



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2024-INFO-23
Date: April 12, 2024

Subject:

N-desethyl etonitazene and protonitazepyne: “New” nitazene opioids circulating in Toronto’s unregulated opioid supply

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on N-desethyl etonitazene and protonitazepyne, which have been identified in Toronto’s unregulated drug supply.

2. Background

2.1 Canada is in the midst of one of the most serious public health crises in the country’s history - the toxic and illegal drug and overdose crisis. No community has been left untouched.

2.2 The emergence of an illegal market in new synthetic opioids has become a major public health issue, associated with a substantial increase in unintentional overdoses and drug-related deaths.

2.3 Often users are unaware that they are exposing themselves to these high-potency opioids in combination with other depressants.

2.4 Some potential reasons for the appearance of high-potency synthetic opioids in the local street drug supply include lower production costs, and a stronger or longer lasting high for the user.

2.5 Drug checking services provide critical information on the composition of the unregulated drug supply in real time, informing and educating people who use

drugs and people who care for people who use drugs, as well as informing advocacy, policy, and research. Incredibly sophisticated and sensitive technologies are required to effectively check highly contaminated opioids that are most likely to contribute to overdose.

- 2.6 [Toronto's Drug Checking Service](#) (TDCS) aims to reduce the harms associated with substance use and, specifically, prevent overdoses by offering people who use drugs timely and detailed information on the contents of their drugs.
- 2.7 Beyond educating individual service users, results for all samples are combined, analyzed, and publicly disseminated every other week to communicate drug market trends and inform care for people who use drugs, advocacy, policy, and research.
- 2.8 For the first time, TDCS has identified N-desethyl etonitazene and protonitazepyne in Toronto's unregulated drug supply.
- 2.9 N-desethyl etonitazene and protonitazepyne are high-potency synthetic nitazene opioids.
- 2.10 N-desethyl etonitazene is considered to be up to 10 times stronger than fentanyl. Protonitazepyne, also known as N-pyrrolidino protonitazene, is considered to be more than 20 times stronger than fentanyl.
- 2.11 Since N-desethyl etonitazene and protonitazepyne are so strong, the risk of overdose is increased and greater than normal doses of naloxone may be required to rouse individuals experiencing an overdose.

3. Current Status

- 3.1 N-desethyl etonitazene was first identified at the [Centre for Addiction and Mental Health](#) (CAMH) on February 23, 2024. The sample collected in Toronto's west end was a yellow/beige powder that was expected to be (i.e., got or bought as) fentanyl. The sample did not contain fentanyl – but instead contained N-desethyl etonitazene and caffeine.
- 3.2 Protonitazepyne was first identified by CAMH on March 6, 2024, and again the following day on March 7, 2024. The samples collected in Toronto's west end were blue powders that were expected to be oxycodone (OxyContin). The samples did not contain oxycodone – but instead contained protonitazepyne and etonitazepyne.
- 3.3 Analysis at CAMH identified N-desethyl etonitazene and protonitazepyne using liquid chromatography-Orbitrap high resolution mass spectrometry (LC-HR-MS).
- 3.4 Analysis at [St. Michael's Hospital](#) identified N-desethyl etonitazene and protonitazepyne using gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS).
- 3.5 Health Canada's [Drug Analysis Service](#) (DAS) identified protonitazepyne using GC-MS, nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR), and gas chromatography-

infrared spectroscopy (GC-IR) in samples submitted by Canadian law enforcement agencies and public health partners. They have not yet identified N-desethyl etonitazene.

- 3.6 It is unlikely that emerging onsite drug checking technologies can identify N-desethyl etonitazene and protonitazepyne at this time as their libraries are being developed and their limits of detection are being determined.
- 3.7 On March 3, 2024, Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) issued a Drug Alert to service providers regarding a new substance that has the potential to be present in Durham Region's drug supply. A review of Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) drug sample returns indicates that protonitazepyne was detected in samples seized by DRPS that were submitted for testing in 2023. Protonitazepyne was the only substance detected in these samples and they were described as oxycontin tablets.

4. Previous Reports

- 4.1 Report [2023-INFO-26](#) provided information on the appearance of benzodiazepines and xylazine in the unregulated drug supply.
- 4.2 Report [2023-INFO-33](#) provided an update on local trends and strategies to address mental health and opioids in Durham Region.
- 4.3 Report [2023-INFO-46](#) provided an update on the Durham Region Opioid Response Plan.
- 4.4 Report [2023-INFO-47](#) provided information on the application process for Consumption and Treatment Services in Ontario.
- 4.5 Report [2023-INFO-60](#) provided an update on the report: [Opioid Toxicity and Access to Treatment among Adolescents and Young Adults in Ontario](#), released by The Ontario Drug Policy Research Network (ODPRN), Public Health Ontario (PHO) and the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario/Ontario Forensic Pathology Service on June 27, 2023.
- 4.6 Report [2023-INFO-74](#) provided information on DRHD's school-based health promotion services, including mental health promotion and substance use prevention.
- 4.7 Report [2023-INFO-77](#) provided an update on the report published by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction, entitled [Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms](#), released in March 2023 and revised in July 2023.
- 4.8 Report [2023-INFO-83](#) provided an update on the report entitled: [Characteristics of Substance-Related Toxicity Deaths in Ontario: Stimulant, Opioid, Benzodiazepine, and Alcohol-Related Deaths](#), by PHO and ODPRN, released on September 14, 2023.

- 4.9 Report [2023-INFO-92](#) provided an update on the renewed [Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy](#).
- 4.10 Report [2024-INFO-06](#) provided an update on Medetomidine/Dexmedetomidine: “New” Veterinary Tranquilizer Circulating in Toronto’s Unregulated Fentanyl Supply.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 5.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goal and priority in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Goal 2: Community Vitality: 2.2 Enhance community safety and well-being.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 In Durham Region, test strips for fentanyl and xylazine are available through the Needle Syringe Program. Locally, drug checking services that utilize mass spectrometry are not available. DRPS receives Health Canada drug testing results for samples seized and submitted to Health Canada.
- 6.2 DRPS is a member of the Opioid Task Force and advises DRHD regarding Health Canada drug testing findings that are noteworthy and/or indicate a new drug is present within the region. As per the nature of Health Canada’s drug testing methodology, such results from toxicology are several months behind real-time data.
- 6.3 DRHD, in partnership with the Opioid Task Force members will continue to monitor information related to the presence of new toxic drugs within the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area to inform the [Durham Region Opioid Response Plan](#).
- 6.4 Durham Region Health Department has developed a new interactive dashboard to replace the current version of the Durham Region Opioid Information System (DROIS) at durham.ca/opioidstats. The new dashboard focuses on time trends by presenting all opioid-related data together in a single visual and allows users to explore the data by week, month, or year. Moving averages are a new feature, added to the weekly data, to help provide context to overall trends.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2024-INFO-24
Date: April 12, 2024

Subject:

2023 Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the release of the 2023 annual report from the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario (CMOH) to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario entitled, [Balancing Act: An All-of-Society Approach to Substance Use and Harms](#).

2. Background

2.1 Section 81(4) of the [Health Protection and Promotion Act](#) requires the CMOH to make an annual report in writing on the state of public health in Ontario and deliver it to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

2.2 The CMOH released the 2023 annual report on April 2, 2024.

2.3 The CMOH's Annual Report calls for an all-of-society approach to improve health and reduce substance use harms which recognizes the complexity of peoples' experience with substance use, the factors that drive substance use and the policy environment.

2.4 The CMOH's Annual Report also describes current trends and health threats related to tobacco/vaping products, cannabis, alcohol and opioids and includes multi-pronged strategies to reduce these threats.

3. CMOH Annual Report Highlights

- 3.1 Part One provides an overview of substance use in Ontario which includes a description of the upstream and downstream factors that drive substance use and harms and who is at greatest risk of harms from substance use.
- a. Upstream factors include early life experiences and social and structural determinants of health including:
 - Biological or genetic factors
 - Adverse childhood experiences
 - Mental health conditions
 - Inadequate income and housing/living conditions
 - Lack of access to education
 - Lack of employment opportunities/unhealthy working conditions
 - Lack of access to health services
 - Colonizing and marginalizing social structures, and structural forms of racism, stigma and discrimination
 - Criminalization of substance use
 - b. Downstream factors include the nature of the substance and social attitudes, promotion and availability including:
 - Addictiveness of the substance
 - Potency/toxicity of the substance
 - Predictability and safety of the substance
 - Impact of substance use on health
 - Social acceptability or stigmatization
 - Appeal/packaging/price
 - Ease of access
 - Willingness and ability of different regulatory systems to enforce legal restrictions
 - Trust in public health messages about safety and risk
 - c. Some groups have higher rates of substance use and related harms. Additionally, risks can be cumulative or layered as people may fall into two or more populations at risk. The following populations are all at risk of harms from substance use in different ways:
 - Males
 - Females
 - Pregnant people
 - Youth
 - Children aged 10 and under
 - People experiencing social inequities
 - Indigenous Peoples
 - 2SLGBTQ+ populations
 - People who work in construction, mining and oil and gas industries
 - People living in rural and remote areas

- People with mental health conditions
- 3.2 Part Two describes taking an all-of-society, health-first approach to reduce substance use harms. A comprehensive all-of-society approach requires interventions across the full spectrum of substance use, from prevention to harm reduction, to treatment.
- a. The CMOH includes detailed recommendations for:
- Communities, including leaders, organizations, networks, service providers, people with lived and living experience of substance use, their families and neighbours.
 - Local provincial, federal and Indigenous governments and agencies.
 - Public health and social services sectors.
 - Organizations responsible for developing and delivering policies, programs and services to reduce substance use harms.
 - The health care system.
 - Communities to come together to build community coalitions and create supportive local environments.
- 3.3 Part Three describes the unique challenges presented by tobacco/vaping products, cannabis, alcohol and opioids, current trends related to each substance and provides recommendations to adapt substance-specific responses.
- a. For tobacco/vaping products, the CMOH recommends reinvigorating the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy and creating a comprehensive, coherent public health-oriented framework for regulating vaping and all nicotine-containing products. The CMOH makes recommendations to address targets, health promotion to raise awareness of the risks associated with tobacco and vaping products, regulatory measures, treatment, and monitoring and reporting.
- b. For cannabis, the CMOH recommends developing a comprehensive cannabis strategy designed to reduce cannabis-related harms, focusing on youth and young adults. The CMOH makes recommendations to address health promotion, regulatory measures, including increasing the minimum age to purchase to 21 years old, treatment, and monitoring and reporting.
- c. For alcohol, which is the most widely used substance in Ontario, the CMOH recommends development and implementation of a comprehensive alcohol strategy designed to reduce alcohol-related harms. Recommendations to address health promotion, regulatory measures, treatment, monitoring and reporting are included.
- d. For opioids, the CMOH recommends development and implementation of a comprehensive strategy to reduce opioid-related harms, in collaboration with people with lived or living experience with substance use. The CMOH makes recommendations to address health promotion, regulatory measures, harm

reduction, treatment, services for families, friends and workers, and monitoring and reporting.

- 3.4 In conclusion, the CMOH recommends that an all-of-society approach to help people understand the risks of substance use, moderate their use and use substances in ways that are less risky must be focused, responsive, nimble, strategic, action-oriented and determined.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

- a. Goal 2: Community Vitality:
- 2.3: Enhance community safety and well-being.
 - 2.4: Influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The CMOH concludes that the public health sector cannot solve the problem of substance use harms on its own and that an all-of-society approach is needed that engages communities, governments, public health and social services, and people with lived and living experience of substance use.
- 5.2 Locally, the Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) continues to monitor risks, trends and the presence of new toxic drugs in the unregulated drug supply.
- 5.3 DRHD informs residents of the risks of substance use, keeps community partners and the public informed about substance use activity, and implements harm reduction initiatives.
- 5.4 DRHD provides information regarding the risks associated with use of alcohol, opioids, cannabis, tobacco and drugs, including resources for educators, information on overdose prevention, recommendations for reducing usage and community resources and services for individuals looking for help, available at durham.ca.
- 5.5 To address the local opioid crisis, the Durham Region Opioid Task Force developed the [Durham Region Opioid Response Plan](#), which has four pillars (i.e., prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and enforcement) and further objectives to address these areas. The Durham Region Opioid Task Force is comprised of agencies that provide harm reduction and/or treatment services, first responders, individuals with lived experience, school boards and health care professionals.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Chief Administrative Officer
Report: #2024-INFO-25
Date: April 12, 2024

Subject:

Update on provincial energy sector activities

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To summarize provincial energy sector activities and reports toward a long-term energy planning framework, activities impacting regulation, new infrastructure and investments.

2. Background

2.1 The global energy context is shifting towards cleaner and greener energy options that promote long-term sustainability including improved energy efficiency and lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and that stimulate economic opportunity.

2.2 On February 16, 2024, the federal government released an update on the [Clean Electricity Regulations](#) (CER) which calls for a net zero electricity sector nationwide by 2035. The final regulations are expected to be published in the Canada Gazette, Part II, later this year.

2.3 After more than a decade consisting generally of sufficient and sometimes excess supply, Ontario is entering a period of emerging electricity system needs. IESO's [Reliability Outlook](#) predicts the electrical grid is prepared for the next 18 months through summer 2025. If extreme weather materializes, reliability will be ensured by relying on up to 2,000 megawatts (MW) of imported electricity from neighbouring jurisdictions or other operating actions. According to the IESO, overall, Ontario is operating within a period where generation and transmission outages are more challenging to manage.

- 2.4 Through its [Annual Planning Outlook](#), the IESO anticipates a supply shortfall of approximately 5,000 MW of demand and 15 terawatt-hours (TWh) of consumption arising over the 2030-2034 period as a result of increasing demand and expiring generation contracts. Ontario's supply mix post-2035 is highly dependent on the evolution and timing of government policy.
- 2.5 A clear policy direction is necessary for Ontario to remain a competitive leader in the energy economy and proactively address the impacts of climate change. The energy transition, decarbonization (including increased electrification) and increased demand affect every sector and influence the ability to achieve provincial and federal priorities related to housing, reconciliation with Indigenous communities, public revenue generation and more.

3. Ontario's Clean Energy Opportunity Report

- 3.1 On January 19, 2024, the province published [Ontario's Clean Energy Opportunity: Report of the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel \(EETP\)](#). The report provides insights and recommendations for Ontario's energy transition and builds on the [Powering Ontario's Growth](#) plan.
- 3.2 The province established the Panel in April 2022 to:
- a. Advise the government on the highest value short-, medium-, and long-term opportunities for the energy sector to prepare for the energy transition.
 - b. Identify strategic opportunities and planning reforms to support emerging electricity and fuels planning needs in the context of energy demand, emerging technologies, environmental considerations and overall costs to consumers.
- 3.3 The report is based on engagement with selected stakeholders, including municipalities, the Ministry of Energy, IESO, and other energy companies and focuses on several key actions that would support the transition to clean energy and electrification, calling for:
- a. A provincial "north star" commitment to develop a clean energy economy by 2050 and align multiple levels of government and the private sector on this goal, supported by a strategic and proactive policy vision articulated by the Ministry of Energy.
 - b. Strengthening partnerships with Indigenous communities and creating opportunities to mutually benefit from a clean energy economy.
 - c. Planning that includes long-term public support through community engagement to understand and respond to consumer perspectives on affordability and reliability.
 - d. A renewed, well-resourced, and apolitical energy planning framework that supports decisions closer to the community and residents, built on the expertise of local distribution.

- e. A focus on the economic opportunities afforded by the clean energy economy and an open investment environment, that can drive social change, sustainability and a prosperous future for all.
- 3.4 The report includes 29 recommendations across the following five categories: Planning for Electrification and Transition, Governance and Accountability, Indigenous Partnerships, Innovation and Economic Development, and Consumer, Citizen and Community Perspectives. Highlights include:
- a. Leveraging the strengths of municipalities to lead Comprehensive Local Energy Planning ([Durham Community Energy Plan](#)) and empowering local decision-making to achieve community energy and climate goals;
 - b. Strengthened roles for the OEB and IESO in energy thought leadership and bulk/regional electricity system planning;
 - c. Development of new tools and strategies to guide the energy transition, such as a provincial long-term energy plan to guide technical plans and local tables that foster alignment between energy stakeholders;
 - d. Ministry policy direction on how the transition will be funded, in a manner where all beneficiaries pay rather than borne entirely by ratepayers;
 - e. Direction on the role of natural gas in Ontario's energy supply mix supported by strategies that foster natural gas/electrical coordination and decarbonization.
- 3.5 The recommendations in the report are expected to have several implications for the Region:
- a. Economic Growth:
 - The transition to a clean energy economy presents significant economic growth opportunities for Durham Region. As the Clean Energy Capital of Canada, the Region is poised to benefit from increased investment, job creation, and sustainable development in the energy sector.
 - b. Innovation:
 - Durham Region is well-positioned to contribute to and benefit from technological innovations in areas such as hydrogen, transmission infrastructure, electric vehicles, and nuclear energy.
 - c. Indigenous and Community Engagement:
 - Future updates to the Durham Community Energy Plan should further demonstrate public buy-in, consumer perspectives, and consider Indigenous partnerships.
 - d. Natural Gas:

- Collaboration between electrical and natural gas distributors, particularly on demand forecasting, will need to be clear. The Region is also working in collaboration with Enbridge Gas to advance work on numerous corporate and community decarbonization initiatives, including the Durham Greener Homes program, the Durham Green Development program, and affordable housing retrofits, among others.
- 3.6 Ontario's Clean Energy Opportunity Report is aligned with the [Durham Community Energy Plan](#) in recognizing the opportunities afforded by the clean energy economy, focusing on community leadership and expertise, and highlighting the importance of a well-managed energy transition and long-term integrated planning to accelerate decarbonization while maintaining affordability.
- 3.7 An analysis of the panel's recommendations with potential Regional impacts is included in Attachment 1.
- 4. Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Enbridge Gas Inc. Decision Summary and Proposed Amendments to Ontario Energy Board Act**
- 4.1 The OEB issued a [decision](#) on December 21, 2023, requiring developers to pay upfront for natural gas service connections to new homes, ending the practice of recovering these costs over 40 years from all ratepayers on the basis that the practice was no longer financially viable in the context of the energy transition and with customer transition away from natural gas as heating equipment is replaced will result in stranded assets and unacceptable cross-subsidization to be borne by existing natural gas users. This decision is expected to improve market competitiveness, reduce risks and costs related to stranded underutilized capital assets and provide homeowners with more financial choice and for existing households price certainty and affordability. The decision is consistent with a recommendation from the report of the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel that the OEB review cost allocation and recovery policies for natural gas and electricity connections (Recommendation 15).
- 4.2 Currently, the subsidy to developers is worth an average of \$4,400 per home. This incentivizes developers to install natural gas-fired heating equipment rather than low carbon alternatives like air or ground source heat pumps or available district energy systems with lower monthly operating costs. Under the OEB ruling, developers of new homes would be required to pay this amount up-front for natural gas service connections. Currently, builders are required to pay up-front for electricity service connection costs, which increases revenue for municipally owned electricity distribution companies (e.g., Oshawa PUC Networks and Elexicon Energy).
- 4.3 The building sector is a priority area for action, as it represents more than 30 per cent of total GHG emissions in Durham Region. Given planned population growth, it will be a key area of activity to align the Region with Canada's commitment to reach net zero GHG emissions by 2050. The OEB decision is consistent with Regional

Council's direction and commitment to decarbonization and efforts to achieve net zero corporately by 2045.

- 4.4 Ontario Minister of Energy, Todd Smith, announced his intention to overrule the OEB's decision on December 22, 2023.
- 4.5 Enbridge Gas President, Michele Harradence, circulated a letter to municipal councils on January 31, 2024, encouraging opposition to the OEB decision.
- 4.6 In response to the above decision from the Ontario Energy Board, on February 22, 2024, the province proposed regulatory amendments to the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 to "provide the government with the authority to ensure fair and informed decision-making at the OEB to foster affordable communities" ([019-8307](tel:019-8307)). The province is proposing four legislative changes:
 - a. Broad Stakeholder Participation:
 - The government is proposing legislative amendments to facilitate broad stakeholder participation in OEB proceedings and other stakeholder input to the OEB related to natural gas and electricity. If these amendments are passed, the government may propose regulations to require the OEB to provide notification to and invite participation or testimony from specific stakeholders or economic sectors that could be significantly impacted by an upcoming decision or hearing.
 - b. Ministerial Directives for Generic Hearings:
 - The government is proposing legislative amendments that would provide the Minister of Energy with the authority to issue directives, approved by Cabinet, requiring the OEB to hold a generic hearing on any matter respecting natural gas or electricity. Generic hearings are used to address one or more issues common to multiple regulated entities, which may require input from a broader set of participants.
 - c. Prescribing the Revenue Horizon:
 - The government is proposing legislative amendments to provide the government with time-limited authority to prescribe the "revenue horizon" over which natural gas utilities calculate the upfront cost required for new natural gas connections for residential, small commercial and other customers.
 - d. Ministerial Directives for Cost Allocation Conditions for Natural Gas Transmission Projects:
 - The government is proposing legislative amendments to provide the Minister of Energy with the authority to issue directives, approved by Cabinet, requiring the OEB to accept certain cost allocation conditions in

reviewing a leave to construct application for a natural gas transmission project.

- 4.7 On March 27, 2024, Regional Council directed staff to report back on the OEB Enbridge Gas Inc. decision and proposed amendments to the Ontario Energy Board Act. A more fulsome report will be presented to Council in spring 2024.

5. IESO Procurements and upcoming Regional Planning Process for GTA East

- 5.1 The IESO secures new energy supply for Ontario's grid through competitive procurements. The IESO is conducting a series of large-scale procurements to secure sufficient supply into the 2030s and beyond.

- 5.2 Proponents are required to demonstrate municipal support for their project through a Municipal Support Resolution (project-specific) or a Blanket Municipal Support Resolution.

5.3 Long-Term 1 Request for Proposal (LT1 RFP)

- a. The LT1 RFP is expected to competitively procure approximately 2,500 MW of year-round effective capacity from new build and eligible expansion dispatchable electricity storage facilities.
- b. The LT1 RFP closed on December 12, 2023. The IESO is expected to announce selected proponents in Q2, 2024.

5.4 Looking Ahead:

- a. The IESO plans to run regular procurements over the next 4 to 6 years. The first of these procurements, the [Long-Term 2 Request for Proposal](#) (LT2 RFP), is expected later this year and will seek to secure approximately 2,000 MW of non-emitting energy-producing resources (wind, solar, hydroelectric, storage, re-powered facilities, and bioenergy) that can be in service by 2030.
- b. Indigenous and community engagement will continue to be mandatory requirements under LT2 RFP, and the IESO is proposing that municipal support become a mandatory requirement, in addition to Indigenous community support. [Engagement](#) for the LT2 RFP began in December 2023. The proposed deadline for proponent submissions is mid-2025.

5.5 Regional Planning Process: GTA East

- a. The IESO's [Regional Planning Process](#) enables transparent, coordinated, and cost-effective planning of regional electricity infrastructure to ensure a reliable supply of electricity. The IESO's Regional planning looks at the unique needs of each region and considers conservation, generation, transmission and distribution, and innovative resources to meet these needs and makes near-term, mid-term and long-term recommendations.
- b. The [GTA East region](#) extends from Lake Ontario northward to the southern parts of Scugog and Uxbridge and includes the municipalities of Pickering,

- Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa and parts of Clarington. The GTA East region is served by Elexicon Energy, Hydro One Networks Inc., and Oshawa PUC Networks.
- c. The Regional Planning cycle will be initiated in the summer of 2024 with the completion of the Needs Assessment (60 days) followed by a Scoping Assessment (90 days), and Integrated Regional Resource Planning (IRRP) (18 months).
 - d. Regional staff are working in collaboration with area municipalities and respective LDCs to collect and convey municipal outputs to improve LDC load forecasts.

6. Ontario's Plan to Refurbish Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

6.1 On January 30, 2024, the Ontario Government [announced](#) it would support Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) plan to refurbish Pickering Nuclear Generating Station's "B" (Units 5 to 8). Pending regulatory approval following the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) hearing this June, the remaining units will be shut down in December 2026, then defueled and dewatered so that refurbishment activities can begin. As units return to service, they will be reconnected to the grid. All four refurbished reactors will be back in service by the mid-2030s, pending regulatory approval. While a full cost estimate for the project is not currently available, OPG plans to spend \$2 billion on engineering, design work, and securing essential long-lead components during the initial project initiation period.

6.2 Impact and benefits:

- a. The construction phase will create around 11,000 jobs per year and once the station is refurbished, the plant will continue to provide over 6,400 jobs for decades.
- b. The project aims to secure continued operations for more than 2,100 MW of clean, reliable nuclear generated electricity for Ontario, ensuring energy supply for over 30 years, equivalent to powering two million homes and businesses.

6.3 Economic and environmental considerations:

- a. The refurbishment is expected to have a significant economic impact, increasing Canada's gross domestic product (GDP) by about \$19.4 billion over the project period.
- b. By maintaining and securing highly skilled jobs, the project contributes to the local workforce and will stimulate the local economy.
- c. The refurbished Pickering Nuclear Generating Station will continue to produce GHG emission-free electricity.

6.4 This work is consistent with Powering Ontario's Growth Plan, which also includes new nuclear development work at the Bruce Power site near Kincardine and the three additional small modular reactors (SMRs) at Darlington Nuclear Generating Station.

7. Hydrogen Investments

- 7.1 Low-carbon hydrogen can be used to generate electricity or power vehicles, businesses, industries and heat homes, while producing little to no GHG or other pollutants. In early 2023, the government announced a three year \$15 million dollar [Hydrogen Innovation Fund](#) as part of the province's [Low-Carbon Hydrogen Strategy](#). The IESO's [Pathways to Decarbonization Report](#) found the province could require up to 15,000 MW of hydrogen generation capacity by 2050 to meet peak demands, replacing the role currently played by natural gas generation. The province has indicated that by 2050, the hydrogen economy could create over 100,000 jobs across Ontario.
- a. In October, the province [announced](#) the first six projects valued at \$7.5 million.
 - b. In November, the province [announced](#) an additional nine projects valued at \$5.9 million.

8. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 8.1 The following reports have been presented to Regional Council:
- a. Report #[2023-INFO-86](#), Provincial energy sector activities and reports toward a long-term energy planning framework and Ontario's Plan for a Clean Energy Future
 - b. Report #[2021-COW-7](#), Regional Submission to the Review of Ontario's Long-Term Energy Planning Framework (ERO #019-3007)
 - c. Report #[2016-COW-98](#), Regional Response to Planning Ontario's Energy Future (EBR # 012-8840);
 - d. Report #[2015-J-21](#), Update on Energy Planning and Energy Sector Initiatives in Durham Region;
 - e. Report #[2013-J-23](#), Update on Provincial Energy Planning Consultations, Regional Staff Participation and Opportunity for Regional Council Input to the Reviews of Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan (EBR #011-9490) and Conservation and Demand Management Framework (EBR #011-9614).

9. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 9.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Goal 1: Environmental sustainability – Objective 1.1, Accelerate the adoption of green technologies and clean energy solutions through strategic partnerships and investment.
 - b. Goal 1: Environmental sustainability – Objective 1.4, Demonstrate leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change.
 - c. Goal 3: Economic Prosperity – Objective 3.4, Capitalize on Durham's strengths in key economic sectors to attract high-quality jobs

9.2 This report also aligns with the Region's [declaration of a climate emergency](#) on January 29, 2020, and aligns with the [Durham Community Energy Plan](#), the [Corporate Climate Change Action Plan](#), [Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan](#), and [Empowering the Community: Durham's Nuclear Sector Strategy](#).

10. Conclusion

10.1 Regional staff continue to work towards decarbonizing Regional operations and our communities through efforts to support the development and deployment of decentralized systems as well as continued advocacy towards the establishment of additional renewable and low carbon generation capacity.

10.2 Regional staff will continue to monitor for changes to Ontario's long-term energy planning framework and Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) regulatory proceedings and report to Council as required.

11. Attachments

Attachment #1: Analysis of the EETP recommendations with potential Regional impacts

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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment 1: Analysis of the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel’s recommendations in Ontario’s Clean Energy Opportunity Report with potential Regional impacts

Rec. #	Description/Summary	Analysis
1	Provincial government should develop and communicate a commitment and associated policy principles for achieving a clean energy economy for Ontario by 2050.	<p>This goal is generally aligned with the goals in the Durham Community Energy Plan (DCEP), for community GHG targets of 80% below 2007 levels by 2050.</p> <p>However, the recommendation does not necessarily include specific energy or climate targets. Driving towards a clean energy economy can support the Region’s economic development and climate goals.</p>
3	The provincial government should continue to seek alignment and coordination of clean energy economy objectives, standards and policies with other governments; [including] engagement with municipalities to ensure they are aligned with and supported in the energy transition, including support for Comprehensive Local Energy Planning and requiring local energy utilities and municipalities to engage and collaborate on energy planning matters.	Durham Region has a comprehensive community energy plan in place (i.e., DCEP) and collaboration mechanisms established. Provincial commitments to engagement can support the Region’s articulated goals.
5	The Ministry should maintain an integrated long-term energy plan to guide development of technical energy plans, strategies, and actions to support the transition. The plan should provide direction, regulatory recommendations and legislative revisions (as needed) across electricity, natural gas and other fuels on the production, transmission, distribution, consumption, and conservation and demand management of energy.	<p>A provincial long-term energy plan could serve to guide action, set common goals and priorities in discussions between the Region, local area municipalities (LAMs), and local distribution companies (LDCs) on production, distribution, demand management etc.</p> <p>The DCEP may need to be updated to ensure alignment</p>

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		with a future long-term energy plan.
6	<p>The Ministry of Energy should provide policy direction on the role of natural gas in Ontario’s future energy system as part of its next integrated long-term energy plan. The outcome should be to manage the system optimization and fuel switching necessary to achieve a clean energy economy at a pace that maintains affordable, reliable and resilient energy service. The analysis should focus on impacts on different populations, leveraging energy efficiency programs, updating building codes and standards, and decommissioning/right-sizing gas infrastructure.</p>	<p>Moving away from non-renewable natural gas is a priority in the DCEP. A provincial policy direction on a natural gas transition may have implications for the rate setting for natural gas customers across the region and for the Region itself, thus impacting their billing. The Region should advocate for fair impacts that incentivize the transition to clean energy, in alignment with sustainability goals.</p>
7	<p>The Ministry of Energy should develop a strengthened framework for local energy planning and decision-making and take steps to facilitate its implementation. The goal should be to develop mature Comprehensive Local Energy Planning processes through which communities can effectively contribute to Ontario’s energy transition and meet their own goals. There should be transparency on cost implications and rate impacts.</p> <p>Communities should establish a table for aligning on issues and reconciling priorities, municipalities should lead and use this to achieve their own energy and climate goals. The provincial government should ensure that municipalities have capacity and resources to carry out this work.</p> <p>Engagement on Comprehensive Local Energy Planning must involve a broad set of local interests and stakeholders, including electric and gas distribution utilities. The outcomes will form important</p>	<p>This recommendation is intended to support municipalities, communities and local businesses and acknowledge they are in the best position to participate in energy decision-making and can pursue energy objectives. The DCEP was developed in partnership with the area municipalities, LDC’s and other local organizations and industries and benefited from robust stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>This recommendation seeks to strengthen the local energy planning process to ensure plans are fully costed and account for electricity or natural gas rate implications and to ensure that municipalities have the resources required to adequately participate in</p>

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	<p>input into technical electricity and gas distribution planning and IESO-led (regional) planning, respectively. This process would not replace the existing technical IESO-led Regional Planning process.</p> <p>The Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing should coordinate to ensure that the province and municipalities are aligned on land-use planning as it relates to energy infrastructure, and to determine how to best support municipalities in leveraging support/ incentives from the province/federal government to support economy-wide decarbonization.</p>	<p>regulatory and planning processes.</p> <p>More clarity and guidance related to the alignment of land use planning and energy infrastructure would be beneficial for both decarbonization efforts and the construction of timely and effective energy infrastructure. Ensuring that regional planning of energy needs and infrastructure through the IESO is a clear and concise process would help municipalities best support this recommendation.</p>
16	<p>The Ministry of Energy, working with the OEB, IESO, LDCs, municipalities and natural gas utilities, should develop a formal and transparent co-ordination framework that sets out the scope and objectives for enhanced planning co-ordination at the bulk, regional, and distribution levels to pace and facilitate the fuel-switching, system optimization and enhanced levels of energy efficiency required by the clean energy economy.</p> <p>The framework should ensure that each party's technical expertise is leveraged to achieve the desired policy outcomes. This would include any required directives, regulatory changes, oversight mechanisms, and a clear and agreed upon understanding of specific roles and responsibilities for the entities involved. The framework should include regulatory requirements requiring different entities to coordinate bulk planning, regional planning, standardized approaches to demand forecasting at the distribution</p>	<p>If adopted, the province would need to be clear on how this does not duplicate existing processes for regional and bulk planning coordinated by the IESO in collaboration with the OEB, LDCs, and municipalities. This recommendation is intended to enhance collaboration between electrical and natural gas distributors, by requiring coordinated bulk system planning and, in collaboration with LDCs, coordinated regional planning. This process would need to set common transition goals and ensure natural gas companies are on board.</p>

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	level. OEB should evaluate plans for natural gas/electric coordination.	
23	Recognizing the key role that clean, affordable and reliable energy will play in the development of globally competitive and future-oriented industries, the ministry should be clear on the shifted risk-return balance between reactive and proactive planning, and ensure that planning, permitting and approvals processes are clear, predictable, effective and efficient and lead to timely decisions and project development that have public support.	<p>This recommendation may have implications for existing planning and permitting processes re: public support. A balance would need to exist to ensure public support does not substantially delay transition to clean energy infrastructure.</p> <p>The Region may support the shift to a proactive planning framework, particularly with respect to attractive competitive industry and investment in the Region.</p>
25	The government should clearly set out a policy vision for how electrification and the energy transition will be funded, and a range of funding options and mechanisms should be considered and used, including taxpayer funding, ratepayer funding, investment subsidies, investment tax credits, as well as leveraging and/or requiring private funding whenever possible. Opportunities to leverage funding from federal and municipal sources should also be pursued to the greatest extent possible. The key guiding principle should be that the beneficiary pays, with the understanding that the definition of who the beneficiary is in the energy transition is broader (including tax base).	It is not clear which municipal funding sources the recommendation is referring to. The Region may seek to advocate for more contributions from the provincial and federal government to offset costs to ratepayers and potential municipal funding.
26	The government, IESO and OEB should play a key role in engaging with the public and Indigenous partners to ensure transparent access to high-quality information and meaningful opportunities to participate in decision-making in order to build greater support and involvement	Enhanced engagement with Indigenous communities in the Region may be required to meet this recommendation, particularly towards

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	<p>in the energy transition. As part of other processes or on their own this work should include but not be limited to: Fostering community-level engagement and empowering local communities to make informed energy planning decisions in support of new energy projects and technologies that best suit their local energy needs.</p>	<p>opportunities of mutual benefit and economic reconciliation.</p> <p>Increased public support will foster a smoother transition but there are risks the public may oppose certain types of clean energy infrastructure being built.</p>
29	<p>The government, IESO and OEB should support capacity building for utilities and communities to conduct assessments of climate change impacts to energy infrastructure and to support effective climate resilience efforts and adaptation planning/ implementation. Any costs borne from investments in adaptation should not unfairly impact on low-income consumers, consumers in specific geographic regions that face higher electricity costs, consumers that rely on medical device(s) requiring a lot of electricity or other vulnerable consumers.</p>	<p>There may be opportunities to source resources for analyzing climate change impacts to energy infrastructure within the Region and facilitate adaptation planning. Which level of government subsidizes the costs of transition for vulnerable customers is yet to be made clear, however other recommendations in the report refer to enhanced provincial tax breaks, subsidies, and clean home energy programs.</p>

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Chief Administrative Officer
Report: #2024-INFO-26
Date: April 12, 2024

Subject:

Durham Region's Submission to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) regarding Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) application for a Power Reactor Operating Licence (PROL) Amendment for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (NGS).

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide Regional Council with an update on the Region's participation in the upcoming Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) hearing for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (NGS).

2. Background

2.1 The mandate of the CNSC is to regulate the use of nuclear energy and materials to protect health, safety, security and the environment; to implement Canada's international commitments on the peaceful use of nuclear energy; and to disseminate objective scientific, technical and regulatory information to the public.

2.2 The CNSC will hold a public hearing to consider the application from OPG to amend the Power Reactor Operating Licence (PROL) for the Pickering NGS on June 19-20, 2024. OPG's application is to extend the operation of Pickering NGS 'B' units (Units 5 to 8) until December 31, 2026. The remaining Pickering NGS A units (Units 1 and 4) will cease operations at the end of 2024.

2.3 On January 30, 2024, Ontario [announced](#) its support for OPG's plan to proceed with the next steps toward refurbishing Pickering NGS 'B' units (Units 5 to 8). Following shutdown, units will be defueled and dewatered so that refurbishment activities can begin, pending regulatory approval. As units return to service, they will

be reconnected to Ontario's bulk electricity grid. Based on OPG's preliminary schedule, the proposed refurbishment of Pickering NGS is anticipated to be completed by the mid-2030s.

- 2.4 Durham Region is an experienced and informed nuclear host community. From 2020 to 2021, Regional Council reconfirmed its position on a number of nuclear sector issues (see Previous Reports and Decisions below). These positions, in particular [Durham's Nuclear Sector Strategy](#) are the basis of the Region's submission to the CNSC.

3. Next Steps

- 3.1 Staff will submit Durham Region's written intervention (Attachment #1) to the CNSC by April 29, 2024.
- 3.2 Staff will continue to monitor the approval process and will report back on new developments as appropriate.

4. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 4.1 The following Regional staff reports related to the nuclear sector have been approved by Regional Council:
- a. Report #[2010-J-29](#), Update on Durham Nuclear Issues and Response to the Joint Review Panel on the New Nuclear Darlington (NND) Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Application for Licence to Prepare Site
 - b. Report #[2011-J-29](#), Darlington New Nuclear Project Update and Request for Funding for Provision of Consulting Services to Complete a Regional Economic Impact Assessment
 - c. Report #[2011-J-41](#), New Nuclear Darlington (NND) Project Update – Results of the Joint Review Panel Process
 - d. Report #[2020-EDT-9](#), Natural Resources Canada Small Nuclear Reactor Action Plan 2020
 - e. Report #[2021-COW-8](#), Region's Submission to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) for Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) renewal application for the Power Reactor Site Preparation Licence (PRSL) for the Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) and Council's position on nuclear sector issues
 - f. Report #[2021-COW-9](#), Response to the Canadian Radioactive Waste Policy Review
 - g. Report #[2021-COW-37](#), Durham Region Nuclear Sector Strategy 2022-2032

5. Relationship to Regional Plans

6. This report aligns with [Durham Region's Nuclear Sector Strategy](#), [Durham Region's Economic Development and Tourism Strategy and Action Plan](#) and the following strategic goals and priorities in the [Durham Region Strategic Plan](#):
- a. Under the goal of Environmental Sustainability, Priority 1.1 is to accelerate the adoption of green technologies and clean energy solutions through strategic partnerships and investment.
 - b. Under the goal of Environmental Sustainability, Priority 1.1 is to demonstrate leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change.
 - c. Under the goal of Economic Prosperity, Priority 3.4 is to capitalize on Durham's strengths in key economic sectors to attract high-quality jobs.

7. Attachments

Attachment #1: The Regional Municipality of Durham submission regarding Ontario Power Generation's application for a Power Reactor Operating Licence Amendment for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

Submission regarding Ontario Power Generation's application for a Power Reactor Operating Licence Amendment for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

April 2024

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Glossary of Acronyms

AAZ	Automatic Action Zone
EA	Environmental Assessment
CNSC	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
DPZ	Detailed Planning Zone
DNHC	Durham Nuclear Health Committee
DNNP	Darlington New Nuclear Project
DRPS	Durham Regional Police Service
GTA	Greater Toronto Area
JRP	Joint Review Panel
ITER	International Thermo-nuclear Energy Reactor
KI	Potassium Iodide
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NGS	Nuclear Generating Station
NRCan	Natural Resources Canada
NWMO	Nuclear Waste Management Organization
OPG	Ontario Power Generation
PPE	Plant Parameter Envelope
PROL	Power Reactor Operating Licence
ROP	Regional Official Plan
SMR	Small Modular Reactor

1. Message from the Regional Chair

Dear President Berube and Independent Members of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission,

On behalf of Durham Region, I am pleased to show support for Ontario Power Generation (OPG) in its application to amend its Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station, to extend the operation of Units 5 to 8 until December 31, 2026.

Nuclear has always been a vital part of our story. Since the 1960s, Durham Region has been one of Canada's principal nuclear jurisdictions; a proud, informed and experienced host community at the forefront of innovation.

Durham's two provincially owned nuclear generating stations, supply chain and research and development capacity, and global expertise have enabled our region to become a hub of nuclear academia, engineering and manufacturing.

We are home to a strong cluster of nuclear energy-supporting organizations; institutions that offer unique nuclear post-secondary degree programs; Canada's first on-grid SMR and more, which enable us to continue to play a leadership role in this sector.

We take great pride in being the Clean Energy Capital of Canada. This comes with considerable responsibility to protect the well-being of our residents and the environment, while also helping to sustain our local economy.

We are supportive of OPG's application to amend its Power Reactor Operator License. Globally, our future depends on decarbonizing our communities. The Pickering Nuclear Generating Station safely produces the clean, reliable energy that Ontarians greatly benefit from everyday.

Sincerely,

John Henry
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer
The Regional Municipality of Durham

2. Acknowledgement

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

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

3. Introduction

Since the 1960s, Durham Region has been proud to be at the forefront of nuclear innovation. The nuclear facilities, supply chain, research and development capacity, and academic expertise found within our borders make Durham Region Canada's premier nuclear jurisdiction.

Durham Region is an experienced and informed nuclear host community. We are home to two large-scale nuclear generating stations, the Port Granby Project, and will soon be the site of Canada's first on-grid SMR.

Regional Council has expressed its support of refurbishments at Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (NGS) and Darlington NGS, the ITER¹ Project, Canada's SMR Action Plan, and re-licensing applications for the existing stations to the CNSC through Regional Council resolutions and Regional submissions. While the Region remains ineligible for CNSC's intervenor funding and has long argued that the provincial property tax policy for nuclear generating stations unfairly disadvantages host municipalities, it is important for the Region to participate in this hearing process and submit this intervention to demonstrate our continued commitment to the sector.

Municipalities provide and deliver valuable programs and services to meet the needs of their residents and local businesses. As a regional municipality, Durham has responsibilities to protect the well-being of our residents and the environment and to sustain our local economy.

Globally, our future depends on decarbonizing our communities and economy. In January 2020, Regional Council declared a climate change emergency. To act on this direction, the Region is implementing programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions,

¹ International Thermo-nuclear Energy Reactor Project – in the 1990s, the site now proposed for the DNNP was the site of Canada's bid for the ITER project. The ITER bid was won by France.

build climate resiliency, and is striving to be a carbon-neutral community. Durham Region has been recognized as a leader in municipal efforts to address climate change and we understand that nuclear energy will play a pivotal role in Canada's transition.

4. Durham Region and OPG's Partnership

Durham Region has a strong relationship with OPG. This includes regular meetings between staff to facilitate detailed conversations about projects and identify opportunities for partnership, presentations to staff, and a facility tour. Additionally, the Region partners with OPG on the following initiatives:

Community Engagement

Durham Region appreciates the activities undertaken by OPG to raise awareness of the nuclear sector within the community over the years including the Neighbours Newsletter, information centres, community advisory committees and media campaigns. Durham Region and OPG have partnered for a variety of community engagement activities including emergency preparedness week events and to develop a nuclear emergency preparedness public awareness strategy.

Emergency Management

For decades, the Region has played a leading role in nuclear emergency planning and has significant responsibilities under the Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP). As such, the Region has developed a high level of expertise in nuclear emergency preparedness. Durham Region works closely with OPG and local emergency services to ensure that appropriate planning, practice and coordination are in place to respond to any emergency that may affect the community. OPG provides funding for this program through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Potassium Iodide (KI) Pill Distribution Program

Since 2014, Durham Region has been working in partnership with OPG on a potassium iodide (KI) distribution program that includes distributing new tablets, collecting tablets nearing expiration, developing and disseminating KI educational materials and raising awareness within the community about the availability of KI. KI tablets are distributed to all homes and businesses within the 10-kilometer Detailed Planning Zone (DPZ) surrounding Pickering and Darlington NGS and KI tablets are available free to anyone living up to 50 km from either nuclear generating station by ordering them online at preparetobesafe.ca. OPG provides funding for this program through a MOU.

Durham Nuclear Health Committee

OPG provides funding and technical assistance to the [Durham Nuclear Health Committee \(DNHC\)](#). DNHC was established in 1995 at the direction of the province as a committee of Durham Regional Council that is chaired by the Region's Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health. The DNHC is a forum for discussing and addressing

potential radiation and environmental human health impacts. Membership of the DNHC consists of ten public members and three alternate public members from Whitby, Oshawa, Ajax, Clarington and Pickering, who are appointed by Council; two representatives of OPG; and four provincial/regional government representatives. OPG staff regularly provide educational presentations and updates on environmental monitoring.

Policing

The Durham Region Police Service (DRPS) has an excellent working relationship with both the Emergency Preparedness and Security program and the Emergency Services Unit within OPG. To maintain a strong working relationship, DRPS participates in security and emergency services training and exercise activities in OPG's Emergency Management Program. This includes natural, technological and human-induced (criminal) emergencies or disasters. DRPS also participates in annual "Force on Force" security exercises and training opportunities in the roles of participant, observer and evaluator. The DRPS and OPG have an MOU for Off-Site Response that provides the framework for police response.

Air and Water Quality Monitoring

Durham Region has a partnership with OPG to host air quality monitoring stations on Regional property. Durham and OPG also work together to monitor Lake Ontario as a drinking water source by collecting and analyzing samples at all Lake Ontario based water supply plants for byproducts of the nuclear generating process. We work together to share monitoring and modelling data relating to water quality.

Regional Land Use Planning

On May 17, 2023, Durham Region Council adopted the new Regional Official Plan (ROP). The new ROP recognizes the history and the long-term opportunities related to nuclear power generation in the Region. The new ROP is currently awaiting provincial approval.

The new ROP identifies a Regional interest in the planning and regulatory process for new and refurbished nuclear development in the Region as well as the decommissioning and long-term plan for future use of the Pickering NGS lands.

The new ROP has implemented policies and mapping to protect the Automatic Action Zone (AAZ) surrounding both the Darlington and Pickering NGS. The Automatic Action Zone for the Pickering NGS includes lands between Whites Road and Duffins Creek, from the Lake Ontario shoreline to Highway 401. This area includes extensive existing residential areas. The new ROP requires that any new development which proposes a sensitive land use within this area are required to minimize and mitigate potential adverse impacts.

Figure 12 of the new ROP illustrates the AAZs. CNSC and OPG staff had the opportunity to review through the consultation process for the new ROP. Several effective meetings were held throughout policy development with both CNSC and OPG staff.

5. Regional Participation in Nuclear Policy and Regulatory Affairs

In 2021, we engaged broadly with partners, Indigenous rights holders and the community to gain insight into how the Region should participate in the nuclear sector. Through this process, we developed [Empowering the Community: Durham Region's Nuclear Sector Strategy](#) which aims to empower Durham Region by building an understanding of the nuclear sector, working with partners to seize opportunities, and preparing for an evolving future. As outlined in the strategy, the Region is committed to playing an active role in nuclear regulatory processes and policy development across all levels of government to protect the interests of our community.

Through the development of this strategy, the Region committed to working with OPG and other stakeholders to advance and accelerate repurposing plans for Pickering NGS. Durham Region partnered with OPG and the City of Pickering to review the Financial, Economic and Social Impact Study on the retirement of Pickering NGS so that the Region could better understand the steps ahead in decommissioning the facility and prepare to meet the coming challenges. Since the conclusion of that study, Ontario [announced](#) its support for OPG's plan to proceed with the next steps toward refurbishing Pickering NGS 'B' units (Units 5 to 8).

We are approaching this project with future generations in mind and will continue to advocate for policies that prioritize community fiscal and socio-economic well-being throughout the life cycle of nuclear facilities. This has included active participation in Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) policy development process for [Canada's Policy for Radioactive Waste Management and Decommissioning](#) and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO) engagement on the [Integrated Strategy for Radioactive Waste](#).

This is Durham Region's third intervention application to the CNSC in 2024 and we anticipate participating in at least one more. Participating in regulatory processes for facilities within the Region is important, however, it places strain on municipal resources. Over the next decade, we anticipate annual involvement in CNSC hearings and provincial and federal policymaking related to the nuclear and broader energy sector. We urge the CNSC and operators to support financial arrangements that recognize the responsibilities associated with being a nuclear host community and the importance of this participation to ensure the well-being of host communities.

This is consistent with the [Nuclear Communities Global Partnership](#) March 21, 2024, [declaration](#) which calls on national and regional governments to actively listen to local communities, engage in early dialogue, provide resources for participation, and

establish partnerships throughout the decision-making, development, operations, closure and decommissioning phases of a nuclear project.

6. Durham Region: the Clean Energy Capital of Canada

The Region, in its position as an experienced and informed nuclear host community, is a willing and supportive host community of the Pickering NGS.

The Region understands that the current Pickering Power Reactor Operating Licence (PROL) 48.01/2028, includes continued commercial operation of all reactor units until December 2024 as well as post-shutdown activities associated with removal of fuel and water in preparation for the safe storage of all units. OPG is seeking to amend the operating licence of the Pickering NGS 'B' Units 5 to 8 up to, and no later than, December 31, 2026. The end of commercial operations of the remaining Pickering NGS 'A' Units 1 and 4 remains the end of 2024.

By extending the operations from 2024 to 2026, the Pickering NGS will provide carbon emissions-free electricity to the provincial bulk electricity grid while refurbishments at Darlington and Bruce NGS are completed. Refurbishment at Pickering NGS 'B' will commence once these projects are completed. We understand that OPG is developing plans to decommission the Pickering NGS 'A' units. According to OPG's Pickering Preliminary Decommissioning Plan (PDP), the used fuel will remain onsite until the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO) deep geologic repository (DGR) is available. Dismantling and demolition of the station will not begin until all used fuel has been removed. Durham Region remains concerned about delays to NWMO's process to select a site for the DGR as they directly impact the ability to beneficially reuse the Pickering NGS 'A' site.

We urge OPG and other stakeholders to advance and accelerate repurposing plans for the Pickering NGS 'A' site such as attracting medical isotope production and processing operation, a research facility, and other innovative low-carbon energy facilities.

The Region is not positioned to undertake a technical assessment of OPG's licence application, however, we understand that CNSC staff have reviewed OPG's applications and concluded that OPG has adequately demonstrated the fitness for service of major components, including fuel channels, feeders, and steam generators, at the Pickering NGS for continued operation of Units 5 to 8 to December 31, 2026 and that OPG remains qualified to carry on the activities authorized in the Power Reactor Operating Licence (PROL) and continues to make provisions to protect workers, people, and the environment.

As a regional municipality, the safety and well-being of our community are our top priorities. The Region supports the CNSC staff recommendation that the Commission amend the Pickering NGS licence PROL 48.01/2028 to include a condition that the licensee shall implement and maintain an enhanced fitness for service program for fuel channels in extended operation.

With exciting advancements under development for the reuse of radioactive waste, lifesaving medical isotopes under production, large-scale refurbishments and new SMRs, and billions of dollars committed to the industry by both the provincial and federal governments², it is critical that this economic stimulus deliver better economic multiplication throughout the local economy in Durham by attracting and enabling inbound business investment and the establishment of permanent operations by organizations throughout the nuclear value chain. A large proportion of our residents leave Durham Region to travel to their place of employment. Canada's nuclear technology development and manufacturing should have strong roots in Durham Region, and the sector should offer a variety of permanent, local, high-value careers to the people who have supported this industry for decades.

The Region's advantages include its labour force, a strong cluster of existing clean energy businesses and leading academic facilities. The [Invest Durham](#) team has developed resources to assist the industry with understanding opportunities in Durham Region, including real estate options for commercial and industrial investment. For example, Durham is working to establish a clean energy business park on lands that it owns near the Darlington NGS and Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) site.

Durham Region looks forward to continuing its strong partnership with OPG to understand how we can work together to facilitate the project and attract business investment to the region.

² Canada's SMR Action Plan progress update. October 2022.
<https://smractionplan.ca/sites/smractionplan/files/2023-01/full-approved-progress-update-eng-access.pdf>



EARLY RELEASE OF REPORT

**The Regional Municipality of Durham
Report**

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2024-P-**
Date: May 7, 2024

Subject:

Public Meeting Report

Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Lafarge Canada Inc. to permit the expansion of Aggregate Resource Extraction Area #30 in the Township of Uxbridge, File: OPA 2024-001

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2024-P-** be received for information; and
 - B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning and Economic Development Department for consideration.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides information on a proposed amendment to the Durham Regional Official Plan (ROP) which is intended to permit an expansion to Aggregate Resource Extraction Area #30 in the Township of Uxbridge.
- 1.2 A "Notice of Public Meeting" regarding this application will be advertised in the Uxbridge Cosmos on April 18, 2024. Notice of this meeting will also be mailed to

landowners within 120 metres of the subject site. This report will also be made available to the public prior to the meeting to be held on June 4, 2024.

2. Application

- 2.1 On February 29, 2024, MHBC Planning, on behalf of Lafarge Canada Inc. (“Lafarge”) submitted an application to amend the ROP to permit the expansion of an existing licenced aggregate pit operation in Township of Uxbridge. The application was deemed complete on April 2, 2024. A “Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting” was mailed to property owners within 120 metres of the site on April 19, 2024.
- 2.2 The subject lands are located on the west side of Concession 4, south of Wagg Road (refer to Attachment 1). The site is municipally addressed as 4900 Concession 4 and legally described as Part of Lot 20, Concession 3, Township of Uxbridge.
- 2.3 Lafarge currently operates the licenced aggregate pit known as the Goodwood Pit. The Goodwood Pit operates under Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Aggregate License 6593 and includes two license areas separated by the Canadian National Railway (CNR) Uxbridge Subdivision rail line, also known as the York Durham Heritage Railway line, with a total area of approximately 127 hectares (314 acres). The licensed area northwest of the rail line is about 58 hectares (143 acres) and has been fully rehabilitated except for the access road to Concession 3. The portion of the existing license southeast of the rail line is currently under active extraction with an area of approximately 69 hectares. The proposed expansion would allow Lafarge to maximize the efficiencies of the site through phased extraction and use of the equipment and haul route of the existing Goodwood Pit.
- 2.4 The proposed expansion area to be licensed is approximately 17.9 hectares (44.2 acres) in size. The size of the proposed extraction area is 15.4 hectares (38 acres). The proposed total annual limit of material to be extracted will not exceed 1,177,000 tonnes in combination with the existing Goodwood Pit, which would be integrated with the existing tonnage limits of the operation. There will no capacity increase to the overall operation with the expansion. On-site portable primary aggregate processing is proposed to be carried out within the limits of the proposed license, and the existing entrance to the Lafarge Goodwood Pit would be utilized for shipping of the aggregate material.
- 2.5 The subject site is currently under active agricultural cultivation for pasture and the farming of cash crops. There are small, isolated wooded areas within and adjacent to the property.

2.6 The following land uses surround the subject site:

- North – CNR rail line, rural residential uses, woodlands and Wagg Road;
- East – Concession 4, rural residential uses, Aggregate Extraction Area 21;
- South – Aggregate Resource Extraction Area No. 30 (Lafarge’s current aggregate extraction pit; and
- West – vacant, rehabilitated land from the above noted extraction pit’s previous extraction phases.

3. Proposed License

3.1 A license for a Category 1, Class A permit is being submitted for the subject site. This type of permit is required by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) under the *Aggregate Resources Act* for pit operations which intend on extracting aggregate material from below the established groundwater table. The subject application proposes extraction both above and below the water table in two phases in accordance with progressive rehabilitation principles, beginning at the western portion of the site and ending at the eastern portion of the site. Extraction above the water table will remove approximately 20 to 25 metres of material, and extraction below the water table would be to a depth of approximately 12 metres.

3.2 The proposed pit will utilize the existing Goodwood Pit entrance/exit located south of the existing pit on Regional Road 47 (refer to Attachment 1), as well as the established haul route from this pit to Lafarge’s Stouffville Pit. No new haul routes or entrances are proposed.

3.3 The Aggregate Site Plan for the subject application identifies an acoustic berm 2 - 4 metres in height to be constructed above the existing grade on the northern perimeter of the property to be excavated during Phase 1. An acoustic berm of five to ten metres high will be constructed above the existing grade on the northern and eastern perimeters of the property to be excavated during Phase 2 (refer to Attachment 2). The berms will remain in place throughout the operation of the pit.

4. Reports Submitted in Support of the Application

4.1 The following reports were submitted in support of this application:

- “Planning Justification Report and Aggregate Resources Act Summary Statement”, prepared by MHBC Planning;
- “Water Report Level 2”, prepared by WSP Canada Inc.;
- “Maximum Predicted Water Table Elevation, prepared by WSP Canada Inc.;
- “Natural Environment Report”, prepared by WSP Canada Inc.;

- “Stage 1 - 2 Archaeological Assessment”, prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd.;
 - “Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment”, prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd.;
 - “Air Quality Impact Assessment”, prepared by RWDI Air Inc.;
 - “Noise Impact Study”, prepared by Aercoustics Engineering Ltd.;
 - “Scoped Transportation Impact Study” prepared by TYLin; and
 - “Aggregate Resources Act Site Plans”, prepared by MHBC Planning.
- 4.2 In accordance with Council adopted policy, the Region is currently in the process of conducting peer reviews of the above noted water level and water table reports as well as the noise impact study, in consultation with the Regional Health Department, the Township of Uxbridge and the applicant, at the applicant’s expense.

5. Aggregate Resources Act & Planning Act

- 5.1 The Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) governs the aggregate license process and runs parallel with the Planning Act process. Approval of the license would be granted by MNRF.
- 5.2 The ARA and its associated regulations require all new and expanding aggregate extraction areas to undergo rigorous review of technical studies with the MNRF and the completion and approval of a set of ‘aggregate site plans’ which identify all aspects of the site’s design, extraction, and rehabilitation conditions as required by the MNRF, the Region of Durham and the Township of Uxbridge.
- 5.3 The technical studies submitted in support of any new or expanding aggregate application are also used to determine whether the principle of land use is appropriate through the required Planning Act processes, such as the Regional Official Plan Amendment and the Township of Uxbridge Zoning By-law Amendment.
- 5.4 The ARA and the MNRF require that all Planning Act approvals are to be in place at the Region and the Township before any extraction license is issued and permitted by the MNRF on the site.
- 5.5 The ARA also requires all active Pits and Quarries to undergo annual monitoring with the MNRF to ensure compliance with the terms of their aggregate site plans.
- 5.6 Lastly, the ARA requires a progressive rehabilitation of all aggregate extraction areas with the completion of each phase. The details of the rehabilitation are located on the Site Plan approved, held and enforced with the MNRF throughout the entire lifespan of the Pit.

6. Provincial Policy Statement (2020)

- 6.1 The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) requires natural features and hydrologic features to be protected for the long term. It further states that natural heritage systems should be maintained, restored or where possible, improved.
- 6.2 The PPS encourages mineral aggregate resources to be available as close to markets as realistically possible. It further requires mineral aggregate operations to be protected from development and other activities which would preclude or hinder their expansion, or continued use which would create incompatibility for public health, public safety or environmental reasons.
- 6.3 Section 2.5.4 speaks specifically to extraction of mineral aggregate resources on prime agricultural land. Mineral aggregate resource extraction is permitted as an interim use in prime agricultural areas, provided that the site will be rehabilitated to an agricultural condition when the pit ceases to operate.
- 6.4 The subject site is located within a Candidate Prime Agricultural Area within the Agricultural Land Base and as such, is considered to be located within a Prime Agricultural Area.

7. Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2017)

- 7.1 The subject site is located within the Countryside Areas designation of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP). Mineral aggregate operations are permitted within the Countryside Areas designation, subject to the applicant demonstrating the following:
 - a. That the quantity and quality of groundwater and surface water will be maintained and, where possible, improved or restored;
 - b. That as much of the site as possible will be rehabilitated, in the case of land in a prime agricultural area, by returning substantially all the land to a condition in which the soil capacity for agriculture is on average the same as it was before the mineral aggregate operation or wayside pit began operating;
 - c. If there are key natural heritage features on the site or on adjacent land, that their health, diversity, size and connectivity will be maintained and, where possible, improved or restored; and
 - d. If there are areas of natural and scientific interest (earth science) on the site or on adjacent land, that the geologic or geomorphological attributes for which they were identified will be protected.

8. Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (2009)

- 8.1 Policy 4.20-DP of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan states that the mineral aggregate resources industry is encouraged to adopt best management practices as a proactive measure to reduce potential contribution of phosphorous loadings to the Lake Simcoe watershed.

9. Regional Official Plan (ROP) Conformity

Current Regional Official Plan (2020)

- 9.1 The current ROP designates the subject site as Oak Ridges Moraine - Countryside Areas. Countryside Areas within the Oak Ridges Moraine are areas of existing rural land use intended to protect prime agricultural areas, provide for the continuation of agricultural and other rural land uses and maintain the character of Rural Settlements.
- 9.2 Schedule D of the ROP also designates the subject site as being located within an area of high potential for aggregate resources. The ROP protects these areas for such purposes.
- 9.3 ROP policy 9D.2.2 states in part that no expansion to an existing pit operation shall be permitted beyond the applicable Aggregate Resource Extraction Areas identified in the ROP other than by amendment to the ROP.
- 9.4 The ROP also states that in the consideration of expanded Aggregate Resource Extraction Areas, potential impacts, and cumulative impacts on existing development and on residents located nearby, shall be fully assessed, with negative effects minimized to the fullest extent possible.

Envision Durham, Council Adopted Regional Official Plan

- 9.5 The subject site is also designated "Oak Ridges Moraine – Countryside Areas" in "Envision Durham", the ROP adopted by Regional Council on May 17, 2023, which is currently before the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing pending approval. Map 4 of Envision Durham also designates the site as an Aggregate Resource Extraction Area.

10. Proposed Official Plan Amendment – Current ROP (2020) and Envision Durham (Adopted 2023)

10.1 The applicant is proposing that the current ROP be amended by making the following change to Schedule ‘E’ – Table ‘E1’ which describes the size and location of the proposed aggregate resource extraction area site as shown below:

Area Identified on Schedule ‘E’	Former Municipality	Lot(s)	Concession(s)	Area (Ha)
30	Uxbridge Twp.	Parts of 18, 19 & 20	3	103 121

10.2 The adopted ROP removed Schedule ‘E’ – Table ‘E1’ in lieu of directing readers to MNRF’s Pit and Quarries Online website for detailed information on individual licenses (refer to adopted Policy 6.7.10). As a result, this proposed Official Plan Amendment will not require any revisions to the new ROP.

11. Other Applications

11.1 The applicant has submitted applications to amend the Official Plan (OPA 72) and the Zoning By-law of the Township of Uxbridge (ZBA 2024-02) to implement the proposed expansion to the aggregate resource extraction area.

11.2 An application under the Aggregate Resources Act is being prepared by the applicant and will be submitted to the MNRF soon.

12. Consultation

12.1 The application has been circulated to various agencies for comments including: the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Township of Uxbridge, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, the Region of Durham Works Department, and the Region of Durham Health Department.

13. Public Consultation

13.1 A “Notice of Public Meeting” regarding this application has been advertised in the “Uxbridge Cosmos” and mailed to all property owners within 120 metres of the proposed amendment. This report was also made available to the public prior to the meeting.

- 13.2 Anyone who attends or participates in a public meeting may present an oral submission and/or provide a written submission to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on the proposed amendment. Also, any person may make written submissions at any time before Regional Council makes a decision.
- 13.3 If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or does not make written submissions before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body:
- a. Is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Region of Durham to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT); and
 - b. May not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the OLT, as grounds to add the person or public body as a party.
- 13.4 Anyone who wants to be notified of Regional Council's decision on the proposed ROP Amendment must submit a written request to:

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Planning and Economic Development Department
Regional Municipality of Durham
Durham Regional Headquarters
605 Rossland Road East
Whitby, ON, L1N 6A3

14. Future Regional Council Decision

- 14.1 The Planning and Economic Development Committee will consider this ROP Amendment application at a future meeting and will make a recommendation to Regional Council. Council's decision will be final unless appealed.
- 14.2 All persons who make oral submission, or have requested notification in writing, will be given notice of the future meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee and Regional Council at which the subject application will be considered.

15. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 15.1 There are no previous reports on this matter.

16. Relationship to Strategic Plan

16.1 The objective in the processing of Regional Official Plan Amendment applications is to ensure responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

17. Attachments

Attachment #1: Location Sketch

Attachment #2: Phasing Plan

Respectfully submitted,

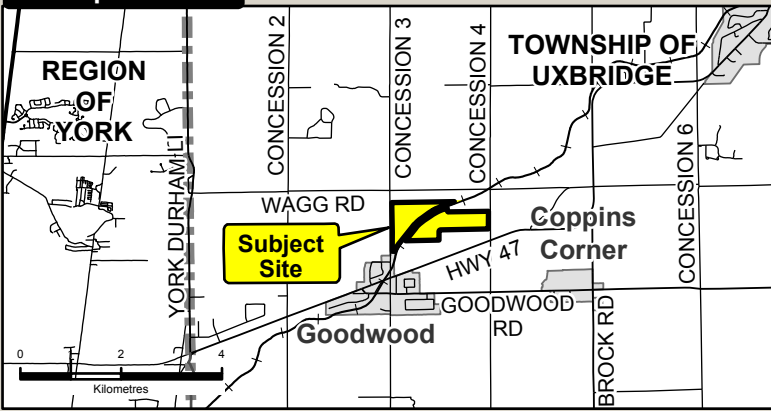
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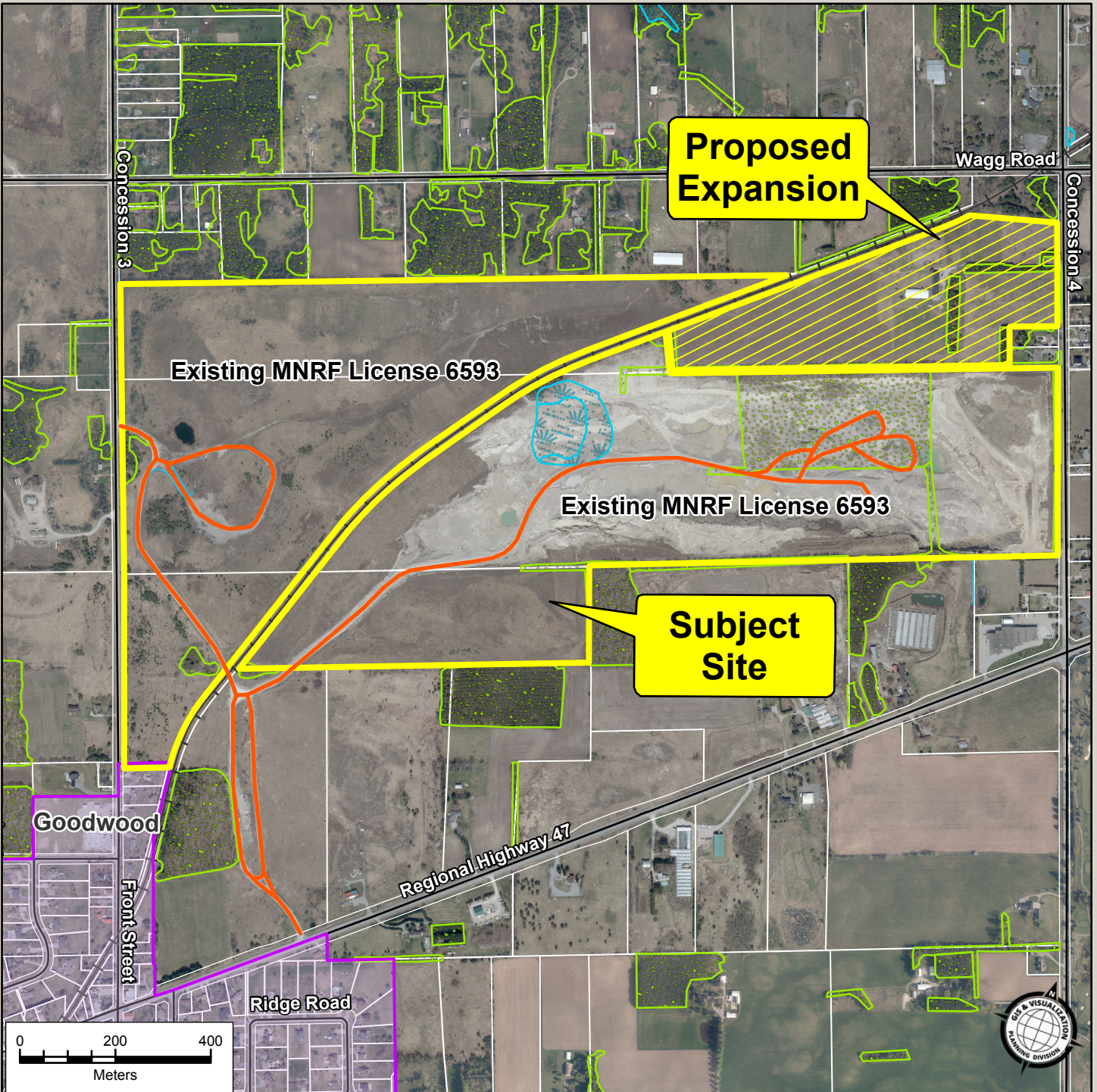
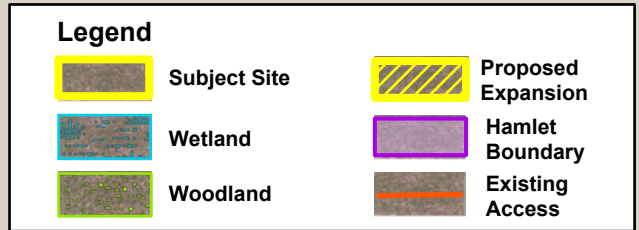
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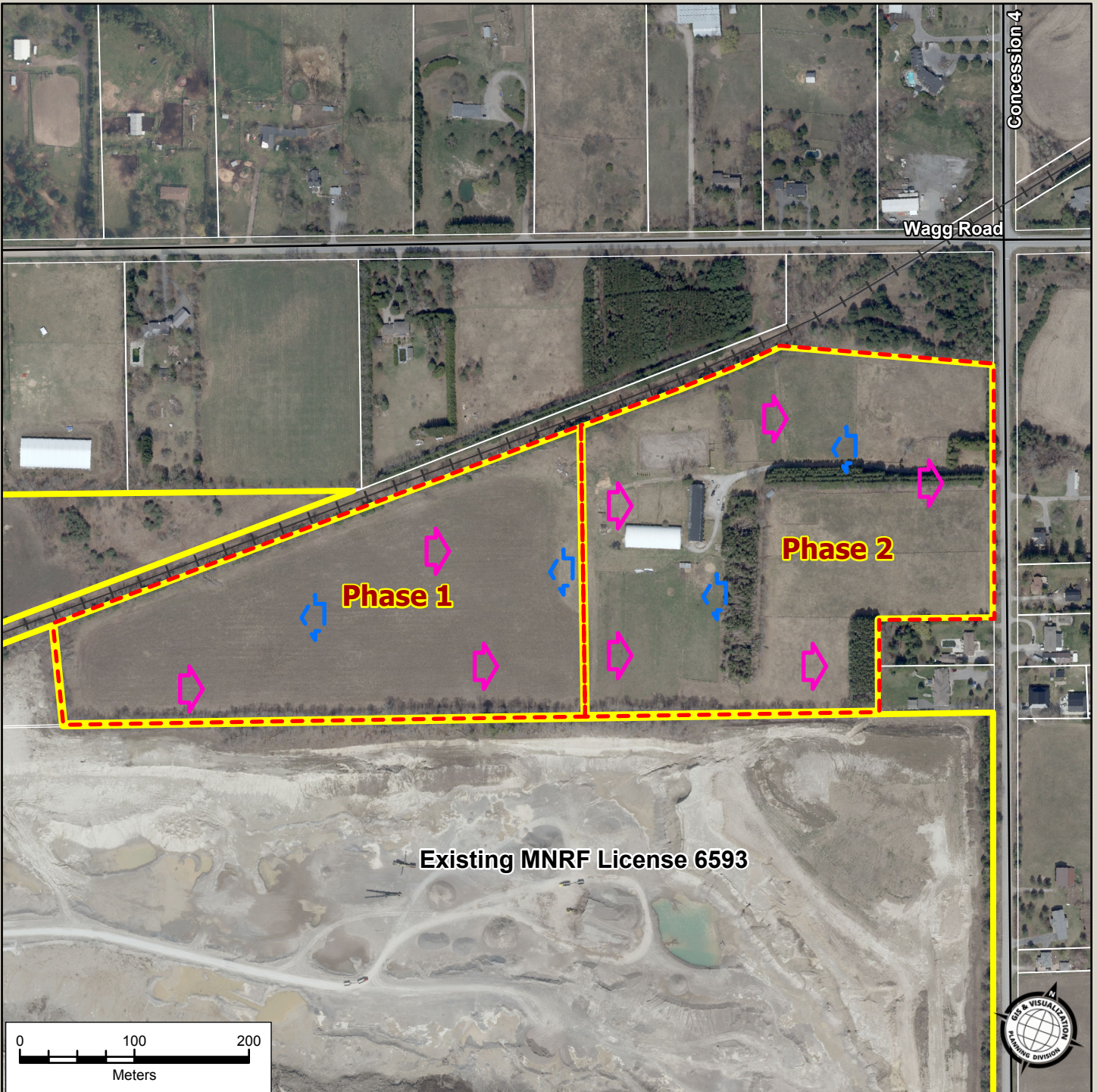
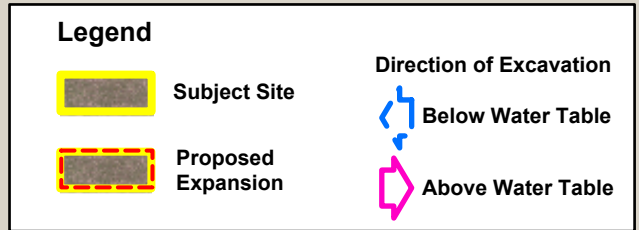
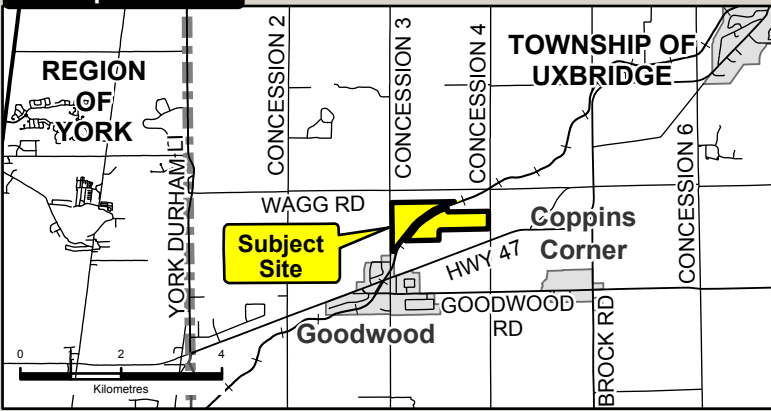
Municipal Context



Attachment #1
Commissioner's Report: 2024-P-**
File: ROPA 2024-001
Municipality: Township of Uxbridge




Municipal Context



Sent by Email

April 3, 2024

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Subject: Director, City Development & CBO, Report PLN 05-24
Initiating Pickering's Official Plan Review

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on March 25, 2024 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That staff be authorized to initiate the update of the Pickering Official Plan, and to fulfill the requirements of Section 26(3) of the *Planning Act*, and request the Mayor to call a Special Meeting of Council on May 27, 2024 at 5:00 pm to provide an opportunity for public input on the revisions that may be required; and,
2. That a copy of Report PLN 05-24, and Council's Resolution thereon, be sent to the Region of Durham, local municipalities in Durham Region, the City of Toronto, the Region of York, the City of Markham, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, the Durham School Boards, and any interested parties for their information.

A copy of Report PLN 05-24 is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

Encl.

SC:am

Copy: Jaclyn Grossi, Director of Legislative & Information Services, Town of Ajax;
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From: Kyle Bentley
Director, City Development & CBO

Subject: Initiating Pickering's Official Plan Review

Recommendation:

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Executive Summary: The purpose of this report is twofold: to provide information to Council and the public on the need for a review of the Pickering Official Plan at this time, and to request Council to support hosting a special public meeting, as called by the Mayor, to discuss revisions that may be required to the Pickering Official Plan, as required by the Section 26(3)(b) of the *Planning Act*.

The *Planning Act* requires that Official Plans be reviewed every five years to ensure they conform to Provincial legislation, policy, and plans. The Pickering Official Plan (the Plan) was approved in 1997, and the first comprehensive review of the Plan was initiated in 2007. Since that review, staff have initiated amendments to the Plan for specific topics to implement Council approved plans and to maintain conformity with Provincial legislation and plans, as required by the *Planning Act*. Although Council has amended the Plan on an as-needed basis, a comprehensive review, as required by the *Planning Act*, has not been undertaken since the 2007 review.

Council and staff have been diligent to maintain conformity with Provincial and Regional planning documents through amendments to the Plan. However, the number of recent proposed, and approved, changes to Provincial legislation, policy, and plans, and a new Regional Official Plan, make continuing with this approach not viable. A comprehensive review is required to address the significant changes found in Provincial Bills, including Bill 23, the adoption of a new Regional Official Plan, and proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statements and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan.

In addition to the regulatory requirements the City of Pickering is projected to enter a significant period of growth in the coming decades. This growth will not only increase the population and number of housing units within the community but will result in changes in the needs of residents. This shift is reflected in the number of Council approved corporate and master plans that have been approved in recent years to reflect the changing needs of the community.

Accordingly, staff recommends that a review of the Pickering Official Plan be initiated, under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, and to that end, that the Mayor be requested to call a special meeting of Council at 5:00 pm on May 27, 2024 to obtain public input and initiate the review.

Relationship to the Pickering Strategic Plan: The recommendations in this report respond to the following Pickering Strategic Plan Key Priorities of: Advance Innovation & Responsible Planning to Support a Connected, Well-Serviced Community; Lead & Advocate for Environmental Stewardship, Innovation & Resiliency; and Foster an Engaged & Informed Community.

Financial Implications: None from adopting the recommendations of this report. The City Development Department – Planning & Design section 2024 Budget submission identifies \$500,000.00 for consulting for the Pickering Official Plan Review process.

Discussion:

1. What is an Official Plan

An Official Plan is the City's primary, long range comprehensive municipal planning document, that provides the framework for land use decision-making in the City. It represents Council's vision, guided by community involvement, for growth and change within the City. It sets a policy framework for the physical, social, environmental, and economic development of the City, while ensuring growth occurs responsibly, and resources are used efficiently and sustainably. An Official Plan deals with issues such as:

- where new housing, industry, offices and shops will be located
- what services will be needed, such as roads, watermains, sewers, parks and schools
- creating opportunities for residents to connect socially, culturally, as well as preserve and enjoy the natural environment
- when, and in what order, parts of the community will grow
- where, and how, the City will invest in community improvement initiatives

2. The Pickering Official Plan

In March 1997, the then Town of Pickering Council adopted a new official plan, the Pickering Official Plan, and Durham Regional Council approved the Plan in September of that year. The Plan replaced the previous official plan, known as the Pickering District

Plan. The new Plan had a planning horizon of twenty years (to 2016). In 2007, Council initiated a review of the Plan to bring it into conformity with Provincial and Regional policies. The resulting amendments added detailed policies for specific growth areas in the City, and extended the planning horizon to the year 2031 for the City Centre and the Seaton Community.

Additional amendments have been initiated on specific topics, such as the Integrated Sustainable Design Standards (ISDS), to implement Council approved plans. Amendments within specific areas of the City, including the Kingston Road Corridor – Brock Node Intensification Study, have also been initiated, as required, to maintain conformity with Provincial legislation and plans, as required by the *Planning Act*.

3. Purpose of Updating the Official Plan

The framework of the Official Plan has been in place for over 20 years, with Council amending the Plan regularly to respond to changing needs and policy directions. The vision and goals for Pickering need to be reassessed, as they may have evolved since the Plan was originally structured and approved. In addition, the planning horizon for the Plan has elapsed, and the planning horizon reflected in the amendments made for specific growth areas, to 2031, is quickly approaching.

Pickering's growth rate since the Plan was originally approved by Council has been relatively low, averaging 1.1% growth from 2006-2021. Despite the recent growth trends, Pickering is anticipated to accommodate the largest growth rates in the Region of Durham to 2051, with an anticipated growth rate of 3.3% per year. Pickering is also anticipated to have the largest increase in housing units in the Region to 2051.

Since the Plan was last amended, significant changes to Provincial and Regional policy and legislation have occurred, including:

- an updated Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS)
- significant amendments to the *Planning Act*, *Development Charges Act* and *Ontario Heritage Act*, through Bill 108, Bill 109, Bill 23, and Bill 134
- review and updates to Provincial Plans:
 - A Place to Grow: Growth Plan, including growth projections to 2051
 - Greenbelt Plan
 - Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan
- the Province has released a draft Provincial Policy Statement, that would combine various policies of A Place to Grow and the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, plus introduce new policies, to form a new Provincial land use policy document
- the Region of Durham has adopted a new Official Plan "Envision Durham", with a planning horizon of 2051

In addition to the Provincial and Regional changes identified above, the City has approved, or is in the process of updating, various plans and strategies. It is important that these City initiatives be reflected in the policies of the Plan, ensuring consistency in the documents. Some of these include:

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- Corporate Strategic Plan 2024-2028
 - Integrated Sustainable Design Standards, 2022
 - Integrated Transportation Master Plan, 2021
 - Pickering Housing Strategy & Action Plan, 2022
 - Economic Development Strategy, 2022
 - Retail Market Study, underway
 - Recreation and Parks Master Plan, underway

Given the number of changes listed above, it is timely to engage with stakeholders and the public, as well as with Indigenous Peoples, regarding their vision for Pickering's future. It is also an opportunity to assess if the Official Plan policies that guide the City's growth and development remain appropriate, and are achieving the stated objectives.

A comprehensive review of the Plan will allow staff to assess the changing and evolving legislative and policy framework occurring at the Province and the Region, consider new best practices and planning approaches, to align with City plans and strategies, and accommodate the projected growth to a planning horizon up to 2051.

4. *Planning Act* Requirements

The *Planning Act*, Section 26(1) requires that an Official Plan be reviewed every five years (or ten years after the approval of a new Official Plan) to, among other things, ensure that it conforms to provincial plans, have regard for matters of provincial interest, and be consistent with provincial policy statements.

Section 26 of the *Planning Act* outlines the requirements for updating an Official Plan. To initiate an Official Plan review, the *Planning Act* requires that a special meeting of Council, open to the public, be held to discuss revisions that may be required as part of the Official Plan review.

The *Planning Act* also requires that the approval authority, which for Pickering is currently the Region of Durham, and prescribed public bodies, be consulted. Staff have contacted the Region of Durham, and will send the required notice to the prescribed bodies, prior to the Special Meeting.

At the Special Council Meeting, staff will submit a report and presentation that outlines the intended work plan, and timeline, associated with the review. The report will also highlight major topic areas to be addressed as part of the Official Plan Review process.

5. Resources

An Official Plan Review is a large undertaking, consisting of a wide variety of components and issues, including growth management, natural heritage, employment areas, rural and agricultural systems, and servicing and transportation infrastructure. The process will include a substantial public engagement strategy, to provide multiple opportunities for the community to engage, and provide input and feedback.

The Official Plan Review will primarily be undertaken by existing City staff and resources. External consulting assistance will be sought for specific aspects of the project that require specialized skills and experience, including growth management, employment lands study, and public engagement. Funds have been requested in the 2024 Budget accordingly.

6. Conclusion

The report outlines the requirement of the *Planning Act* to review Official Plans every five years, to ensure that it conforms to Provincial policy and plans. The Pickering Official Plan has not been comprehensively reviewed since last initiated in 2007. The amendments made to the Plan through the 2007 review, included a planning horizon to the year 2031 for certain growth areas in the City, while the rest of the Plan is still based on a 2016 Planning horizon.

There have been significant amendments and proposed changes to Provincial legislation, policy and plans in recent years. Another significant change is the approval of a new Region of Durham Official Plan, with population and housing projections to the year 2051. The projections indicate Pickering is expected to become the fastest growing Municipality in the Region. The changes to the Provincial and Regional planning framework provide opportunities and contain requirements that have implications for the Pickering Official Plan.

A review of the Official Plan will ensure that Pickering's goals and vision for growth and community development, reflect all Provincial requirements, the new Regional Official Plan, incorporates the results of various City initiatives and stakeholder feedback, and establish an updated or new policy framework to guide the City's growth and development to 2051.

Accordingly, staff recommends that a review of the Pickering Official Plan be initiated, under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, and to that end, that the Mayor be requested to call a special meeting of Council at 5:00 pm on May 27, 2024 to obtain public input and initiate the review.

Attachments: None

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Kyle Bentley, P. Eng.
Director, City Development & CBO

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Recommended for the consideration
of Pickering City Council


Original Signed By

Marisa Carpino, M.A.
Chief Administrative Officer

Sent by Email

April 3, 2024

Alexander Harras
Director, Legislative Services and Regional Clerk
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Subject: Corr. 09-24
Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk,
Region of Durham
Re: Request the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking with Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on March 25, 2024 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 09-24, from Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk, Region of Durham, dated January 31, 2024, regarding a Request the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking with Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario, be received and endorsed.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

Encl.

SC:am

Copy: Chief Administrative Officer



January 31, 2024

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**Alexander Harras
M.P.A.
Director of
Legislative Services
& Regional Clerk**

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Request the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking with Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario, Our File: F00

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on January 31, 2024, passed the following resolution:

“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 supporting asylum seekers and addressing the homelessness, 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;

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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;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Chair write a letter on behalf of Council to the Premier of Ontario requesting 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

That a copy of this motion and the supporting letter be sent to the local MPPs, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the local area municipalities in Durham Region.”

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras,
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk

AH/sr

Enclosure

- c: Hon. P. Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP, Pickering/Ajax
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L. Coe, MPP, Whitby
Hon. T. McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service
Delivery, MPP, Durham
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Clarington

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April 4, 2024

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

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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Region of Durham, Regarding a Request to the Province to Permanently Remove Tolls on Highway 407 Between Brock Road in Pickering and Highway 35/115 (Mayor Foster)

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on March 25, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington passed the following Resolution # GG-024-24:

That the following resolution from the Region of Durham, regarding Request to the Province to Permanently Remove Tolls on Highway 407 Between Brock Road in Pickering and Highway 35/115, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

Whereas Highway 407 from Brock Road (Regional Road 1) in Pickering to Highway 35/115 is provincially owned and tolls are set by the province;

And whereas the province introduced legislation that if passed would ban tolls from provincially owned highways including all 400-series highways except for Highway 407 which is located almost exclusively in Durham Region;

And whereas if excluded from the proposed ban on tolls, Highway 407 would become the only tolled provincially owned highway in Ontario, resulting in unfair economic impacts to Durham Region residents and businesses;

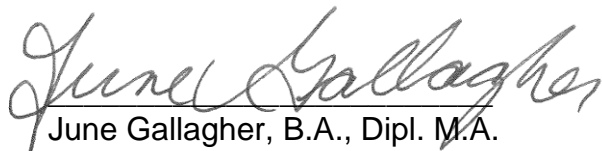
And whereas the Province of Ontario has previously removed tolls on Highways 412 and 418 located within Durham, demonstrating the willingness to removing existing unfair tolls on provincially owned highways and should therefore include the provincial 407 as part of the proposed legislation;

And whereas the removal of tolls on the provincial Highway 407 would reduce the cost of living for Durham Region residents and drive economic growth, while ensuring fair and equitable treatment across all provincial 400-series highways;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham hereby requests that the Province of Ontario include the provincially owned portion of Highway 407 in any legislation banning tolls on provincially owned highways; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, The Honourable Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Transportation, all local Durham MPPs, and all Durham local area municipalities; the City of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough County, Northumberland County, Cobourg, Belleville and their MPs and MPPs; the Ontario Trucking Association; and associations related to the farming community in Durham Region and Ontario

Yours truly,



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

JG/lh

- c: See Attached List of Interested Parties
H. Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
C. MacDonald, Councillors' Office Assistant
J. O'Meara, Policy and Communications Advisor

Interested Parties List

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, M.P.P., Minister of Transportation
Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Vijay Thanigasalam, M.P.P., Associate Minister of Transportation – Vijay.Thanigasalam@pc.ola.org

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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April 3, 2024

Julie Kirkelos
 Town Clerk
 Town of Lincoln
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Sent via email: jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

**Re: Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Museums and Libraries
 Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Ms. Kirkelos,

At its meeting held on March 18, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

That Council endorse Sub-Item 2, Resolution from the Town of Lincoln regarding Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Libraries and Museums

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
 Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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Encl. Resolution from the Town of Lincoln regarding Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Libraries and Museums



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905-563-8205

February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

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

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

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

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

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

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

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

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

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



AMANDA FUSCO

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April 5, 2024

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Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 18, 2024, passed the following resolution regarding the Ontario Heritage Act:

"WHEREAS The More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23) received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. As part of this omnibus Bill, several changes were implemented to various pieces of legislation, including but not limited to, The Planning Act, The Development Charges Act, The Conservation Authorities Act, and The Ontario Heritage Act; and,

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal heritage register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, municipal heritage planning staff and members of the municipal heritage committee (Heritage Kitchener) in this municipality have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; contact owners of such properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and,

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving approximately 228 properties listed properties in this municipality is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals; and,

WHEREAS given the volume of work required, on February 7, 2023 the Kitchener Heritage Committee Work Plan 2022-2014 was endorsed with an objective of reviewing and designating only 80 properties by January 1, 2025 given the time constraint imposed; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener call on the Province to amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030, and that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust. That is also be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Provincial MPPs, Municipal councils across the province, the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO), as well as the Waterloo Region branch of the ACO.”

Yours truly,



A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust
Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities Ontario
F. Leslie Thompson, President, Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO)
Marg Rowell, President, Waterloo Branch of the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario
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Monday, April 8, 2024

Michael de Rond
Clerk
Town of Aurora
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Aurora, Ontario
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SENT VIA EMAIL: mderond@aurora.ca

RE: Town of Goderich Resolution – Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Code of Conduct

Dear M. Rond,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and Whereas several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst municipal members of councils across Ontario; and

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

WHEREAS municipal governments have limited abilities in their toolkit to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

WHEREAS the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal member of council is the suspension of pay for 90 days, even when egregious acts are committed and substantiated; and

WHEREAS AMO has called on the government to table and pass legislation that reflects the following recommendations:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment.
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario.
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province.
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner.
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Goderich supports the call of action the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has submitted to the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them, in consultation with municipal governments; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's letter of recommendations which includes options for enforcing compliance by council members with municipal Codes of Conduct such as;
 - Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment.
 - Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario.
 - Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the Province.
 - Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner o Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce, and the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Ontario municipalities.

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CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Catalina Blumenberg
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SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@pecounty.on.ca

RE: Town of Goderich Resolution – Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates

Dear C. Blumenberg,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Goderich requests the Provincial Government to urgently:

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

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Huron County Social and Property Services, the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,




Andrea Fisher

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
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Hon. Sylvia Jones Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org
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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Matthew Pearson
Chair
Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee
71108 Morrison Line
RR3, Exeter Ontario
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SENT VIA EMAIL: mpearson@bmross.net

RE: Recommended Phase-Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report

Dear M. Pearson,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That the Town of Goderich direct a letter to Minister Lisa Thompson requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario;

And Further That area municipalities, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, other Source Protection Committees, and local health units be forwarded the letter and asked for their support.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
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April 3, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Extension of Bill 23 Timelines regarding Heritage Registry Lists

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following motion regarding the Extension of Bill 23 Timelines regarding Heritage Registry Lists:

Resolution No: RC-2024-33

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Lynn Timmers

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on or before January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the Heritage Advisory Committee have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving 247 listed properties in the Town of Lincoln is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024, with the limited municipal resources available.

WHEREAS the Heritage Advisory Committee on March 14, 2024 provided support to extend the January 1, 2025 deadline for five years to January 1, 2030 to continue efforts required to designate properties.

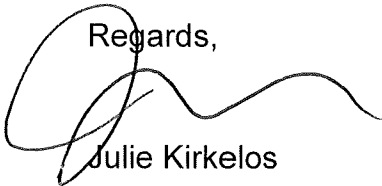
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Lincoln authorize the Mayor to promptly send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario seeking support of the ACO correspondence.

CARRIED

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

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
All Ontario Municipalities




The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier of Ontario
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Town of Cobourg

April 8, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on March 27, 2024, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council support the recommendation of the Township of Perry and send a copy of the support letter to the Premier of Ontario, AMO and member municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Enclosure.

cc. AMO
All Ontario Municipalities



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February 26, 2024

Via Email

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

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for
'Ineligible' Sources**

At their last regular meeting on Wednesday February 21, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following:

"Resolution #2024-52
Moved by: Paul Sowrey
Seconded by: Jim Cushman

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

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

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

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue

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Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

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

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

c.c. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
All Ontario Municipalities

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 02 Apr 2024

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Item a)

GR91-2024

Date: April 2, 2024

Moved by
 Seconded by

WHEREAS municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortages, which will only be exasperated over the next three (3) to five (5) years, which will cause the levels of service that municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades, David Piccinni; our local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried 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 - 02 Apr 2024

Item c)

Date: April 2, 2024

CR93-2024

Moved by 
 Seconded by 


RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay supports the request of the Township of Amaranth in calling upon the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

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

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Moved by: Councillor Campbell

Resolution No.: 2024-40

Seconded by: Councillor Humphries

April 2, 2024

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 redistribution 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;



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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Horton requests 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 is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, John Yakabuski; and all municipalities in Ontario.

X CARRIED

Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 21, 2024

A regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 21, 2024 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:01 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: J. Cuthbertson, Member at Large, Chair
B. Baszyk, Brock
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
B. Foxton, Uxbridge attended the meeting at 7:09 PM
K. Lui, Member at Large
L. Nguyen, Youth Member
D. Stathopoulos, Oshawa
B. Widner, Whitby
Councillor Wotten, Alternate
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: G. Carpentier, Scugog, First Vice-Chair
P. Cohen, Post-Secondary Student
K. Murray, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair
M. Nasir, Ajax

Staff

Present: S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Luqman, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
A. Smith, Manager of Corporate Initiatives, Office of the CAO
***all staff members participated electronically**

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by K. Lui,
That the agenda for the March 21, 2024 Durham Environment and
Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) meeting, be approved.
CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by B. Basztyk, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the minutes of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory
Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 15, 2024, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Presentations

A) Durham Region Strategic Plan, Andrea Smith and Lesley-Ann Foulds, CAO's Office

Andrea Smith, Manager of Corporate Initiatives, participating electronically, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Durham Region Strategic Plan.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Purpose
- Approach to Strategy Development
 - Data-Informed Insights
 - Innovative Thinking
 - Meaning Engagement
 - Community-Oriented Transparent Decision-Making
- Timeline
- Engagement Activities
- Your Voice Matters

A. Smith responded to questions from the Committee regarding the deadline for the Durham Region Strategic Plan resident survey; and whether there are going to be any detailed metrics/a reporting system to show the impact that Regional Council's decision has made with respect to Durham's targets of reaching net zero.

6. Items for Action/Discussion

A) Update on Port Perry Lions Club Waste Diversion Day Event on February 24, 2024 (K. Lui, G. Carpentier, A. Lugman)

K. Lui advised that the Port Perry Lions Club Waste Diversion Day event was held on February 24, 2024 and that it was a successful and informative event. She stated that there were a number of great presentations that included the Lake Stewards, Citizen Justice Durham, and Region of Durham Waste staff.

Councillor Wotten stated that the feedback from those that attended was very positive, and that a number of new ideas were generated to continue the waste diversion conversation. She also thanked DECAC for being a part of the event.

B) Update on DECAC Motion, re: Pollinator on Regional Facilities and Rights-of-Way (A. Luqman)

A. Luqman advised that Works Department staff recently met with the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) and that the Scugog Works Depot and two areas located on Lakeridge Road have been selected as test sites for the pollinator project. She advised that an agreement is currently being reviewed by Legal staff, and that once the required agreements have been signed, she will be meeting with Works staff to discuss next steps.

C) Schedule for Regional Compost Day Events (DECAC Spring Pollinator Giveaway) (A. Luqman)

A. Luqman advised that she has received the schedule for the Regional Compost Day events that will be held between April 27, 2024 and June 8, 2024. She advised that the events will occur on Saturdays between 8:00 AM and noon, rain or shine, and that historically the seed packets have been very well received. She further advised that she will share the event dates to the Committee members after the meeting and will be looking for volunteers to help pack and label the seed packets, along with volunteers to hand them out at the events.

D) Council Climate Education Session (I. McVey)

In the absence of I. McVey, it was the consensus of the Committee to defer Item 6. D) Council Climate Education Session to a future DECAC meeting.

E) Durham Greener Homes – Virtual Home Energy Audit Tech (VHEAT) Update (I. McVey)

In the absence of I. McVey, it was the consensus of the Committee to defer Item 6. E) Durham Greener Homes – Virtual Home Energy Audit Tech (VHEAT) Update to a future DECAC meeting.

7. For Information

A) Commissioner's Report #2024-P-7: 2024 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget and Attachment 1

A copy of Report #2024-P-7 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

B) Commissioner's Report #2024-COW-10: Request for Funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for the Acquisition of Land adjacent to the Long Sault Conservation Area in the Municipality of Clarington (PIN 267430016)

A copy of Report #2024-COW-10 of the Commissioners of Finance and Planning & Economic Development was received.

- C) Commissioner's Report #2024-COW-9: Request for Funding from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for the Acquisition of Land adjacent to the Mount Carmel Tract parcel in the Township of Scugog (PIN 267640008)

A copy of Report #2024-COW-9 of the Commissioners of Finance and Planning & Economic Development was received.

- D) Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority (LSRCA) Programs and Services Inventory, December 31, 2023

A copy of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority (LSRCA) programs and services inventory dated December 31, 2023 was received.

- E) Walk Softly – You Alone Can't Save the Planet, but..., Geoff Carpentier, The Standard

A link to the article titled, "Walk Softly – You Alone Can't Save the Planet, but..." by Geoff Carpentier, The Standard, was received.

- F) Minutes of the February 27th, 2024 Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee Meeting

A copy of the February 27, 2024 Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting minutes was received.

- G) Minutes of the February 13th, 2024 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) Meeting

A copy of the February 13, 2024 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting minutes was received.

Moved by B. Widner, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That Information Items 7. A) to 7. G) inclusive, be received for
information.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

- A) Help Keep Ajax Green this Spring with Ajax Green Living Days

In the absence of M. Nasir, A. Luqman shared that the Town of Ajax is hosting its annual Ajax Green Living Days (GLD) with a number of free activities in April and May. She advised that she would share the link to the events to the Committee members.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, starting at 7:00 PM in the

Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East,
Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by D. Stathopoulos, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM

J. Cuthbertson, Chair, Durham Environment
and Climate Advisory Committee

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk