-op placements from the school board; and having representatives from the school boards attend the Precision Ag Field Day.

B) Future Presentation by the Director of Sustainability, re: Climate Adaption and Agriculture

M. Scott advised that I. McVey, Director of Sustainability, will be providing a presentation regarding Climate Adaptation and Agriculture at the May 14, 2024 Committee meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 starting at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by N. Guthrie, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Z. Cohoon, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham
MINUTES
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:05 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

J. McEwen, Vice-Chair, 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 growing Inuit communities and large Métis communities and here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

2. Roll Call

Present: D. Campbell, Whitby
P. Chandwani, Whitby
W. Henshall*, Whitby, left the meeting at 3:01 PM
M. Lloyd*, Oshawa
Councillor McDougall*, left the meeting at 3:00 PM
J. McEwen, Clarington, Vice-Chair
S. Sones, Whitby
L. Williams*, Pickering, attended the meeting at 1:08 PM
***denotes members of the committee participating electronically**

Absent: A. Beach, Oshawa
A. Blum, Scugog
R. Purnwasie, Ajax, Chair

Staff

Present: N. Dash, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

A. Hector-Alexander*, Director, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Smith, Manager, Corporate Initiatives, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
***denotes staff participating electronically**

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on
Tuesday, January 23, 2024, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Presentations

A) Andrea Smith, Manager, Corporate Initiatives, re: Developing Durham Region's
2025 Strategic Plan

Andrea Smith, Manager, Corporate Initiatives, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Developing Durham Region's 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.

A. Smith responded to questions with regards to the outcome of feedback that has been received to date; the number of surveys completed to date in relation to previous years; common feedback being received on the survey; and when implementation of the Strategic Plan will begin.

J. McEwen requested that a follow up presentation be provided to the Committee when the 2025 Strategic Plan survey has been completed.

6. Discussion Items

A) Sub-Committees Overview and Membership

N. Dash asked Committee members for their feedback on the following questions:

- Which sub-committees each Committee member is a part of?

Committee members advised that J. McEwen, D. Campbell and R. Purnwasie are part of the education sub-committee; S. Sones, J. McEwen and Councillor McDougall are part of the site plan sub-committee; and J. McEwen and W. Henshall are the appointed members to the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC).

Committee members provided a brief overview of the tasks completed at the education sub-committee and site plan sub-committee for members to have a better understanding of what is done at each of the sub-committees.

- What would be the most appropriate time for sub-committee meetings to take place?

Committee members suggested not adding sub-committee meetings to the end of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings; the education sub-committee meet quarterly; and the site plan sub-committee meet on an as-needed basis based upon site plan review requirements.

N. Dash advised that there is a contact person in the Planning department that will be providing a list of the upcoming site plans and that she will provide the list to the sub-committee members when received.

- Whether the two current sub-committees are sufficient to complete the work outlined in the workplan or whether a new sub-committee should be created?

Discussion ensued with regards to topics within the workplan such as site plan, traffic road improvements, transit committee, accessibility awards, equitable employment and communication; consulting or advising around emergency preparedness or services; reviewing priority areas within the workplan; and combining education and workplace accommodations together.

N. Dash advised she would email Committee members with an updated list with the tasks for each of the sub-committees.

7. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

8. Information Items

A) Site Plan Sub-Committee Update

N. Dash advised that there was no site plan sub-committee update at this time.

B) Durham Region Equity Audit Recommendations

The Durham Region Equity Audit: Summary Report was provided to Committee members prior to the meeting.

P. Hines advised that the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division hired a consultant to conduct an equity audit to review equitable policies and practices within the organization. The report, which was emailed to all members prior to the meeting, included 86 recommendations from the consultant. She provided a brief overview of recommendations relating to accommodation and accessibility contained in numbers 15, 17, 18, 19, 34, 72, 74 and 75 as they relate to the Committee and outlined where Durham Region is with respect to complying with the recommendation.

Discussion ensued with regards to not tracking accommodation requests only through a software program in order to not lose sight of the individual; ensuring good engagement with outsourced vendors being hired; and conducting the audit with more intersections between the identified areas.

C) Education Sub-Committee Update

N. Dash advised that there was no education sub-committee update at this time.

D) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

The February 20, 2024 Transit Advisory Committee meeting update from J. McEwen was emailed to Committee members prior to the meeting.

Discussion ensued with regards to the need for Durham Region Transit to be more communicative regarding transit delays; providing transit updates through more social media channels; and setting up a focus group to have discussions on how to improve transit communication.

E) Accessibility Coordinator Update

N. Dash provided the following update:

- There was a flag raising ceremony held on March 18, 2024 for Neurodiversity Celebrate Week and 29 people attended the ceremony.

- The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division is partnering with the Abilities Centre to host the Durham Accessibility Conference being held on May 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM. The event is being held in a hybrid format and all Committee members are invited. The registration link will be sent to Committee members.

P. Hines provided the following update:

- The Project Search program that is providing 10 internships to students with developmental disabilities will be wrapping up for the 2023-2024 school year with a graduation taking place on June 26, 2024. The program will continue for the 2024-2025 school year.

W. Henshall advised that the LCBO is launching a program in April called “We belong here” at 100 locations across Ontario with one person with a disability being hired as part of the program. He suggested staff look into the program to see how the Region can learn from it.

The Committee recommended that the Project Search interns be invited to attend Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings or have one person sit on the Committee.

N. Dash provided the following update:

- The Accessibility Report is in the final stages and will be presented to the Finance & Administration Committee on April 9, 2024 and to Regional Council on April 24, 2024.
- There has been discussion with the lower tier municipalities at the Accessibility Coordinators meetings about accessible taxis in Durham Region. The next meeting is taking place on April 5, 2024 and Durham Region Transit will be attending.
- The annual Accessibility Awards are being presented at the Abilities Centre on April 26, 2024 at 6:00 PM and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division will be purchasing a table and is extending the invite to four Committee members.
- Durham Region is beginning a partnership with CNIB for their Come to Work program which will help the Region to understand what it is like for someone experiencing sight loss, in the hope that they will hire more persons with sight loss.

W. Henshall noted that he was the original creator of the Come to Work program and was the first volunteer, and is now the Director of Partnerships at CNIB.

9. Reports for Information

There were no reports to consider.

10. Other Business

A) Vulnerable Persons Registry

J. McEwen advised that he attended the City of Ottawa Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting and there was discussion regarding a vulnerable persons registry. He suggested that the Committee considering looking into this for the Region of Durham.

Discussion ensued with regards to concerns around the privacy of those on the registry; and whether there is a registry currently in place with other agencies.

It was the consensus of the Committee to further discuss the vulnerable persons registry at the May 28, 2024 Committee meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

12. Adjournment

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by M. Lloyd,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

J. McEwen, Vice-Chair, Accessibility Advisory
Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk